

# TIDINGS

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION



Serving the entire Lehigh Valley since 1900

## From Gary's Desk:

### Making a Real Difference

Dear Donor Name,

As the weather cools and the holidays draw near, more people like Roy will be coming to the Allentown Rescue Mission for food and care. That's good news and bad news. It's bad news when more people are homeless and have nowhere to turn. It's good news that they turn to the Allentown Rescue Mission! It means we have more opportunities to make real changes in their lives through our Christian Living and Values Transitional Program.

For those who are willing to let God work in their lives, our door is open. As it says in Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Some have a real passion for change – you can see it in their eyes. We believe that spark is the presence of God; a God who has always been with them, regardless of how desperate their lives have become, and a God who will

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## Roy's Getting His Life Back On Track

**T**here but for the grace of God go I." That's just what you may think when you hear Roy's story.

He got laid off last November because of the economy. When he tried to find other work, no one was hiring. "The money I did have saved went to paying the rent and the bills and when I couldn't pay them anymore, I lost the apartment I was living in," he says.



Divorced from his wife earlier in the year and now unable to support his three children, Roy became depressed. "I didn't know where to go or what to do so I started using alcohol as an excuse."

Roy had never heard of the Allentown Rescue Mission, but fortunately, a friend

had. "She said, 'I found a place where you can get help.'" At first Roy thought the Mission was "just a shelter." A place where he could stay, get some meals and get back on his feet.

*"The Mission is so much more than just a shelter!"*

"When I came here, I was pretty empty, really down at the bottom. One night one of the monitors started talking to me about the Christian Living and Values Transitional Program and that planted a seed."

In February Roy joined the program and it's changed the way he views life and himself. "It's opened a lot of doors; built up my self-confidence. And, of course, God has come back into my life!"

Before he started the program Roy might have opened his Bible "once in a blue moon." "I never read it and I never understood it." Today, Roy not only reads his Bible but enjoys it. And with his life back on the right track, he's giving thought to training for a new career that will give him independence and stability. He's considering a career in criminal justice or truck driving. Thank you for helping men like Roy get their lives back on track!

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## Here's my special Thanksgiving gift

- \$XX.XX to feed and care for X people
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- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible
- This is my Changed Lives Club gift for October
- Bill my credit card
- VISA  MC

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Donate online at [www.AllentownRescueMission.org](http://www.AllentownRescueMission.org), or call 610-740-5500 ext.14.

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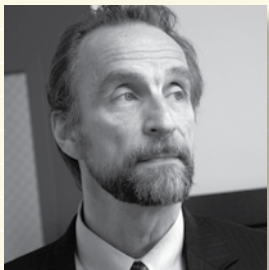
continue to stand by them and strengthen them as they do the work necessary to overcome the problems that brought them to us.

This Thanksgiving, men like Roy will have much more gratitude, as they start their new lives. My Thanksgiving has already started, because of you and your generosity.

Yours in gratitude,

Gary F. Millspaugh  
Executive Director

## Come Blog with Us



The Allentown Rescue Mission's Executive Director Gary Millspaugh has started a new blog at [AllentownRescueMission.blogspot.com](http://AllentownRescueMission.blogspot.com)! You can read his thoughts on what's going on here at the Mission and leave your comments. This is a great way to find out what's happening at the Mission and to make your voice heard.



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Rescue, rehabilitation, and restoration for people in crisis.

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## Thanksgiving Shopping List

Liquid Laundry Detergent  
Large Trash Bags (30 gal+)  
Disinfectant Spray Cleaner  
Deodorant  
Shave Cream  
Toothpaste  
Disposable Razors  
Pocket Combs  
Paper Napkins  
Paper Towels

Toilet Paper  
Foam Plates (6"19")  
Foam Bowls (3.5 oz., 12 oz.)  
Foam Cups (8 oz., 10 oz.)  
Plastic Utensils  
(forks, spoons, knives)

Turkeys  
Potatoes  
Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Fruits & Juices  
Canned Vegetables  
Boxes of Breakfast Cereals  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Sugar/Sweet 'n Low  
Salt & Pepper  
Coffee  
Vegetable Oil  
Rice

## Visit Our Website!

Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at [AllentownRescueMission.org](http://AllentownRescueMission.org).



## 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 used for scholarships throughout the Lehigh Valley.



Once again this year they graciously contributed a check to the Mission in the amount of \$3,000.

We are very grateful for their support! To learn more visit [AllentownRescueMission.org](http://AllentownRescueMission.org).

## Help Us "Stuff the Bus!"

The Boy Scouts are joining the Mission in collecting hundreds of cleaning products and thousands of pounds of food items for our annual "Stuff the Bus" Thanks for Giving Food and Supplies Drive. All donations will be used by the Mission to benefit the homeless.

If you would like to make a donation of much-needed cleaning products or food, please visit your local Giant food store or Wal\*Mart.

You can pick up a specially printed shopping bag with a list of most-needed

items at 15 Top Star Express locations or at your local Giant or Wal\*Mart. Drop off your donation at one of the following donation collection sites:

#### Giant Food Stores

Friday, November 20

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Wal\*Mart

Saturday, November 21

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

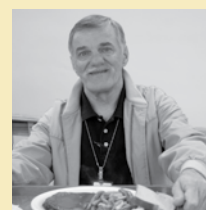
B-104 will be broadcasting live from the Giant at Tilghman and Cedar Crest in Allentown on Friday from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

WAEB-AM 790's Bobby Gunther Walsh will be broadcasting live from the Wal\*Mart in Trexlertown on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12p.m.



## Serving God Himself

There's no doubt that the past 12 months have been a tremendous challenge for us all. We only have to look at the difficulties facing our neighbors, our community, the country and the increased number of people coming to the Mission for help.



Despite these hard times, many of our supporters have given gifts that they might have used to make better lives for themselves. For those who have been faithful beyond measure, we give

thanks! And we believe that God will weigh these gifts with a measure that is beyond that of our world: He will measure according to our capacity – because He knows what we possess ... and according to our attitude – because He knows the state of our hearts.

Please continue to make an immediate and lasting difference in the lives of people in need in Allentown and the Lehigh Valley through your gifts. To find out how you can help or to give securely online visit our website at [www.AllentownRescueMission.org](http://www.AllentownRescueMission.org). Thank you!