

TIDINGS

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**THANK YOU
FOR LOVING
YOUR
NEIGHBOR,
JAWAN,**

and giving him
hope for the
future!



Don't miss: 2 Your love will transform lives this summer!

3 "Now, I put my faith in God"

4 Become a source of hope

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Jawan looked a lot like his biological father, and whenever his mother saw the boy, she was reminded of the man who had caused her so much pain. “She resented me, so she tried to take away anything that made me happy,” Jawan says.

Her rejection left him with deep emotional wounds, but he promised himself that he wouldn’t let his pain or his mother’s resentment keep him from pursuing his dream of a college degree.

Jawan enrolled and did well in the beginning, but his mother was verbally abusing him at home, and



after a while, he found it difficult to focus. “I had no support system and no one to talk to about what I was going through, so I fell into a depression.”

Eventually, he dropped out of school, went to work and moved into his own place, heartbroken that his dream had fallen by the wayside. “I lost faith in myself,” he says. “I started drinking every day and became angry and negative.”

Then, one day, he had a moment of clarity. “I said, ‘I’ve got to do something different if I ever want to reach my full potential.’”

That’s when Jawan came to the Allentown Rescue Mission, and through our Transformation Program’s Bible studies, Christian classes and fellowship, he finally found the love and support he’d always longed for. “Not only were people at the Allentown Rescue Mission trying to help me, but I realized that the most important person in the world was helping me – God. It gave me the confidence to

move forward again.”

With his growing faith, a strong support system and belief in himself, Jawan is now ready to make his dream come true. “I’m going back to college and finishing my degree,” he says, with a smile. “It’s such a blessing.”



“God is in this place.”

Jawan is thankful for the way you have answered God’s calling to love your neighbor as yourself – and have helped him learn how to love himself. “The Allentown Rescue Mission taught me to put my faith in God and have faith in myself.”

“Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” - Galatians 5:13b-14

A meal for \$2.95 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from
STUART SMITH

Thank you for loving your neighbors as yourself

We all need a helping hand from time to time. No one makes it through life without a little care and compassion along the way. That's what loving your neighbors is all about, right?

Yet, you and I know that God's Word has a way of challenging us to go further, of stretching our faithfulness beyond what we thought possible. The Lord makes the impossible POSSIBLE at the Allentown Rescue Mission, thanks to the generosity of friends like YOU.

Now, as the summer months approach, I hope we can count on you during our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.

Time and time again in Scripture, we're told not just to "love your neighbor" but to "love your neighbor as yourself." That's a big difference! It's making the needs of others a priority equal with your own from the beginning.

I'm so grateful for friends like you who give in this way to help homeless men in the Greater Lehigh Valley. I ask for your continued support through the summer, when the weather can be dangerous for men who live outside.

Thank you for offering a helping hand to your neighbors most in need – and for continuing to love them **as yourself**.

Stuart Smith
CEO

YOUR LOVE will transform lives this summer!

Your gift today provides:



16,622 meals



5,343 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
guidance & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DON'T FORGET OUR NEIGHBORS
THIS SUMMER... SHOW YOU CARE
WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Give now!
AllentownRescueMission.org



Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord." – Proverbs 19:17

Leave a Legacy of Blessing

Thank you for your generous spirit. It's reflected in all you do to share your blessings with those in need.

Would you like to continue bringing healing and hope to the broken beyond your lifetime? When you remember the Allentown Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan, you ensure that your spirit of compassion continues blessing others tomorrow and beyond.

For information on planned giving opportunities, please contact Lori Novak at lnovak@armpa.org.

Thank you!

CHANGED LIVES *Champion*

Become a **SOURCE OF HOPE**

The journey that brings hurting men to the Allentown Rescue Mission is often a long and arduous one, filled with hunger and despair. By the time they arrive, they've lost all hope that life can be different, that anyone still cares for them, that God still has a purpose for their lives.

That's why it's so important that we're able to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of every man who walks through our doors all year long.

Because of the generosity of the members of our monthly giving club – **Changed Lives Champions** – we have the resources we need to do just that!

Will you prayerfully consider joining this group of faithful friends? Your monthly gift will help ensure that we can provide food, shelter, clothing and life-changing programs that set hurting men on a path of healing and hope.

For more information, contact Lena at

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