Volunteers are vital to the heartbeat of the New Orleans Mission. We depend on groups, families and individuals to bring food to impoverished areas and to help serve lunch or dinner. There are so many other opportunities to connect talented individuals with skilled labor. If you, your church or civic organization would like to volunteer your time or talents or participate in outreach fill out a volunteer form here https://neworleansmission.org/get-involved.

Check out these before and after pictures of Building Hope’s tiny house renovation. Give us a call for all of your remodeling needs. We do everything; electrical, plumbing, flooring, kitchens, bathrooms, drywall and paint. You can contact us at (985) 687-7797 and ask for Jason. He will be happy to help you with any questions you may have. Building Hope is a division of The New Orleans Mission; doing quality home improvement work while employing graduates of our discipleship program.
CEO’S CORNER

God’s hope and redemption, many times, is more vividly displayed during a crisis. We see that in a rainbow after a storm. This last year, you made so many stories of love and redemption possible. I am constantly amazed by supporters like you who rose to the challenge during a global pandemic to ensure we never had to close our doors to people in need.

Time and time again, you answered the call to go above and beyond in sharing God’s love and mercy. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, you provided so many meals to hungry men, women, and families. Thank you!

A hot meal and a smiling face provide more than comfort. It’s the first step toward healing and wholeness.

In this issue, you will read stories of healing and wholeness. In both stories, we are reminded of God’s promise to His people. “O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption,” Psalm 130:7. There is no tragedy or shame that can’t be turned into a story of hope. They came to New Orleans Mission beaten down, but left a new person because of you.

On behalf of every man and woman whose life has been touched by your compassion and generosity, thank you!

Sincerely,

David Bottner
Chief Executive Officer

Psalm 37:23-24 | NIV

The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;24 though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Our Rainbow

Trina’s story book dreams of love and security disintegrated into abuse and unthinkable loss. Even though Trina grew up in a loving family that faithfully attended church, her marriage at the age of 18 resulted in severe abuse and isolation.

Trina endured seven years of physical abuse. Thankfully, she was able to escape. Trina and her young daughter went to live in her mom’s loving home in Slidell. Then, the unimaginable happened. Her 11-year-old daughter was kidnapped, raped and murdered.

Devastated, Trina began to numb her pain with heroin. Her faith, which had been a comfort in the past, had no answers for the injustice she endured. She hated everyone and, most of all, God.

Trina needed to heal and your gifts to New Orleans Mission reconnected her to the unfailing love and deep security of God. One day, Trina was reflecting on Jesus’ sacrifice for her. She shared “Jesus sacrificed His life for me and forgave a murderer who was crucified with him. God’s forgiveness of me, gave me the power to forgive the man who murdered my daughter.”

Trina’s hate has been replaced by God’s love. She recently graduated from our Women’s Discipleship program as a new person. Her courage and peace have empowered her to serve as an advocate for abused women and children. Because of your gifts, the transformation she has experienced has opened the door to help other women like her to experience that same love.

Courage & Peace

Perry was tired of the rat race. He was alone and struggling to find meaning and purpose in life. He had a fairly “normal” life, but loneliness and a lack of purpose resulted in several poor decisions. Those choices took Perry down a very destructive path.

Worst of all, he had turned his back on God. With nowhere else to turn, Perry walked in the door of the New Orleans Mission desperate to turn his life around.

Because of your gifts, Perry was able to enter our Giving Hope Retreat center for men. The counseling and Bible studies helped Perry see that his circumstances were not to blame for his poor decisions, he had a sin problem that could only be solved by reconnecting with Jesus.

“He is the vine and we are the branches”, Perry said with tears of joy, “I can’t do anything without Him.” Now he has a solid foundation and is able to move forward with a God-centered purpose. “I am blessed and highly favored,” Perry proclaims with confidence. Your gifts made his new life possible.

Reconnecting with Jesus

Lynhaven Retreat

Each year at this beautiful property in Hammond, hundreds of women struggling with addiction and abuse come for healing. They experience hope and a new life through the Women’s Discipleship Program that you help support.

But, did you know that Lynhaven is also a wonderful location for parties, banquets and picnics? Women participating in the program assist with special events on the property to earn income and learn all aspects of the service industry, including culinary and serving skills.

To book an event email Emily at: emily@lynhavenevents.com

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