



# Vision

*Caring for Those in Need Since 1967*

A publication of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

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P.O. Box 20424  
Winston-Salem, NC 27120  
WSRescue.org



## Because You Gave

In 2016 you helped provide:

90-day Program Graduates	58
1-year Program Graduates	18
Permanent Housing	24
Employment	23
Men Attending College	8
GED	1
Salvations & Rededications	14
Bed Nights (358 Individuals)	31,111
Meals Served (358 Individuals)	159,644
Meals Distributed to Service Organizations	97,642
Food Pantry Meals (3,246 Individuals)	53,092
Clothing Closet Items Given (1,492 Individuals)	10,101
Medical / Dental Clinic (1,700 Individuals)	1,700

## MISSION NEEDS

- Volunteers to assist in thrift store, clothing ministry, computer lab and GED program
- Non-perishable food donations
- Donated Thrift Store items
- Residential Room Renovations
- New Roof for Medical Bldg

## A Victorious Life...



I was born in Winston-Salem and attended RJR High School. I enjoy cooking, sales and dock work. Before I came to the Rescue Mission, my life was filled with drug use. I tried many times to stop using, but couldn't. I was in and out of jails, institutions, and homeless shelters. As a result of my addiction, I lost jobs, a great wife and my relationship with my son and daughter. When I could no longer hold down a job or a place to reside, I knew I needed help.

I first heard about the Mission from other homeless men. After coming here, I completed the 90-day Life Builder's Program, and am seven months into the 1-year Transformer's program. I am now ten months clean, am working on my GED, and am developing a support system including regular AA/NA meetings, home group and attending worship services at St. Peter's World Outreach Center. God has restored my relationship with my ex-wife and daughter and I have men in my life today that have years of recovery.

**Redeemed ...** I had accepted Christ as my Savior before coming to the Mission, but was not walking with Him. Not long after entering the 90-day program, I made a decision to rededicate my life to Him. Since then, I have been able to really work on my relationship with my Heavenly Father, and as a result, I have peace today. I have learned about my strengths and weaknesses and that my recovery comes before anything. I can now move forward to placing my faith in God and stepping out in faith.

My plans for the future are to obtain my GED and to further my education through a culinary school or Bible college. I would like to help others by becoming a peer support specialist.

Thank you to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission for opening their doors to me, and to the staff and program managers, counselors, and Mr. Heater for continuing to carry out the Mission's vision for ministry. I am very thankful to all of the people who have donated and continue to give to the Mission. You have given me a chance to serve God and enjoy a victorious life.

Because you gave, my life has been changed!

*Michael Vaughn*

## 2017 Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Board of Directors

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## from the director

Psalms 37:4-5, 7a says “Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass ... Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him ...”

### “Seek Him First”

If you are discouraged today, the book of Psalms has recently been a real encouragement to me. Psalms 37 gives **five keys** for dealing with discouragement and difficulties in life:

- 1 **Delight**  
in Him
- 2 **Commit**  
to Him
- 3 **Trust**  
Him
- 4 **Rest**  
in Him
- 5 **Wait**  
**patiently**  
for Him



Ken Heater  
Executive Director

When we obey by focusing on Him and not the problem, He gives us His perspective. When we are walking with Him in His perspective, the desires of our heart are in line with His. He then will give us these new desires, and will bring them to pass for His glory. What a great God we serve. Wishing you God’s greatest blessings as you *Seek Him First!*

**Brief update on Preston Ward, Development Director.** Preston has been on leave to take care of baby Ava, and to get the help he needed to move his family forward successfully through the tragic loss of their wife and mother – Mandy. This was a loss that has deeply impacted me personally and our Mission and community family as a whole. Thank you to all of you who have joined in support and ministry to this precious family. Baby Ava is getting so big and doing well. She has such a beautiful smile and is so very precious in the care of her father.

Preston was planning to continue as Development Director for the Mission, but after several discussions, has made a decision that at this time he is not able to return to his full-time responsibilities. His last day with the Mission was March 3, 2017, and we sincerely miss him. Please continue praying with us for Preston and Ava that God will protect them and supply His grace, wisdom, and direction for their future. *We love them both very much!*

## Transformed

Michael (front page) and men like him are the reason for this ministry. His story is a great encouragement and example of the transformation and change that only God can bring to a life. The men in our Mission programs come broken and needing help. Their struggles and decisions in life have led them into drugs, alcohol, other addictions, and often homelessness.

Mission staff along with many dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to help these men find transformation through a relationship with Jesus Christ, and to give them every tool they need to be successful and self-sustaining when they complete the programs. With love and discipline, the seeds planted in the lives of each resident begin to blossom and grow, and God brings the increase. This is the outcome of your investment, and God is using you to accomplish His purposes. Thank you so much for your support!

**We praise God for receiving \$539,000 of our \$700,000 income goal needed in December. Thank you for letting God use you this way. We appreciate your generosity very much.**

Please continue to pray with us for God to continue providing for our remaining shortfall and regular monthly income needs before summer. You are vital to this ministry, and we appreciate your partnership and heart for Him to make this kind of ministry possible. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. *May God richly bless and encourage you!*

## The Power of Prayer In the Midst of Challenges

In the midst of challenges, God has provided so many blessings as well! His love for changed lives continues to amaze and uplift me.

One individual, “NT”, came to the mission knowing that he needed to beat a Meth habit. He came twice before he realized that God was the answer and that God was in control. NT successfully completed our program, went back to school and is in an internship for his new career – he’s in his 50s. THAT’s the power of GOD!

We’ve had so many blessings that included sources for fresh bread and dairy products that have allowed us to feed out an additional 97,000 meals to our community.

Our reach-in freezer went bad, and we started praying and asking – God provided a brand new commercial freezer FREE! Our guys wanted coffee – God provided several cases.

If you want to see blessings in your life, start praying for others, get involved, volunteer, give, and most importantly pray. God is still on the throne and prayer changes things. Simple, but so direct AND so true! – *Bob Gilgum*





## Volunteer Spotlight

Phyliss Presley is a faithful volunteer at WSRM. She is retired and offers her time three days per week. Phyliss is dedicated, kind, engaging, positive, and encouraging and is loved by all who know her.

Phyliss is always willing to serve wherever she's needed, including the Thrift Store and clothing ministry, GED classes, and our outreach ministry. She always has a word of encouragement. When her name is mentioned at the Mission, you think of the word *BLESSING*.

11TH ANNUAL  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
PRESENTED BY  
THE WINSTON-SALEM RESCUE MISSION

**Friday, April 28, 2017**  
Bermuda Run West Country Club  
324 Bermuda Run Drive  
Bermuda Run, NC 27006

Register at  
[WSRescue.org](http://WSRescue.org)



## Alpha Acres

A Place of New Beginnings

Chris Wittlinger

God has been saving and transforming lives for twenty years at "Alpha Acres," a program of Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. Through God's faithfulness, we continue to see increase. Last October, Alpha Acres graduated its largest class in our history – 9 graduates! That's 9 lives changed by the gospel, 9 families restored, and 9 powerful witnesses of the transforming power of God – *What a blessing!*

God continues to provide financially here at Alpha Acres through special churches, donors, and events. We just finished a great season of selling firewood and our recent Boston Butt fundraiser. God is richly blessing us in spiritual ways as well. We have seen salvations, and last month, 2 of the men in our program also publicly identified with Christ through baptism.

The Bible is the foundation of our recovery program, and is integrated with other tools and resources to help our program participants achieve sobriety. Bible-based classes and group therapy sessions help the participants process their addiction experiences and understand how to prevent them in the future.

*Thank you all so much for your support!* You are vital to this continued ministry and transformation of men's lives by the Gospel of Christ.



## Coat Giveaway

WSRM was honored to host a Coat Giveaway in December, 2016. **Marissa France**, a student at Clemmons Middle School and runner-up in the Burlington's Warm Coats and Warm Hearts Coat Drive Art Contest, selected WSRM to be the recipient of 250 new coats to be given to those in need in our community.

Thanks to The Burlington Coat Factory, K.I.D.S./Fashions, Delivers, **150 students from three local schools were given new winter coats.**

Cut on the dotted line and mail completed form to P.O. Box 20424, Winston Salem, NC 27120

Please consider partnering financially with the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission to help us continue transforming lives and restoring families.

Name		Phone	
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<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to support the work of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission with a one-time donation of _____.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to make a monthly commitment of _____.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed (Make check payable to WSRM)			
Please charge my credit card: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover			
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Spring 2017

# Save the Date

The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

## 50th Anniversary Banquet Celebration

Featuring an evening with  
Congressman Mark Walker

Thursday, October 26, 2017  
Benton Convention Center  
Winston-Salem, NC

*Event and table sponsorships available.  
Formal invitation to follow.*



### Support the Mission

#### Donate & Shop

**DONATE:** 715 Cherry Street, W-S  
or free pickup at [PickUpMyDonation.com](http://PickUpMyDonation.com)

**SHOP:** 704 Oak Street, W-S  
Monday - Friday 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm



### Consider Including Winston-Salem Rescue Mission in Your Will

To bless your family with a God-honoring will, go to [ChristianWill.org/wsrsm](http://ChristianWill.org/wsrsm)  
or for more information, contact Ken Heater at 336-723-1848 ext. 112.