



SPRINGFIELD RESCUE MISSION

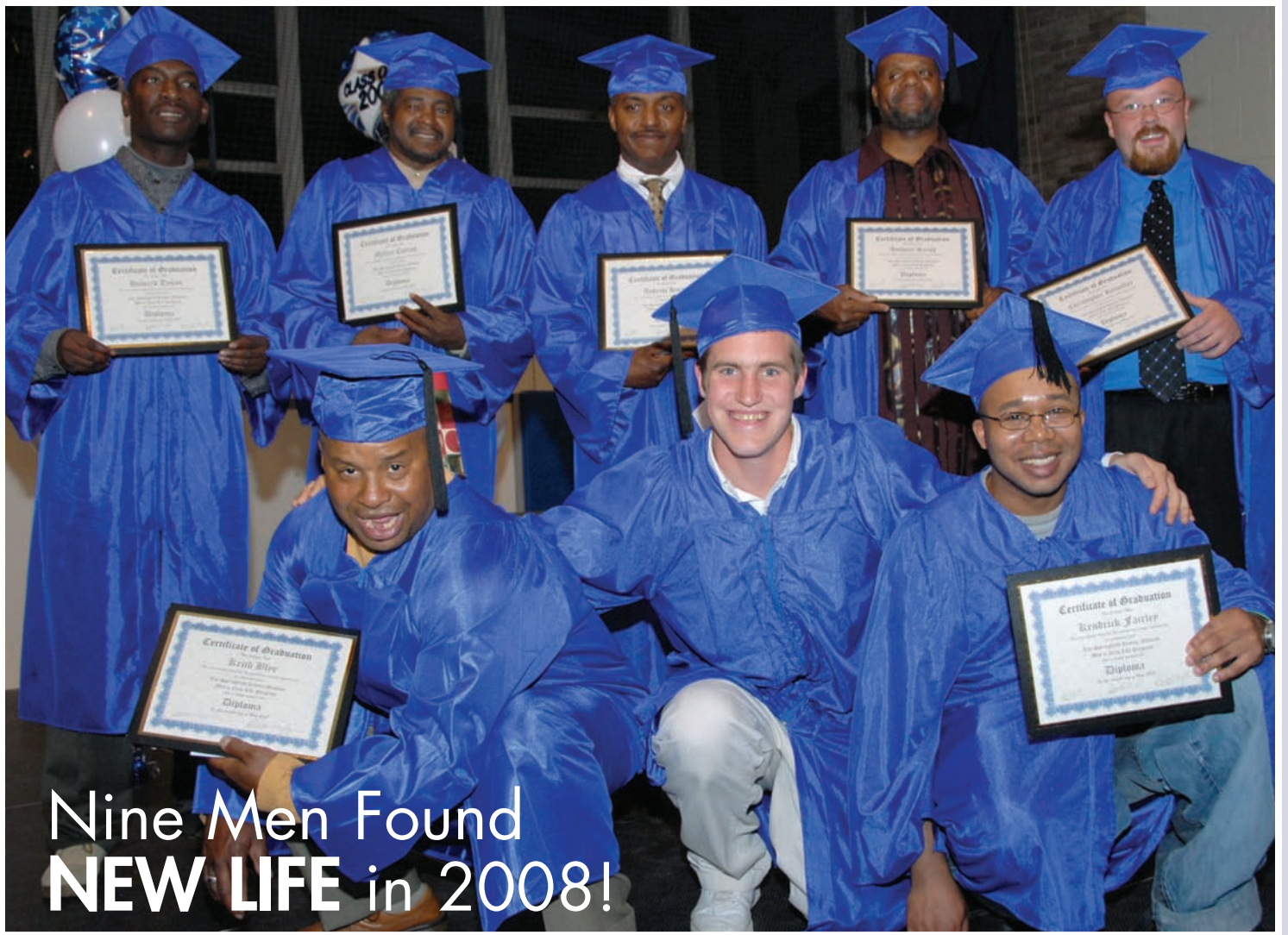
Ministry UPDATE 2008

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The YEAR in REVIEW



Your Partnership Changed Lives in 2008



Nine Men Found **NEW LIFE** in 2008!

Each graduating class from our Men's New Life Program gives cause for rejoicing! Last year, your gifts helped nine men take the first steps towards sobriety, stability, and living as independent, productive members of the community.

Our 12-month Men's New Life Program provides substance abuse rehabilitation in a safe, supportive environment. Case management, classes, and Christian counseling help men identify and learn to deal with the root causes of their addiction and homelessness.

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing."

—PSALM 34:8, 10

A New Man in Christ

Raised in a drug-dealing environment, Jason's earliest memories were of abuse and danger. As an adult, he recognized the need to break the cycles of crime and addiction, and he came to the Springfield Rescue Mission for the caring, Christian environment. "We can come here as we are and [the staff] are willing to look past that to dig into the core of our problems," says Jason. "They focus on the future, and they provide a place for a man to get true help." Your gifts helped make Jason a new man in Christ, heading toward a much brighter future.





You Made a Home for the Homeless

Sometimes all it takes is a hot meal, a comfortable bed, and a warm welcome to turn someone's life in a positive direction. Your gifts to the Springfield Rescue Mission provide all that and much more.

You help us serve men who are jobless, homeless, or battling addiction every day in our Emergency Shelter on the first floor of our Taylor Street facility. In addition to food and shelter, they receive a hot shower, clean clothes, personal hygiene items, and medical attention if needed.

Most importantly, each man is given the opportunity to enroll in our Men's New Life Program, and from there, move on to our Transitional Living Program.

The Transitional Living Program, on the second floor at Taylor Street, gives graduates from our Men's New Life Program a structured environment in which they can look for employment and permanent housing, pursue plans for further education, develop meaningful relationships, and learn to be accountable and responsible.

Because You Care...

Men used our Learning Center to sharpen their computer and job skills (*below left*); needy children started the school year with new backpacks and supplies (*below middle*); those who were hungry and lonely found a place at our holiday table (*below right*); and poor families in our community enjoyed "luxury" items like toothpaste, deodorant, and soap (*right*).





Thanks to our Volunteers!

"Serve one another in love."
—GALATIANS 5:13B

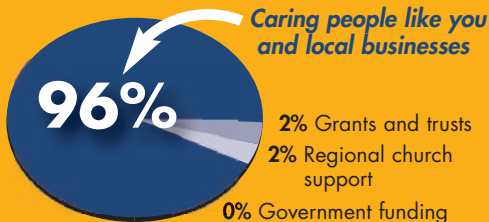
We owe a special debt of gratitude to the men and women of all ages who give so generously of their time and talents—in the kitchen, with Operation Sunshine (our inner city street ministry), in the Clothing and Giveaway Center, and by adopting rooms at the Mission, renovating them into a homey place for our residents.

Last year, volunteers contributed a total of 32,718 hours to the Springfield Rescue Mission. Factoring a minimum wage of \$7.50 an hour, that saved the Mission \$245,385 for wages in 2008. Our volunteers are worth much more—thank you!

Your **2008** Gifts Helped Provide:

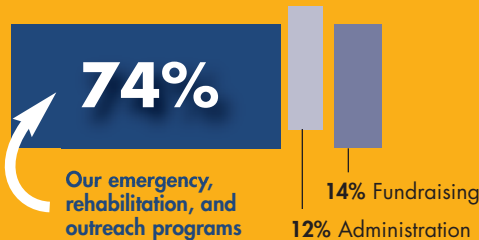
- 101,310 nutritious meals
- 21,267 safe shelter beds
- 80,735 items of clothing and blankets
- 3,900 medical referrals
- **Plus:** rehabilitation programs, GED/literacy training, counseling and case management, chapel services, prison/detox ministry outreach, children's outreach, Operation Sunshine.

Where Does Our Support Come From?



A complete audited statement is available by request.

Where Does Your Dollar Go?



MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892 has been to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.



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