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Your support helps guide lost souls home.



God is helping me forgive myself for past behaviors

by Kasey

I want you to know how much I appreciate your friendship and support.

My name is Kasey. I am at the Durham Rescue Mission because I have been addicted to pain pills since I was 17. I hurt myself playing tennis, had multiple surgeries and needed pain pills legitimately for a period of time. However, I got used to those pills, and they began to ruin my life. After a while, I built up a tolerance to the medication. I don't know why it took me so long to get help. All I can say is I will be eternally grateful to God for leading me to the Durham Rescue Mission. Here, I made a commitment to do something about my addiction. In the old days, I would steal pain pills from my stepdad and grandma. It was all too easy to get those meds. But that's now all a thing of the past.

Today I am free in Christ . . . free to do the right thing.

For a long time, I had a hard time forgiving myself. But

here at the Mission, I'm learning through God's Word, I not only have been forgiven, but that I am also free in Christ to do the right thing. In the old days, the devil had his hands on both of my shoulders. I felt like he was holding me in

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place so I couldn't move. Today, God has my back. Since I've been at the Mission, I have discovered it has been relatively easy to give up those drugs. I wish I had known that a long time ago. I'm grateful to so many people, especially to a friend like you who is reading my testimony. Thank you for hanging in there with me and for supporting a place that is bringing me hope for today and for the days ahead. God bless you at this Easter season.

Mission Statement of the **Durham Rescue Mission**

“Our mission is to meet, through the power of Jesus Christ, the needs of the whole person — spiritual, educational, emotional, physical, vocational and social — so those who are hurting may become fully functioning members of society.”

WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT?

A simple definition is gifts from assets rather than from income. Remember the homeless in your estate planning. Prayerfully consider options for insuring your desire to help others for years to come.

- Put the Durham Rescue Mission as a beneficiary on life insurance policy
- Charitable lead trust
- Charitable remainder trust
- Donor-advised funds
- Appreciated stock gifts
- Real estate

For more information, please call Gail Mills (919) 688-9641, ext. 5028.



An Encouraging Word from the Founders

Dear Friend of the Durham Rescue Mission,

When folks come through the doors of the Durham Rescue Mission, each has an opportunity to become a new person. As these men and women embrace the love of our Savior, they soon discover old behaviors become a thing of the past and all things become new.

No longer are they in bondage. More than one person has reminded us to thank **you** for making sure there was an empty bed when they needed a place to sleep. However, many did not realize when they took that bed that they would also be exposed to the love of this Christian community.

More good news . . .

A person can come to us addicted, homeless, broke, with no job, no money in the bank and family relationships in shatters. But as they make Jesus the center point of their lives, they have the opportunity to enjoy victory over their addictions, find good employment and, often, reconcile with their families. In the process, they begin to take their eyes off themselves *and begin reaching out to others in a spirit of servant leadership*. Perhaps this is why the Durham Rescue Mission continues to be the number one homeless shelter in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia. We do not say that to boast. We simply say it because we want to remain the “go to” Mission for people who desperately need a loving touch from the Lord Jesus Christ. And what better time to share the good news of our risen Lord than at Easter? Thank you for your financial gifts and enthusiastic support of this ministry of rescue.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ernie + Gail

Ernie & Gail Mills, Founders

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After I lost my law license, I realized I was no longer the smartest guy in the room

by Reginald

I have finally discovered my purpose for living . . . and I have never been happier in my life.

My name is Reginald. I can still remember the days when my lawyer buddies and I would drive by the Durham Rescue Mission and joke, “Hey, we ought to go in there, sign up and see what it’s like to be with those people.” Well, my friend, because of an ethical violation, I lost my law license, and I now find myself here at the Mission as “one of those people.” *Talk about a lesson in humility.*

Over time, I became homeless, relying on contributions from my friends. For many years, I worked simple jobs, but nothing professional like I had been accustomed to. Local hotels were my home. I was no longer the smartest

guy in the room, something I’d always believed about myself when I was practicing law. I admit I still have to fight that tendency even here at the Mission. But little by little, God is delivering me from that self-centered attitude.

God bless you for your incredible generosity.

I should’ve known better. For years, I had gone to church. I sang gospel. I was in a quartet. But I was simply playing church. To me, practicing law was more important than following Jesus. Now I can tell you *being a lawyer is not who I am*. I am a servant of Jesus Christ. Even if I never get

my law license back, it will be okay because this is the best time of my life. I am finally at peace with God and

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with myself. At this Easter season, I want to say a special word of thanks to you. You give so much of your time, money and influence to make this Mission such a wonderful place. Please accept my deepest thanks for all you continue to do to help so many of us who have lost our way . . . but who are now finding our way home.



The Easter season holds great promise for those in need . . . thanks to your generous support

The entire staff at the Durham Rescue Mission thanks you for your overwhelming support of this ministry of rescue during the past several months. As challenging as life may be for many of us, it’s even more difficult for the men and women who come through our doors during the Easter season. They are the homeless, the ex-offenders, the addicted and the lost. The good news is this: those who choose to make positive changes in their lives are finding new hope, new opportunities and new life as they decide to walk with their Savior and Lord.

God bless you for giving from a loving heart

Thank you for continuing to reach out to so many who need a friend — a Friend whose Name is Jesus. We cannot thank you enough for your ongoing generosity as we do our best to live out our mission of touching the lives of the hungry, the poor and the homeless. To send yet another donation to help those in need, please use the remit slip enclosed. You may also give your gift on our secure website **www.DurhamRescueMission.org**. Thank you for being a friend of the Mission as *together* we reach out to the needy in our community during the Easter season and throughout the year. God bless you for being one who cares.



“Thank you for being a friend of the Mission . . .”

Donations of:

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Furniture

... are needed for our thrift stores. Visit our website to learn drop-off sites. Call **(919) 401-1935** to see if pickup of large items is available in your area.



Special Thanks:

To everyone who gave financially, volunteered and/or donated coats, food and/or Christmas gifts. See lots of photos of happy faces at www.DurhamRescueMission.org/**Facebook**.

Annual Easter Community Dinner and Easter Basket Giveaway

We are preparing our Annual Easter Event on Friday, March 25, 2016. We need:

- **Easter Baskets for the children**
- **Volunteers to help set up and serve**

You can help by purchasing an Easter Basket and dropping it off at 1201 E Main St or by making an online donation at www.DurhamRescueMission.org and marking it "Easter Baskets" (\$15 will provide a lot of joy for an at-risk child).

To volunteer, please call **(919) 688-9641, ext 5025**, or sign up online by visiting www.DurhamRescueMission.org.

NOTE: Deadline to help with Easter Baskets is Tuesday, March 22.



MY EASTER GIFT

YES, Ernie and Gail!

I want to do my part to continue to help those in need during the Easter season.

Here's my gift of:

- \$20.50** to provide **10** meals and other assistance
- \$30.75** to provide **15** meals and other assistance
- \$61.50** to provide **30** meals and other assistance
- \$_____ to provide as many meals and as much care as possible
- Please bill my credit card:
- VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

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by Reverend Rob Tart
Chief Operating Officer

We read in I Corinthians 16:1-4 that Paul was doing social work as he was collecting money for impoverished Christians in Jerusalem who were suffering financially. They were poor because of persecution, overcrowding and famine.

God has a heart for the impoverished and weak. Proverbs 19:17 says, *He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord.*

As you give to the Durham Rescue Mission, you are giving to the poor and ultimately to God.

The causes of poverty are different for every family at the Mission, but the need is the same whether it be food, shelter, clothing, counsel, vocational training, job placement, transitional housing or all of the above.

Your gifts of finances, stocks, clothing, furniture, vehicles and/or time are all an investment in helping others in need. All of which help to further God's plan.

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