I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

— John 16:33

BUILDING UPDATE: Final Phase
All we need to complete the third and final phase of interior restoration of our building—chapel completion, office build-outs and the medical mezzanine—is $300,000. To contribute, please call our office at 504-523-2116.

Victory Through the Three R’s

Dear Friend,

Through Rescue, Recovery and Re-engagement, you create a pathway to a new life for our homeless neighbors. But that’s really just the tip of the iceberg when we consider the many that are now seeking help.

Men and women are now arriving from many different backgrounds and circumstances, and they all have one very unique thing in common: None of them could have obtained a 12-month, residential recovery program without your support.

Available rehabilitation alternatives cost thousands per month. For those that have lost everything, that’s nothing more than a dream. A dream that you make a reality every day in the lives of so many without hope.

In this issue of Big Easy, Big Heart, you’ll read about how Jene and Herman found their way to the Mission. And even though they might not have thought they were in the right place when they arrived, they would soon realize that they were right where God had led them.

Every day of the year you help people like Jene and Herman heal, recover, and discover a renewed purpose in their lives through your gifts and prayers.

On behalf of every man and woman who’s lives have been touched with your compassion, 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.
She was standing in front of the Mission thinking, “I’m a princess! What am I doing here with all these homeless people?”

At one of the chapel services, Jene heard for the first time that Jesus loved her and wanted to forgive her. Then, the pastor looked right at her and said “Woman, you are forgiven.” All of the years of sin, struggle, and guilt is washed away.” She was a new creation.

Through your support, Jene has since began to repair her marriage, work out her relationship with her family, and is currently working full-time serving other hurting ladies at the Lynhaven, our Women’s Recovery facility.

Jene has a message for you: “I owe so much to the staff here that helped me recover and the people that make this place possible. God bless you all.”

U.S. AIRFORCE AND VIETNAM VETERAN, HERMAN

Herman had a great childhood. As the son of a minister, he excelled in high school and went on to graduate from college with an engineering degree.

After entering the Air Force, Herman was sent to Vietnam to fly F4 jets. He would go on to bravely serve the next 18 years around the world, but it was in Vietnam where he lost his relationship with God and started suffering from substance abuse.

Wanting to escape from the cold, He moved to New Orleans. Having a hard time finding affordable housing, he lived under a bridge near downtown for almost a year. Finally, He was able to find a place to live, but because of his addiction, he was later evicted.

Homeless again, Herman didn’t know where to turn. This brave veteran had hit rock-bottom.

Thankfully, someone told him about the Mission. This is where God and your gifts stepped in to change Herman’s life.

Herman says “God yanked my chain pretty good. I entered the Men’s Program and my life was changed. I’m at peace now and the Holy Spirit is guiding my life. The desire for alcohol and drugs is completely gone. I thank God every day for the New Orleans Mission.”

Everyone that comes to the New Orleans Mission has a story. Thank you for making Herman’s story include a new chapter of hope and renewal.
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

**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.