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for Making the
NEW YEAR BRIGHT!



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“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

ISAIAH 40:30-31, NIV

Where There's **CHRIST,** There's **HOPE**

Dear Friend,

“It’s hopeless.” How many times do you find yourself saying that? Maybe it was just recently as you faced a personal or family crisis!

In all my years at the Springfield Rescue Mission, I’ve never come across a situation that was truly hopeless. Challenging? Of course. Heartbreaking? Many times. But hopeless? Never. Where there’s life—and where there’s Christ—there is always hope.

I believe that’s why the Mission has served the community for so long. Since 1892, everything we do is built on the hope of Jesus Christ, and there’s no firmer foundation. As James 1:17 tells us, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows” (NIV).

Your generous gifts offer hope every day—in a hot meal, a warm bed, and a kind word. And you can show that you care in so many other ways: read about our annual Hope Tote program on page 7, and visit our new website, www.hope4springfield.com, for more opportunities to get involved. If you’ve never volunteered before, you’re in for a very rewarding experience!

As we begin another year of ministry to the poor and homeless, of sharing God’s unchanging Word with our hurting neighbors, I am very grateful for your partnership. Please consider giving of your time and talent in this new year. Your gift of support today will extend God’s promise of hope to all those who trust in Him!

Thanking God for you,

Ronald Willoughby
Executive Director/CEO

OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Sheddy Campbell, Chairman | Joe Manna, Vice Chairman | Ron Willoughby, Executive Director | Charles Buzcala | John Steele | John Sullivan

YOU CARED for the Caregiver



For Scott, tending to his elderly, ailing parents was a full-time job, one he held proudly and lovingly for four years. But when his parents sold their house, Scott suddenly found himself on his own...and he discovered that his experience as a caregiver wasn't going to help him in a tough job market.

"I had no job, no prospects, no place to live, and no money," he recalls. He was also, by his own admission, low on esteem and motivation. "It's easier to turn my back on something rather than confront it," he explains. Scott also had another avenue of escape: "I drank a lot of beer. There

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were times when I couldn't do without my beer."

Being homeless, though, was not a problem he could turn his back on. Scott had heard about the Springfield Rescue Mission from a friend who

had been here and decided this might be his springboard to an independent life.

Scott arrived at the Mission a year ago and joined our Men's New Life Program. Within just a few weeks, he felt "a growing confidence."

"No more lone ranger!"

Scott completed the program last month. Looking forward to his graduation this May, Scott is enthusiastic about the Godly direction he's received through your generosity. "This place allows me to focus on what's important," he says. "I was letting life go by me. I was an observer and not a participant. Without the Mission, I'd still be running away from things."

Instead, Scott is determined to meet each new challenge head-on, including plans to find work in a hospice or nursing facility. And he's not meeting any challenges alone: "When I'm in the Word (of God) daily, I'm empowered! No more lone ranger!"

Scott is grateful for the support you provide for him and all our guests. With your help, "the Mission takes men off the streets, helps them find meaning, and physically and spiritually saves their lives."

**"Each of you should look
not only to your own
interests, but also to the
interests of others."**

—PHILIPPIANS 2:4, NIV

HOPE

Homeless



Being without a home means being without any of the basics: food, clean clothing, a hot shower, and most of all, a hopeful word of encouragement. Thanks to you, our homeless neighbors can find all that and the love of Christ at the Springfield Rescue Mission.



Outreach



Needy individuals and families in our community benefit from your generosity through Operation Sunshine. Throughout the year, this van outreach provides much-needed food, clothing, blankets and personal items, all delivered with a warm and friendly greeting.



MISSION STATEMENT The goal of the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892 has been to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the

for Springfield

The streets of Greater Springfield can feel awfully cold in the winter, in more ways than one. Because you care about our poor and homeless neighbors, the Springfield Rescue Mission can offer hot meals, safe shelter, warm coats...and most of all, the hope of Jesus Christ. Thank you for helping to extend His love and hope—and a helping hand—to our neediest neighbors.

Praise



Springfield Rescue Mission volunteers are the best! From preparing and serving meals to assisting staff at events like our Radiothon, caring men and women provide an average of 32,718 hours of service every year. Will you lend your time and talent?



Emmanuel



The source of all our hope, Jesus Christ, comes to our guests and residents through chapel services, Bible study, and the selfless witness of everyone who serves here—including you. Thank you for your gifts and prayers.



hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.

Memorials

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of those remembered below. These gifts are a special legacy offering hope to those in need.

In Memory Of

(gifts received August 14 through December 19, 2009)

Abbi & Angel

Gerald Grant

Alex

Patricia Schmid

Angel & Trinity

Peter Magagnoli

Albina & Nicholas Anselmo

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Martin

Donald Atkins

Mr. & Mrs. William Malachowski

Sherry Audet

Carole Szlachetka

Bill Babkiewicz

Anthony Ianello

Angelina Bainbridge

Angus Bainbridge

"Lucky" & Aureore Baldyga

Angela Morin & Carlos Gomes

Ann & Walter Bara

Theresa Dann

John Barnett

Dave & Arden D'Amours

Walter Barry

Dianne Barry

Barbara Bourque

Dave Fuller

Gary Galas

Carmen Lattell

Sam Lovejoy

Kevin Pelosky

Sue Root

Ralph Taylor

Walter Tynan

Jim Wright

Ted & Eleanor Bednarski

Ruth Hayes

Lawrence Beecher

Roberta Phaneuf

Marjorie Bell

Gary & Cristina Bell

Rita D. Bennett

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George Bickford

Paul LeFebvre

Grandma Billman

Peter Billman-Golemme

Stanley Boduch

John S. Boduch

Daniel Bonasoni

Claire Bonasoni

Mr. & Mrs. Henri E. Bonneau

Dr. & Mrs. Rene Bonneau

Muriel Booth

Kristin Foley

Borek Family

Florence McCauley

Lorraine Boucher

Jacqueline Scyocurka

Robert Michael Bouyca

George Atkins

Avery Dennison Supply Chain

Rob & Karen Boduch

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Forish Construction Co., Inc.

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Robert & Barbara Sellers

Mary Tranghese

Thomas Boyle

Nancy Bandman-Boyle

Michelle Bragg

Zella Santucci

Denis & Marguerite Brennan

Marguerite Weston

Marion Brodie

Obie Brodie

Thomas Brunton

Patricia Brunton

Shirley G. Bugbee

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Bugbee

Robert Cabral

Timothy & Carolyn Flynn

Antonio Capua

Maria Morton

Seth Christian Carlson

Stephen Carlson

Robert Gunner Carlson

John Zebb

Betty Chagnon

John & Roberta Ashe

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Kathleen Brauns

Earl Clark

Susan & John Willis

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Gerard Chatterton

Daniel Joseph Homer Comee

Gina Dunn

Arden & Dave D'Amours

Bonnie Connelly

Susan & John Willis

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Thomas Coyne

Ruth Yanne

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Normand Cyr

Pete & Cindy Galante

Angelo & Teresa D'Angelo

Teresa Troilo

Giovanni & Nicoletta D'Angelo

Teresa Troilo

Michele D'Angelo

Teresa Troilo

Dad

Gus Neumann

David A. Davies

Mary Hunter

James Davison

John & Roberta Ashe

Barbara E. Deane

Truxton Deane

Robert Della Torre

Elaine Della Torre

Stanley Dimock

Maud Dimock

Dolores Disque

George Disque

Brian Doherty

Raymond & Linnea Doherty

John Dorn

Lyle & Loretta Dorn

Cecilia Dort

Alan & Barbara Gouette

Mike, Leona & Michael Doyle

MaryAnn Curran

Tulia Drews-Roa

Gary & Cristina Bell

Eleanor Dziejewit

Albert Dziejewit

Jonathan Edgerly

John & Roberta Ashe

Joanne Egan

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Evydike Eliopoulos

Hans Erasing

Tom & Nancy Kienzler

William Evans

Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. D'Amato

Patsy Ferriter

Julie Janocha

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Antoinette Fisher

Florence

John Burakowski, Jr.

Arthur Foley

Debbie & Andre Laquerre

Dennis E. Frank

James Foley

William G. Fuschillo

Dr. & Mrs. Laura Frank

Juliette Gingras

Christopher Lane

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Rochelle Benoit

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Barbara Wonssek

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Maxine & Bud Cloran

Ronald Lindner

Sondra Meisel

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John Giokas

Besse Giokas

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Purificacion Hizon

Joan Hagan

William Horn

Joseph Mayo

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Stephen & Gayle White

Julie Michalak

Judith Michalak

Mike

Sara Orr

Stanley Miles Jr.

Janet Miles

F. Austin Miller

Jean Miller

Joseph F. Misiaszek

Michael & Estelle Moynahan

Mom

James Carney, Jr.

Lucy & Lionel Morin

Angela Morin & Carlos Gomes

Richard B. Morris

Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Morris

Wayne Morse

Beverly Morse

Mother

Chrystal Rosinski

Dolores Murphy

Robert Murphy

Richard Nathan

Mary Schaub

Brian R. Neff

Patricia Gerani

Ralph J. Tully

Dorothy Neff

Richard Nelson

Judith Roberts

Robert Vipond

Sybil Nelson

Anuradha R. Nimbalkar

Robbin Vipond

L. Wages

Rajesh Nimbalkar

Mabel Wages

Robert Vipond

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Paul R. Bebo

Edward Watson

Denise & Joe Wilga

Erich W. Weiss, Jr.

Christine Weiss

Art O'Donnell

George Nadeau

Charles Weston

Marguerite Weston

Roland & Jeanette Weston

Marguerite Weston

Richard Willis

Susan Willis

Carl Willoughby

Morgan Willoughby

Elizabeth Willoughby

Morgan Willoughby

Flora Witherspoon

MLK Women of Valor

Charles & Mao Wood

Philip Pickul

George Woodend

Charles Wood

Joseph & Cora Woodend

Barry Wool

Debbie Wool

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Robert Zucker

John & Linda Mentor

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Diane Zyczkiewicz

Jean K. Reed

Frank L. Reed

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Ruth Lutservitz

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John Madden

Larry Freeman

Eugene & Carolyn Mailman

John Mailman

Dawn Marie Mann

Maxine Mann

Jeanett Martell

Elaine Martell

Marion Mathieu

Charles Mathieu

Sam Matte

April Cloutier

Maureen

Chris Thompson

McCaughey Family

Florence McCauley

Mark Your Calendar!



JANUARY

Hope Tote Campaign: Bring your donations of NEW personal care items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, chapstick, socks, brushes and combs, tissues, lotion, powder, disposable razors, and shaving cream to the Mission. We'll distribute filled bags to the poor and homeless during the Easter Season.

MARCH

5th Annual Online Auction: Bidding opens at 9:00 AM on March 15 and closes at 9:00 PM on March 31. We need sponsors and donations of NEW items for this fundraiser!

APRIL

Easter Breakfast: Saturday, April 3, at 7:00 AM. Please call ahead to volunteer!

National Volunteer Week: April 18-24.

MAY

National Day of Prayer: May 6, on the steps of City Hall.

Men's New Life Program Graduation Ceremony: May 17.

ONGOING

Back to School Supply Drive: Collect basic school supplies and backpacks and bring them to the Mission. We'll give them to needy children in Springfield before school starts. Bring your donations by August 15!

For more information about any of these events or to sign up as a volunteer, please call the Mission at 413-732-0808 ext. 114 and ask for Julie or email at srm@springfieldrescuemission.org.



It's Auction Time!

Be sure to log on to our annual **Online Auction!** Our goal is to raise \$7,500 to feed and care for the thousands who will come to us this Easter season. You'll see a lot of new items this year: from antique toys and handmade blankets to Vera Bradley bags, kitchen items, books, CDs, and more! Consider donating a new item or gift certificate yourself. Or, if you'd like to sponsor, email **Julie** at srm@springfieldrescuemission.org. Bidding starts at 9:00 AM on March 15 and ends at 9:00 PM on March 31.

Build Hope: Adopt a Room!

When Adopt a Room volunteers Doug and Charlene Hoffman rolled up their sleeves at the Springfield Rescue Mission, they meant business! They stripped two offices down to bare studs; rebuilt and insulated walls; rewired; installed new ceilings, floors, shelves, and lighting; restored a fireplace; and painted.

Doug and Charlene walked away with more than the satisfaction of a job well done. They saw firsthand how their work, and the gifts of friends like you, make a difference in men's lives at the Mission. Doug says, "Working around the guys, you see they really want to straighten out their lives, to learn about the



Charlene and Doug Hoffman put a fresh face on Ron Willoughby's office.

Lord. Doing this kind of project opens your eyes to what the Mission does. It changed my outlook and I want to do more!"

And we still have about 20 rooms to be done! If you have construction or remodeling experience, you can Adopt a Room yourself and make the Mission feel a little more like home for our residents. Give Julie a call at (413) 732-0808, ext. 114 if you can help!



- The Pringle Family
Danusia Pringle
- Richard Reed
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Piergiovanni
- Priscilla Ritchie
Paul R. Bebo
- Pat Roy
Shirley Jackson
- Mrs. Richard Ryan
Ruth Conway
- Scott Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Delphia
- Bill Stacy, Jr.
Elaine Chagnon
Philip Couchon
Joanne Desrosiers
F.M. Kearns School Staff
Henrica Holden
Lori Major
Deborah Randzio
Karen Richards
Kathleen Sutton
Vivian Latella
- Ed & Joanne Taft
Dennis & Lori Madden
- Paul & Kelly Teipodi
Dennis & Lori Madden
- Thanksgiving
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- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Thayer
Stephen & Elizabeth Sorrow
- Dr. Daniel F. Thomas
Sr. Denise Granger
Sr. Helen Perry
- Sgt. Arnold Thompson
Dr. & Mrs. Rene Boonneau
- Uncle Pete
Gail Daley
- Joseph VanDaele
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- David Watson
David Watson
- Wellspring Church
Joshua Read
- Bernetta & Mae White
Eugene Hoyt
- Whitney, John, Giselle & Kenneth
Giselle Dudley
- Angie Ann Williamson
Peggy Battaini
- Haley Ann Williamson
Peggy Battaini
- Timothy John Williamson
Peggy Battaini
- Ron Willoughby
Jean McNulty
- Sandra Wood
Robert & Laura Kalisz

When you send your memorial or in honor of gift to the Springfield Rescue Mission, you will receive a tax-deductible acknowledgement and a card will be mailed promptly to the bereaved family or the friend being honored, telling them of your gift. Please mail your memorial and in honor of gifts to:

Springfield Rescue Mission
P.O. Box 2435
Springfield, MA
01102-2435

You Brought PEACE to a Troubled Soul



Looking back, Jose remembers suffering from depression for most of his 60 years, even as a child. “I’m still working out where this stems from.” “I had a great childhood, which makes it more difficult to find out why.”

Even a loving family couldn’t protect Jose from the “extreme loneliness” that eventually led to a drinking problem. “The drinking made me feel better about my social awkwardness,” he says. But in the end, alcohol only made the loneliness more intense and led to a cycle of self-medication that spiraled

him to move out. That’s when he was referred to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

“What I always needed”

“I felt welcomed!” he says of his arrival. Working through the Men’s New Life Program, Jose found the one medicine that could lift his depression without leaving him deeper in despair: God. “I’m getting to know my Creator,” he tells us. “I’m reading the Bible and applying it to my daily life. The approach here is what I always needed.”

Your support and prayers gave Jose what he had been searching for his whole life: Peace. “I had experienced bits of peace, but not for this length of time.”

Today, Jose is happy to share his new-found peace with his family, including his three grown children and three grandchildren. And he has something to share with you: “Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You don’t realize how many you are helping!”

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into suicidal thoughts and a series of hospital stays.

Released from the hospital last August, Jose couldn’t return to the home he had shared with his girlfriend—unable to cope with his drinking, she had asked



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No person is denied services based on race, creed, gender or nationality.

Watch Your Mail!

You’ll soon have an opportunity to double your donation to the Springfield Rescue Mission! Last year’s Matching Gift appeal brought in more than \$50,000 to help needy people in our community.

Please donate
USED INK CARTRIDGES
and **CELL PHONES** to the
Mission. We recycle them
and use the proceeds to
feed and care for those
who are hungry and living
in crisis in our community!

