

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION



Serving the entire Lehigh Valley since 1900

## From Gary's Desk:

### Time is Short!

One of the major themes of modern life is to shorten time. Whatever the task is, we want it to use fewer minutes and seconds. Everything from self-service grocery store checkouts to web-based college courses is designed to "remove time" from the process. Look at outpatient surgery, which is designed to shorten hospital bed use time to zero.

Time is short! But not when it comes to helping homeless people.

This Mission is very unique in that we provide our homeless clients with abundant time to heal, seek God, pray, learn and grow. We do not impose strict deadlines for a man to accomplish what he needs. We try to lengthen the time that a man is in a program, not shorten it. Our policy of 15 days in the emergency shelter is flexible. Most men need less than that for us to connect them with a program of help and restoration. Some men need more time, so we give them the time they need. Our addictions treatment program is not a "28 day program."

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## He Saw the Sign... "God is Love"

**T**ermaine moved here from the Bronx with his fiancée. They had been together seven years and were trying to buy a house. But their "party lifestyle" got in the way.

"We were drinking and smoking marijuana. We would work, then party... then start calling in sick to party."

Drunk and on drugs, the couple got into a "huge fight," and when the smoke cleared, Termaine left.

"I remember walking around Allentown trying to find somewhere to go and walking past the 'God is love' sign." Termaine was welcomed into our Gateway Center emergency shelter where, in addition to meals, clothing and shelter, he received the encouragement he needed to join our Christian Living and Values Transitional Program and address the problems that had made him homeless.

*"They go the extra mile here."*

"Speaking with the staff here really lifted me up. I learned how to deal with my emotional life and I also learned about Jesus Christ."

With the support of the staff, Termaine worked hard and graduated



from our Christian Living and Values Transitional Program.

He's been back in touch with his family in New York and they're "proud of me and telling me I'm doing the right thing." Through his time at the Mission, the changes in his life have brought Termaine much closer to his family and helped him build a life-long relationship with Christ.

"This is a loving and caring place. This is not just like a regular shelter. They go the extra mile here. They really care about you and want you to succeed. They push you to be the better person, wiser person, more spiritual person and try to bring out the best in you."

**Thank you for your support that has restored people like Termaine to health and wholeness.**

## From Gary's Desk...

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Men are given a safe and secure place to live, with professional treatment, for as long as it is clinically beneficial. For some, it can be as few as 15 days and for others, as much as 90 days.

Time is a precious resource, especially when it's used to change a life that is in crisis. I am grateful to you and your support of our practice of giving the time needed for a man to recover from the many injuries – emotional and physical – that caused his homelessness.

Well, my time is up. But I have more time for you, if you have questions or want a tour of the Mission. Call me any time at (610) 740-5500, ext. 15.

May every minute of your day be blessed.

Gary F. Millspaugh  
Executive Director



## TIDINGS

Rescue, rehabilitation, and restoration for people in crisis.

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# Thanks to Our Community Partners!

A meal. A warm bed. Secure shelter. Most of us take these things for granted. But each day, hundreds of people throughout the Lehigh Valley go without these basic necessities. For more than a century, the Allentown Rescue Mission has addressed the changing face of homelessness, tackled its root causes and worked to end homelessness one life at a time.

Through the Mission's Community Partner Program, these local businesses have partnered with the Mission to help provide secure shelter, food, counseling and the opportunity for permanent, affordable housing for our guests.

We thank these businesses for their partnership!

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Additional community partnerships are available. For more information, please contact Bill Dickinson, Director of Development, at (610) 740-5500, ext. 14 or [wdickin@rcn.com](mailto:wdickin@rcn.com).

## Save These Dates...

October 8th: Newstalk 790 WAEB Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Mission



Last year's event raised more than \$50,000! Everyone looks forward to Bobby Gunther Walsh's famous, home-made, secret-recipe meatballs. Join us again on October 8th from 4 – 7 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, for great food and lots of fun!



November 18th & 19th: Thanks for Giving Food and Supplies Drive



Last year, we gathered more than 26,000 lbs. of food and supplies at local Giant Food Stores and Wal-Mart stores throughout the Lehigh Valley! Since we serve more than 44,000 meals per year, this is a tremendous help. Join us again this year!

We'll need lots of volunteers. Email [info@allentownrescuemission.org](mailto:info@allentownrescuemission.org) for more information.

## The 62nd Annual



July 2 – July 10, 2011  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Kutztown Fairgrounds  
225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown, PA 19530

Download your valuable admission coupon at [www.AllentownRescueMission.org](http://www.AllentownRescueMission.org). Enjoy good, old-fashioned fun for the whole family! For more information, visit [www.KutztownFestival.com](http://www.KutztownFestival.com).

## Christmas in July!

365 days is too long to wait between Christmases.

We all love the carols, bright holiday decorations and the wide-eyed wonder of children and grandchildren gathered 'round the tree.

But perhaps the greatest thrill of all is the hope and joy that fills our hearts as we celebrate our Lord's birth!

Christmas is also a time when everyone reaches out to neighbors and



strangers alike – providing the food, shelter, care and spiritual encouragement many so desperately need.

Sometimes, when the holidays are over, the need is forgotten.

So that's why we're celebrating Christmas in July...to share the hope and joy and bounty of the Christmas season with those who need help in July just as much as in December.

I hope you'll celebrate with us by sending the very best gift you can today.

Please mail your Christmas in July gift in the enclosed envelope, or give online at [AllentownRescueMission.org](http://AllentownRescueMission.org).