



# Vision

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## Because You Gave

Since January 2016 your donations helped provide:

90-day Program Graduates	48
1-year Program Graduates	18
Permanent Housing	20
Employment	19
Men Attending College	8
GED	1
Bed Nights	25,926
Meals Served	133,870
Salvations & Rededications	12
Clothing Closet Items	8,418
Food Pantry Meals	43,463

## MISSION NEEDS

- Volunteers to assist in thrift store, clothing ministry and GED program
- New roof on Wilcox building
- Room renovations

## Reclaimed for Christ!

### Congratulations to our 2016 Graduating Class



Your generous support as donors has impacted 18 men and their families for life. The results of your efforts are amazing. Thank you for making a real difference.

On October 14th, hundreds of friends, families, Mission staff, and other guests filled Center Grove Baptist Church Worship Center to celebrate the life and recovery of the 2016 Graduates of the Transformers 1-year Program. We are so proud of these men and their accomplishments.

*"My defining moment at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission came through a study called, "Facing the Giants". It helped me face life. I have put God first in my life and my spirit is at peace. – Cary Burnette*



*"I'm excited about starting graduate school at Liberty University where I'll be studying for a Master's degree in Professional Counseling. I also look forward to continuing as a co-host of the Masculine Journey Radio Show on the Truth Network. I am most excited about walking my daughter, Taylor, down the aisle and seeing her get married." – Dennis Breeden*



*"Since coming to the Mission, my life is full of hope and promise. My faith in God is unwavering. While at the Mission, I realized that my selfish choices had caused bad things to happen." Jack is enrolled at Guilford Tech pursuing an associate's degree in culinary arts, graduating August 2018. – Jack Chamness*



*"My relationship with my family is the best it has been in quite some time. I have a sense of joy and peace that I have never had before. I am currently attending Forsyth Tech to get my degree in Human Services Technology. Once I finish I plan to transfer to a four-year college to get a bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. I want to give back to others who are going through things like I have gone through." – Ron Houser*

**Congratulations to all the graduates and may God continue to bless you!**

## 2016 Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Board of Directors

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## from the director

Our Mission family recently experienced a devastating loss when Preston Ward's wife, Mandy, went to be with the Lord at the age of 33 on October 1, 2016. Our hearts continue to be heavy with the grief of this loss. However, I am extremely encouraged and challenged by Preston's living example of how to walk with the Lord in the midst of this darkest of all times, and by the impact God is having in all of our lives for His glory. Please continue to pray for Preston and their new daughter Ava Lynn.

### *How can we respond when God allows hardship and pain in our lives that we cannot understand?*

Psalm 46:10 reminds us that God says to "Be **STILL** and know that I am God..." How can we do this?

**SEEK** His face through prayer and scripture: Psalm 63

**TRUST** the Lord and not your own understanding: Proverbs 3:5-6

**INSPECT** your heart: "Keep (guard) your heart with all diligence..." Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 139:23-24

**LEAN** on His comfort: "...God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation..." II Corinthians 1:3-4

**LIVE** in His perfect grace and strength: "...My grace is sufficient for you..." II Corinthians 12:9-10

*Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. May God comfort and bless you all!*



Ken Heater  
Executive Director



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and Carter

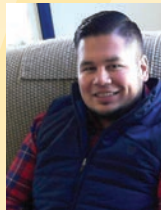
## Alpha Acres

A Place of New Beginnings

In July 2016, Luke Money (former Program Manager at Alpha Acres) accepted the call to become the pastor of the Pleasant View Baptist Church in Eden, NC. While at Alpha Acres, Luke had a tremendous impact on the lives of the men in the program and we are very appreciative of his service there. We pray God's blessing upon him and his family

as he begins his new ministry.

We welcome Chris Wittlinger, former case manager for the Life Builders Program, as the new Program Manager for Alpha Acres. Chris has demonstrated a genuine compassion for the needs of hurting men, and is providing great leadership at Alpha Acres. We appreciate your prayers and support for Alpha Acres.



Chris Wittlinger

### *Your Support Makes a Real Difference!*

Peace Haven Baptist Church hosted a successful fundraising banquet for the Mission in September. Many donors and churches came together to impact lives for eternity by sponsoring and supporting Alpha Acres programs. Highlights included:



- a moving challenge by Jon Bowman (Peace Haven) to invest in eternal souls and not in material possessions;
- strong testimonies of God's grace and transforming power in the lives of Pete Lynn (graduate/staff) and Sam Dezern (graduate);
- worshiping God together with the Triad Baptist Worship Band; and
- recognizing Jean Frye and Jon Hoots for their long time service as volunteers at Alpha Acres.

We are very grateful to all of our faithful sponsors and donors for your help and support in changing lives for His glory!

## A Bittersweet Transition



Greg, Sharon,  
Chandler and Max

Greg Cooney came to the Mission as the Men's Ministry Manager shortly after graduating from Piedmont International University in 2005. Many changes have taken place over the last 11 years, both in his personal life and in the ministry of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

Coming here as a single man, Greg is now married and has two small children. When the New Life Center was built, Greg served as the first NLC Program Manager and developed the curriculum for the 12-month Transformers Program. He later served as the Director of Programs for the entire Mission. In 2015, he was promoted to Assistant Director and given the additional oversight of the thrift store and warehouse.

Little did Greg know that all of this was in preparation for what God had next.... Greg has accepted the position of Director of Operations at the Rockford Rescue Mission. It is both exciting and bittersweet that Greg and his family have transitioned to Rockford, Illinois. They have been a real asset to this ministry and will be greatly missed. We are grateful for God's blessings in and through their lives.

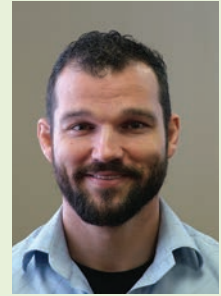
*"The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission will always have a special place in my heart. It is both an honor and privilege to have been part of this organization. I look forward to using the skills learned here to help The Rockford Mission continue investing in lives." – Greg Cooney*



# God Provides Air Conditioning for WSRM Thrift Store & Warehouse

By Preston Ward, Director of Development

The “impossible” is being made “possible” yet again here at the Mission through our Great and Almighty God! The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission thrift store and warehouse will be getting air conditioning through the generosity of special donors. Praise God for this tremendous blessing!



**Since God radically changed my life two years ago, I have learned to never put limits on God: trust and believe.**



Last summer while praying and believing that God would provide a way and the means to supply the needed air conditioning, I started reaching out to local contractors. I spoke with SPC Mechanical who found an alternate way to fix our problem and offered to cover 75% of the cost for the air conditioning project. Having connected with Reverend Wilcox at the Mission years ago, the owner of C&H Insulation was willing to insulate the existing duct work for free. Sammy Phillips Electric also agreed to help install the electrical components for the project. What an answer to prayer!

In His divine way, God provided for the final cost in the form of a designated gift from a donor who knew our need. It is an amazing blessing to have new ministry partners that understand who and what we are here at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. *We thank God for His grace and for providing for our needs as His children. (Matthew 7:11).*

## Volunteer Spotlight

Students from Winston-Salem State University’s Occupational Therapy classes volunteer with the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission during their fall and spring semesters. Their focus is helping the residents with their life skills. The residents enjoy this interaction with the students and the students learn more about the areas of homelessness and substance abuse affecting these men.

Volunteers can make a real impact on the lives of our residents through tutoring and by assisting in the clothing and food outreach programs. We appreciate our volunteers and welcome new individuals and groups who are looking for an opportunity to be a part of our ministry helping restore the lives of homeless and addicted men in our community.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the WS Rescue Mission you may call Billie Holley at 336-723-1848 or email [billie.holley@wsrescue.org](mailto:billie.holley@wsrescue.org)

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Fall 2017**

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