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A Gift of Hope!

Freeston arrived at the Allentown Rescue Mission limping, in pain and homeless. He had just been released from the hospital following major surgery. But the family he had been staying with had moved to North Carolina while he was hospitalized!

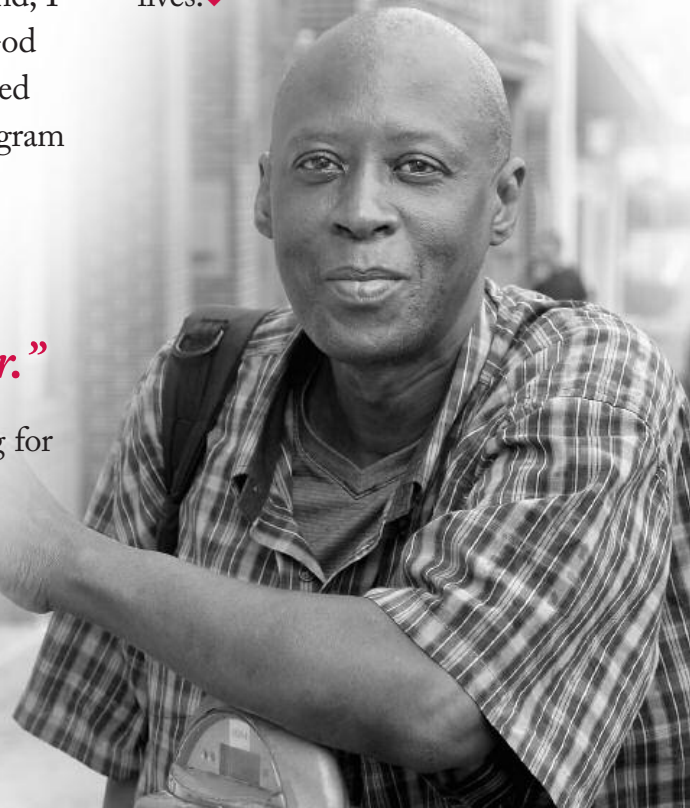
“I spoke to one of the supervisors at the Mission and he said, ‘We can help you out by letting you stay in the emergency shelter until you can get yourself back together.’ From there, I slowly recuperated. And, I became a Christian; I found God here at the Mission! I graduated from the Christian Living Program and got a job and my own apartment,” Freeston says.

“I was able to get myself together.”

Today, Freeston is working for Volunteers of America doing maintenance at their daycare center. “It’s a great feeling to get a job then reap the benefits! I was able to stay here long enough to get

myself together and save enough money to pay for an apartment. Now I want to go back to college and get a degree,” he says.

Every day, men like Freeston come to the Allentown Rescue Mission not knowing where they’re going to live or work. With your help, we give them a bed, food, and the help they need to get back on their feet. But best of all, your support provides the gift of hope that helps them get on with their lives! ♦



Gift Annuity: A Unique Opportunity

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract between the Allentown Rescue Mission and an individual in which a donor contributes cash, marketable securities, or real estate to the Mission. In return, the Mission agrees to pay a fixed dollar amount to one or more annuitants for life. The donor's age and the age of an additional beneficiary determine the annuity rate. The donor may claim a charitable deduction on an itemized Federal Income Tax Return for the year the gift was made. A portion of

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A Message from Gary F. Millspaugh

*Homelessness never takes
a holiday...*

Wouldn't it be great if homelessness took a day off for Christmas? And Thanksgiving? What if hunger took a two-week vacation every year? Unfortunately, hunger is very busy 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The myriad of problems that feed into homelessness plod along every day, with no regard for days of celebration and remembrance. It may be sad, but it's not hopeless.

...but it's still the season of hope.

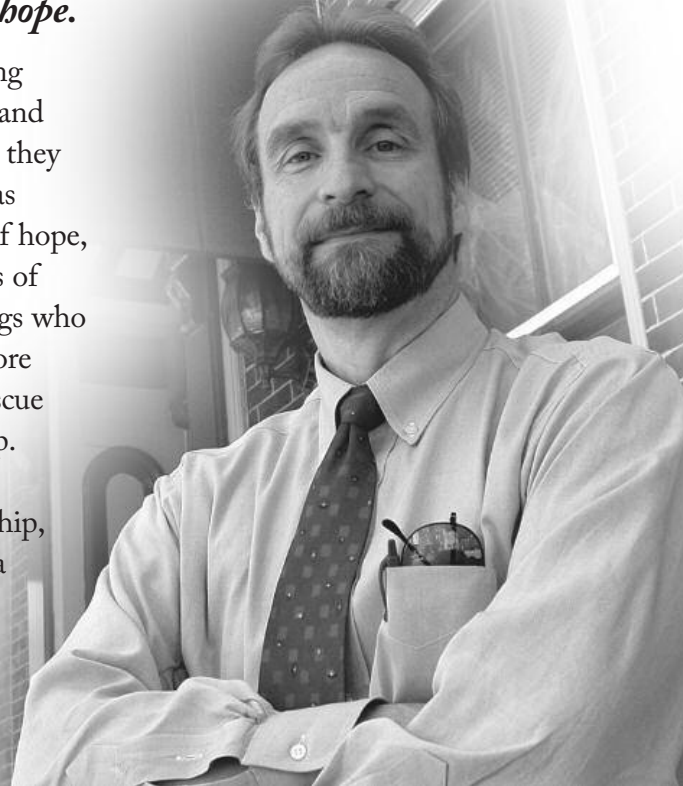
Men and families experiencing homelessness this Thanksgiving and Christmas may be down, but are they out? That's up to us – as much as them. If we make this a season of hope, we can start the generous process of lifting up our fellow human beings who have struggled, but can do no more without help. A meal at our Rescue Mission can be a critical first step. More than food, the hungry and homeless person will find fellowship, compassion, and just enough of a lift to ignite his hope.

Homeless people have been in and out of many jobs. They have tried living with

friends or family, and it hasn't worked out. Eventually, after family and friends are gone, and they can't get a good job, they feel like nothing will work. They feel that no one will help. They arrive here at the Mission in a fog of confusion, frustration, and hopelessness.

Thankfully, one of the first encounters they have at the Mission is with one of our staff members. Within hours, and sometimes minutes, the homeless person sees that we have a plan. We have abundant hope for him,

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Deck the Halls...and Fill the Fridge

There's so much to do to get ready for Christmas! Just as you would decorate your home and fill the fridge in anticipation of holiday guests, we do the same here at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Only instead of feeding five or six extra people, we'll be serving more than 11,600 meals this holiday

season! And rather than putting blankets on the sofa or setting up an extra bed, we'll be providing more than 5,000 nights of shelter!

With your help, we can open our home this Christmas to all those in need. Together, we can offer delicious holiday meals. Your support will provide warm clothing

Breakthrough to End Homelessness

Nilda represents About Faith, one of the many local government and service organizations that take part in the Allentown Rescue Mission's innovative Breakthrough Café.

"Breakthrough Café is one of the many extraordinary means the Mission is using to make sure those who come to the Mission are receiving the help they need most," says Mission Director Gary F. Millspaugh. When the new program was first started, Nilda was coming to the Mission twice a month, joining other service providers in a café setting. Over donuts and coffee, she talks with men about the services About Faith offers, including life-skill training, job preparation training, interviewing skills, and resume preparation.

Nilda sees firsthand the impact this program has had. "It's lessening the number of homeless people by helping them get on their own two feet," Nilda says. Once an individual



begins the program, About Faith helps them get out a resume. "We get a list of all the jobs in the Lehigh Valley. I show people the list and then we can fax their resumes out to different companies or call them. A lot of companies know who we are, so they're willing to help us," says Nilda.

Success stories abound. Thanks to Breakthrough Café and About Faith, one man from the Mission was able to enroll in an apprenticeship program where he's making \$18 an hour as an electrician and getting trained at the same time. ♦

A Gift Annuity...

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each annuity payment is treated as a tax-free return of the original investment and is not taxed.

The above is a brief summary. Prospective donors should consult with and rely upon their own attorney or other financial advisors for tax and legal advice. ♦

5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner



A simple spaghetti dinner has become one of our most successful events of the year. WAEB morning personality Bobby Gunther Walsh has been growing this event for local charities with his famous meatballs. Last year, this event generated over \$22,387, including \$17,730 in meatball sponsorships at \$10 each. However, this year over 114 more people attended, and a new record was set by generating \$35,878, including \$30,290 in meatball sponsorships. We want to thank Bobby Gunther Walsh, our sponsors, staff, volunteers, and board members for working so hard to make this event the huge success that it was. ♦



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and blankets...presents for those who might not otherwise receive them...a chance to reunite with family or loved ones, and best of all, the true meaning of Christmas, which can change lives forever!

Your time, your prayers, and your gifts make the Allentown Rescue Mission a home for those who are

homeless and a haven for those in need. Please help us deck the halls, fill the fridge, and change lives by making a special Christmas gift today. Return the enclosed gift slip, or donate securely online at www.AllentownRescueMission.org.

Thank you and God bless you and those you love this Christmas! ♦

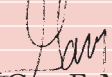
A Message from Gary

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and we will take care of him for a while and help build him up. It feels good to him. Even before a homeless man gets a meal, his hungry spirit begins to be nourished.

The power of hunger and homelessness is small compared to what God instills in us. A man's hopeless feeling is no match for God's love when we take up His call to us. Homelessness may never take a day off. Well, neither does hope. Hope has a season, and it is now. Hope has a messenger, and that is you. And hope has an abundant harvest, and that is joy. Please, join us and support our work, as we meet despair with hope and bring joy to this holiday season, for people who really need it.

In His Service,



Gary F. Millspaugh

Executive Director

Thank you WTSRA



The Wheels of Time Street Rod Association had another banner year at its Rod and Custom

Jamboree at Macungie Memorial Park. The proceeds from the annual event are distributed to charitable organizations and for scholarships throughout the Lehigh Valley. The Mission graciously accepted a check in the amount of \$3,000, which brings the total received from the Association during the last ten years to approximately \$27,000. We're grateful for their support. ♦

Church Support

Our thanks to the following 142 churches that provided financial, in-kind, and volunteer support from 10/01/06 - 10/08/07.

Asbury United Methodist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Barnabite Fathers, *Bethlehem, PA*
Ben Salem United Church of Christ, *Lehigh, PA*
Bethany United Methodist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Bethel Bible Church, *Martins Creek, PA*
Bethel Memorial Baptist Church, *Easton, PA*
Boulevard EC Church, *Allentown, PA*
Calvary Baptist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Calvary Baptist Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, *Coopersburg, PA*
Calvary Chapel Living Water, *Bethlehem, PA*
Calvary Moravian Church, *Allentown, PA*
Calvary United Methodist Church, *Easton, PA*
Calvary Wesleyan Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Carpenter's Community Church, *Nazareth, PA*
Cathedral Church of the Nativity, *Bethlehem, PA*
Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, *Allentown, PA*
Central Assembly of God Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Chapman United Methodist Church, *Bath, PA*
Christ EC Blue Church, *Easton, PA*
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
Christ Lutheran Church, *Mt. Bethel, PA*
Christ Methodist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Christ's Church at Lowhill, *New Tripoli, PA*
Christian Evangelical Arabic Church, *Allentown, PA*
Christian Life Community Church, *Allentown, PA*
Church of God in Christ/Mennonite Fleetwood Congregational, *Fleetwood, PA*
Church of the Assumption BVM, *Bethlehem, PA*
Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church, *Easton, PA*
Covenant United Methodist Church, *Bath, PA*
Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Ebenezer United Church of Christ, *New Tripoli, PA*
Egypt United Church of Christ, *Whitehall, PA*
Emmanuel United Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
Emmanuel Assembly of God, *Allentown, PA*
Emmanuel Fellowship Church of Allentown, *Allentown, PA*
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Evangel Assembly of God, *Kutztown, PA*
Faith Alive United Methodist Church, *Palmerton, PA*
Faith Christian Center, *Walnutport, PA*
Faith Covenant Church, *Quakertown, PA*
Faith Evangelical Free Church, *Allentown, PA*
Faith Reformed Church of Christ, *Walnutport, PA*
Fellowship Community Church, *Whitehall, PA*
First Baptist Church, *Allentown, PA*
First Baptist Church, *Slatington, PA*
First Baptist Church of Bethlehem, *Bethlehem, PA*
First Presbyterian Church, *Allentown, PA*
Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Center Valley, PA*
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, *Northampton, PA*
Grace Community Church, *Allentown, PA*
Grace Deliverance Baptist Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Grace United Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
Grace Worship Center, *Whitehall, PA*
Heidelberg United Church of Christ, *Slatington, PA*
Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, *Emmaus, PA*
Hope United Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
Hosensack EC Church, *Zionsville, PA*
House on the Rock Family Church, *Wind Gap, PA*
Huff's Union Church, *Alburtis, PA*
Immanuel Leidy's Church, *Souderton, PA*
In the Light of Christ Revival, *Allentown, PA*
Jacob's United Church of Christ, *New Tripoli, PA*
Jordan Lutheran Evangelical Church, *Orefield, PA*
Jordan United Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren, *Bethlehem, PA*
Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church, *Allentown, PA*
Lifechurch, *Allentown, PA*
Lighthouse Baptist Church, *Breinigsville, PA*
Living Hope Presbyterian Church, *Allentown, PA*
Locust Valley Chapel, *Coopersburg, PA*
Lower Saucon UCC, *Hellertown, PA*
Luther Crest Chapel, *Allentown, PA*
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, *Emmaus, PA*
Macungie Baptist Church, *Macungie, PA*
Morning Star Fellowship, *Emmaus, PA*
Mountainview Moravian Church, *Hellertown, PA*
Nativity Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
New Covenant Community Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
New Life Pentecostal Church, *Allentown, PA*
Northampton Assembly of God, *Northampton, PA*
Palm Schwenkfelder Church, *Palm, PA*
Parkway Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
Quakertown United Methodist Church, *Quakertown, PA*
Ridge Valley United Church of Christ, *Sellersville, PA*
Sacred Heart Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Salem UCC, *Catasauqua, PA*
Salem United Methodist Church, *Danielsville, PA*
Salem United Methodist Church, *Zionsville, PA*
Schoeneck Moravian Church, *Nazareth, PA*
Slatington Baptist Church, *Slatington, PA*
Solid Rock Community Church, *Schnecksville, PA*
Springfield Church of the Brethren, *Coopersburg, PA*
Solomon's United Church of Christ, *Macungie, PA*
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Anne's Episcopal Church, *Trexlerstown, PA*
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, *Whitehall, PA*
St. Elizabeth RC Church, *Whitehall, PA*
St. Francis of Assisi Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. James Lutheran Church, *Coopersburg, PA*
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Nazareth, PA*
St. John Lutheran Church, *Emmaus, PA*
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Sellersville, PA*
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Nazareth, PA*
St. John's United Church of Christ, *Northampton, PA*
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Mark's United Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
St. Martin DePorres Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. Matthews EC Church, *Emmaus, PA*
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Paul's Anglican Church, *Allentown, PA*
St. Paul's Baptist Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Blue Church, *Coopersburg, PA*
St. Paul's UCC of Indianland, *Cherryville, PA*
St. Paul's UCC Sieberlingsville, *Kempton, PA*
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*,
(*Hanover Avenue*)
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*,
(*N. 10th Street*)
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, *Riegelsville, PA*
St. Peter's United Church of Christ, *Allentown, PA*
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, *Whitehall, PA*
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, *Allentown, PA*
Swamp Mennonite Church, *Quakertown, PA*
The Carpenter's Community Church, *Nazareth, PA*
The Lighthouse Church, *Orwigsburg, PA*
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Lehigh, PA*
Trinity Great Swamp UCC, *Spinnerstown, PA*
Union Baptist Church, *Allentown, PA*
Union United Church of Christ, *Neffs, PA*
Victory Family Church, *Whitehall, PA*
Weisenberg Lutheran Church, *New Tripoli, PA*
West Side Moravian Church, *Bethlehem, PA*
Western Salisbury Union Church, *Allentown, PA*
Whitehall Mennonite Church, *Whitehall, PA*
Zion's Reformed UCC, *Allentown, PA*
Zion's Stone Church of Penn Township, *New Ringgold, PA*
Zionsville Bible Fellowship Church, *Macungie, PA*

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