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Give Hope Create Smiles

With Thanksgiving fast approaching, homeless and hungry souls are once again gathering at the Mission to find HOPE and a chance to restart their life. Your support will greatly nourish the body, mind, and soul of your neighbors who are suffering immensely.

We are beyond grateful for the sincere support of our donors, volunteers, and community for faithfully helping the Mission change lives like Larry and Kaan. You give hope and create smiles for the lives that come to the Mission. We hope you can continue to share your compassion as more of your neighbors come to us for help.

Blessings, John


Rev. John Samaan, President



The Mission Brought Light into My Life

Hi, I'm Larry, it's my second time at the Mission. I thought no one would remember me after so many years, but the Mission staff welcomed me back. They remembered me for who I am and gave me a place to stay when I needed it the most. Initially, I moved out of the Mission when I got married to a woman who lived in another shelter. We were married for many years and eventually got housing in a luxury apartment. We related to each other a lot since we were both homeless. I thought days would go on like this, but one day my wife committed suicide in our apartment. After that traumatic experience, I could not bring myself to live in that apartment anymore.



"I never thought of using drugs since I have been at the Mission."

Without an apartment, I once again became homeless. Remembering how much the Mission cared for me before, I asked if I could return, and they took me back. The staff would always make sure I was taken care of mentally and physically. They gave me a job to work in their kitchen, so I would have some money to pay rent. And with their help, I was able to create a resume and have an address to apply for a second job. I can't even imagine what would have happened to me if I was left alone and hungry. They restored meaning in my life when I was overwhelmed with emptiness. When I get my own place, I won't stop coming to the Mission to make things better for people like me.

What the Mission does for us is unreal.
— Larry

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Mission Chair Elizabeth Keeley Wins Myra Kraft MVP Award

On June 8th, our chair, Elizabeth Keeley, became one of 26 recipients to receive an award for her contributions in helping those who are experiencing homelessness and hunger. Through the award, the Mission received \$10,000 to further our cause of transforming and empowering lives at risk to achieve healthy and self-sufficient lives. The Mission is extremely proud of Elizabeth for her achievement and thankful to the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation for recognizing the efforts Elizabeth has taken for our neighbors in need in Boston.

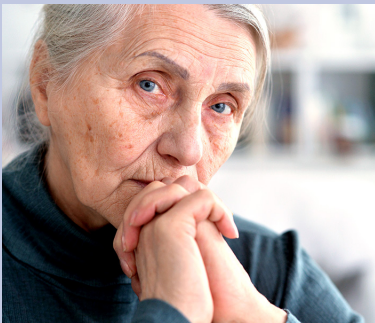
Future Giving

You're Cordially Invited to Join the Mission's Cornerstone Society

"Give thanks to God for God is Good" — Psalm 107:1

Your bequests can leave a lasting legacy, secure tax advantages for your family, and help us to prevent and end homelessness for years to come.

For more information on planned giving, visit our website at: www.brm.org/bequests-legacy-gifts or email us at jsamaan@brm.org.



I Moved Without a Destination in Mind

Hi, I'm Kaan, for many years, I've moved from place to place, staying in hotels, sleeping in bus terminals, and being on the streets. I faced a lot of adversity with my mental health along with learning how to release these issues that were bottled up within me. I was also tired of living with someone who was using drugs and alcohol late into the night. Then life started to change when I heard about the Mission

from my friend who was a past resident.

I never thought about going to any shelter, but I've been grateful ever since I've been here. In 2 months, I moved up to the 4th floor and a resident called Mike, took me under his wing. He is someone I can confide in. Without him and the people here, I wouldn't have gained stability and confidence. In a year or two, I hope to settle down with my own housing. I want people to see that I am there for them just as they were there for me during my toughest times.

"When I leave here, I feel that I will continue to be happy."

Thank you for giving me peace and hope!
—Kaan



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Shopping on Amazon is one of the easiest ways to help homeless and hungry neighbors at the Mission. When you're enrolled in Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Mission at no extra cost to you. To enroll,

head to smile.amazon.com and click "get started." Sign into your Amazon account and search for "Boston Rescue Mission" in the search bar, then select it. Finally, check the box next to "Yes, I understand that I must always start at smile.amazon.com to support Boston Rescue Mission, Inc." Now you're ready to shop and support the Mission.

\$22.50 Does Much More Than Feed 10 Hungry People



Not everyone who comes to the Mission to eat is homeless. Between gas, rent, utilities, and medical bills, families don't have enough left over to buy food. They come to the Mission's kitchen or food pantry for meals to help tide them over and keep them on their feet!

So would you please provide as many meals and as much help as you can? Mail your gift today in the enclosed envelope, or give online at www.brm.org. Thank you!

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Your Monthly Gifts Create a Circle of Hope

When you support the Mission's life-transforming programs with a monthly gift, you bring hope to homeless guests every day of the year. And when you setup an automatic gift online at www.brm.org, you skip the checks, envelopes, and stamps. Please join our monthly giving **Circle of Hope** today.