BIG EASY, BIG HEART
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NEW ORLEANS MISSION
LYNHAVEN RETREAT
GIVING HOPE RETREAT
CEO's CORNER

BUILDING UPDATE: Final Phase
All we need to complete the third and final phase of interior restoration of our building—office build-outs and the medical mezzanine—is $250,000. To contribute, please call our office at 504-523-2116.

Victory Through the Three R's

Dear Friend,

Your partnership with the New Orleans Mission enables the men and women in our region through the journey to Recovery. Although Rescue is the beginning of where many seek our help, we prepare to walk the pathway alongside each person toward long-term healing and wholeness. This leads to successful Re-engagement with society.

Men and women join us through all different means (human trafficking, drug addiction, domestic violence, mental illness, court mandate, concerned loved ones, or just basic need), however we are constantly reminded that we are not so different from any one of these individuals. With the love of our Heavenly Father and the concerned understanding of brothers and sisters, we are together able to create true life-transformation in the lives of so many.

In this issue of Big Easy, Big Heart, you’ll read about how Matthew and Trish found their way to the Mission. They may have 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 right where he wanted them to be.

Every day of the year, your partnership helps people like Matthew and Trish heal and recover from life’s most painful circumstances. Through your gifts and prayers, these men and women 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

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.com
MATT’S NEWFOUND PEACE

It’s kind of funny that I ended up at the Mission. My mom worked there when I was a little boy, so I spent many days playing at the Mission. Sadly, those early days had little influence in my life.

At 16, all I cared about was getting high and usually it was by shooting heroin. God was the farthest thing from my life. In fact, I was an atheist then.

Eventually, my self-destructive lifestyle landed me in prison. During this time, my dad got really sick and was put in the hospital. They let me out to see him, but I was in shackles and prison stripes. This was the turning point in my life. I knew I needed to get help.

My mom agreed to bail me out of prison, if I would go into the Mission’s Project Angel recovery program. Because of your support and God’s love, I found the peace and joy I had always searched for in life.

As a graduate of the program, I want to continue my walk with the Lord and help other men, like me, find the peace and joy I now have.

Thank you for making my new life possible.

TRISH’S JOURNEY

I never knew what love was. My mom was married 5 times and lived with many other men. As a child, we were always moving, so I had no stability or father figure in my life. I had to leave home at 16 because the man she was currently living with was trying to abuse me.

In a desperate attempt to find love, I started living with an abusive man. A couple of years later, we had a son. His mother convinced me to sign a paper so she could care for my son for a time. What I didn’t know was she had me sign away the rights to my son.

I started drinking more and more to take away the pain. Then, my mom got sick with cancer and died. I thought there couldn’t be a God if He let these two things happen in my life. I set off on a downward spiral of parties, alcohol, and men.

Finding myself in New Orleans, out of money and homeless, I googled a place to stay and the New Orleans Mission popped up. Something inside me said I needed to go there.

Immediately, I experienced the love I had never known. They gave me a hot meal, a safe place to sleep, and told me God loved me. He healed the brokenness in my life and showed me a father’s love. Your gifts allowed me to “know what love really is,” and now I want others to know God and his love for them.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Thanksgiving Meal
November 26th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
1130 Oretha castle Haley Blvd.

Sixth Annual Gala
December 6th, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Hyatt Regency New Orleans
601 Loyola Ave.

Christmas Meal & Toy Giveaway
December 21st, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
1130 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.
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

Volunteering through the New Orleans Mission is a great way to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Whether you choose to volunteer your time or make a donation, your support is greatly appreciated.

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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