



50 years of caring for those in need

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Celebrating Our Mission



ON OCTOBER 26, 2017 the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission (WSRM) celebrated its 50th anniversary. It was a grand night of worship and celebration. Pastor Rob Decker opened the evening in prayer, followed by the Piedmont International Choir singing praises.

We were blessed to have all three Executive Directors in attendance: past Mission Executive Directors Rev. Neal Wilcox and Mr. Dan Parsons and current Executive Director, Mr. Ken Heater. The WSRM board was present along with the staff, plus new and past graduates. Testimonies were shared from men in recovery and Pastor Frank Thomas blessed the audience with his incredible voice.

There were over 600 people in attendance and donations were received in excess of \$261,000.

Thank you to all our table captains and all those who attended, making this the largest annual celebration in WSRM history. We are excited about what the next 50 years will hold. Please pray for us as we consider moving forward with several new initiatives including; counseling certification, alumni association, job placement, men's emergency overnight, women's residential program, and more!

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Mission Moment

Bring Praise to His Glory!

We have clearly seen the faithful hand of God, and praise Him for working this last year, as well as over the last 50 years in the ministry of the Mission. Time after time we have seen Him use bad circumstances for His good, faithfully meet needs, and move hearts for His glory. What a blessing it is to see God changing the lives of those we serve as He also changes our lives and yours to produce His results. Thank you so much for your faithful help and support!

I am reminded of three principles of encouragement in Ephesians 1:11-12 where Paul shares that God gives us everything, God Controls everything, and God Receives all the glory!

- 1. God has given us everything** as believers *"in Him (Christ)* also we have obtained *an inheritance"*;
- 2. God is in control** and not us *"...according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will"*; and
- 3. God gets all the glory** *"that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory."*

We serve a great God and there is none like Him (Isaiah 46:9-10). We can trust *His* control of every situation according to *His* own perfect plan for *His* own glory.

Come join us in the New Year as we Trust Him, Serve Him, and bring Praise to His name!



Ken Heater,
Executive Director

THRIFT STORE GRAND RE-OPENING!

ON DECEMBER 15, 2017 the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Thrift store celebrated its **Grand Re-Opening** after the fire that occurred in July. It was an exciting morning with a local news station doing a live remote. In attendance were Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines, Chamber of Commerce President Mark Owens, past Executive Director of the Mission, Dan Parsons, past President Stu Epperson, current Executive Director Ken Heater and members of our Board of Directors, Doug Williams and Kelvin Mayfield.

The new store is 3,000 sq. ft. larger than the old and we were able to remodel the sales floor. Thanks to the generosity of the community through donations we were able to restock the sales floor. We would also like to share a special thanks to **Bowen Town & Country Furniture, Hardee's** and **Costco** for their extra donations for our Grand Opening.

This was a blessed day and now our store is finally re-opened! Please stop by and see all the great deals that we have. Hours are Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 4 pm.



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MISSION NEEDS

- 2 **Box Trucks** (16 foot)
- **Carpet** for the Neal Wilcox Center
- A **Tractor** and a **Riding Lawn Mower** for Alpha Acres

Enclosed is a reply card and return envelope for making donations to the WSRM.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Rescue Mission.

BECAUSE YOU GAVE IN 2017 THIS WAS POSSIBLE:

Recovery Programs



- **74** Life Builders 90-day Program **Graduates**
- **16** One Year Transformers **Graduates**
- **28** acquired **employment**
- **30** obtained **permanent housing**
- **1** attended **college**
- **2** received **GEDs**
- **17** **Salvations / re-dedications** to Christ
- **230** received **program lodging**

Community Service



- **133,766 meals** were distributed through community partners, to feed **7,040** individuals
- **136,727 meals** were served to **230** program members
- **54,354 Client Choice Food Pantry** meals were provided to **2,844** individuals
- **1,700** individuals received **Medical/Dental** clinic care
- **2,811 Clothing Closet** items provided to **533** individuals
- **13,926 volunteer hours** were given by **324** different volunteers

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Anthony Atkinson

I'm originally from Wilmington, North Carolina, and came to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission in 2014 due to my drug addiction. I left before finishing the program but came back in 2015 and graduated from the program in September, 2016.

Being at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission helped me re-gain my faith in God and I came to realize that God was for me, not against me. I felt the residents and staff at the Mission were my family and truly cared for me.

I moved out of the Mission after graduating. That was on a Saturday. I started volunteering the next Monday. I volunteer in the kitchen, cooking meals for the residents. I'm usually here 10 hours a day, Monday through Friday. It keeps me busy and clean from my past addiction. I enjoy giving back and want to give the men a good meal each day, something they can look forward to. I also volunteer so the kitchen staff can have holidays off and spend time with their families.

Volunteering gives me the chance to encourage and help the residents who are going through the same thing I went through.

TESTIMONY



Cory King

My life, before coming to Christ, was a roller coaster. At the age of 16, I started drinking and smoking marijuana. By the time I was 17, I was a full blown addict and I had graduated to harder drugs. My new-found favorite was methamphetamine, a drug that could keep the party going non-stop. It had taken over my life.

I continued using for the next 11 years. My family had basically given up on me ... and to tell the truth, I had too.

In June of 2016, I realized that I could not live like this anymore. Everyone had been telling me to get help, but I didn't want people to think I was weak and couldn't stop on my own.

My Uncle, (Joel King's dad), told my dad about the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission and said it would be the best place for me – away from everyone that I was acquainted with. I arrived at the Mission on June 27, 2016. Since then, I have gained a growing relationship with God. I have completed my GED and established a better relationship with my family. I am currently enrolled at Forsyth Technical Community College. I will be starting classes on January 8, 2018.

Everyday, I thank God for the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, and that my God is a forgiving God.

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Charity Golf Tournament

Player Opportunities

We are seeking 36 teams of 4 player groups for Captain's Choice style play. Sign up by contacting Rob Hillmer at 336-723-1848 ext 123 or email at rob.hillmer@wsrescue.org

Sponsorship Opportunities

We have two Platinum sponsors and would have space for three more. We are also seeking Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors.

Friday, April 27, 2018
7:30 am Registration
Bermuda Run Country Club
(West Course)

No fees due today.
 Early registration available
 now at WSRescue.org or call
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Past. Present. Future.

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