Men and women who you help each has a different story - human trafficking, drug addiction, domestic violence, mental illness, court mandate, concerned loved ones, or just a basic need. However, we are constantly reminded that we are not so different from any one of these individuals. They come from all walks of life, but have one thing in common. They need the love of our Heavenly Father and compassionate brothers and sisters like you to heal and have a true life-transformation.

In this issue of Big Easy, Big Heart, you’ll read about how Matthew and Trish found their way to the Mission. They had different ideas of where they thought they needed to be, but they quickly learned that God always has a better plan. He led them to the Mission … right where he wanted them to be.

Your partnership helps individuals like Matthew and Trish to heal and recover from life’s most painful circumstances. Through your gifts and prayers, the hungry, hurting, and homeless discover renewed purpose in their lives.

On behalf of every man and woman whose life has been touched by your compassion and generosity, I wish you God’s peace and blessings.

Sincerely,

David Bottner
Chief Executive Officer

You Are a Valued Partner!

Dear Friend,

Your generous support of the New Orleans Mission enables hurting men and women in our region through the journey to Recovery. Because of you, we can walk alongside each person as they take the first steps toward long-term healing and wholeness. It’s not long before these men and women are able to successfully Re-engage with society.

Lynhaven Retreat

Each year at this beautiful property in Hammond, Louisiana, hundreds of women suffering from addiction and abuse, experience hope and a new life through the Women’s Discipleship Program offered by the New Orleans Mission. 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.
Cory never knew a real father’s love. The physical and sexual abuse by her father started when she was only 4 years old. At 12, she gave herself to other men.

Her life continued to spiral downward when the only person she loved — her mom — died. Cory started drinking to help forget and dull the pain. Then, she met a man who held her hostage . . . chained to a bed where he abused her every day.

Finally, she was able to get his cell phone and call her sister who called the police. Cory was rescued, but the years of abuse had left her broken.

You made it possible for Cory to enter our women’s program at Lynhaven Retreat. There she experienced the love of her heavenly Father. God took away all the negative labels that had been given her. She finally understood who she was — a child of God who is loved.

Cory finally found true love

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South Louisiana Native, Larry

Growing up in South Louisiana, Larry’s mom made him go to church every Sunday. He knew about God, but didn’t really know God.

It started in high school. First, drinking with buddies and later doing drugs. After school, things only got worse. Larry spent almost 12 years in prison because of his drug and alcohol addiction. It was so bad that he was stopped for a DWI 3 times in less than a month.

Larry was homeless and living on the streets of New Orleans when your support first impacted his life. One night, under one of the bridges, a group from the Mission was handing out food and sharing with the homeless.

We met Larry there and heard a little of his story. One of our men gave Larry a card and encouraged him to call if he needed any help. A few weeks later, Larry made that call and asked if he could stay at the Mission.

“They gave me a meal, a place to stay, and ministered to me,” Larry said. “I found a love at the Mission I had never known before. It’s powerful!”

Larry told us, “I called my sister to tell her what Jesus had done in my life, and she didn’t believe it was really me. My life has truly changed.”

Thank you! Because of your generous support, Larry has a new life.

“My life has truly changed.”
Volunteers are vital to the heartbeat of the New Orleans Mission. Outreach is great for groups, families and individuals to bring food to impoverished areas. Feeding is also good for families, small groups or individuals to 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

Mark Your Calendar:

Grand Drawing
Raising the Roof for Charity Home
June 6th 12 noon

Big Easy Big Heart
2 & 4 Mile Race
July 18th 9am – 12pm
Audubon Park

FUNDING OPTIONS

Remembering the New Orleans Mission in your Will is an easy way to support our organization. For more information, contact the New Orleans Mission at 504-523-2116 to make a confidential appointment to speak with one of our experts.

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