

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS MADE AMIDST SHUTDOWN

The COVID-19 pandemic brought the world as we know it to a halt. Our ministries were not excluded from that and had to make significant changes to the way they operate. However in the midst of all of this, we have been able to make some significant improvements to our facilities.

Men's Shelter Security Improvements

For several years, Bethesda Mission has been considering how to institute safety measures should we encounter active shooter situations. While we have taken certain steps working with our employees to better understand what to do, our facilities remained too open to someone getting in to do harm to our guests or staff.



Side porch secured area

The capital campaigns underway at our Community Center in the northern section of Allison Hill, and at our Women's Shelter incorporate sound security measures with new or renovated facilities. Our Men's Shelter also needed modifications to greatly prevent active shooters from gaining access. The active shooter event at Amarillo Texas Rescue Mission in February 2018 heightened concern from all rescue missions nationwide to further assess and implement security measures.

These improvements were proposed and analyzed by our Architect, Dave Maule, Maule & Associates, and by Mike Klinepeter, Pyramid Construction, our Construction Manager; these individuals have extensive experience working with several companies who have implemented active shooter facility modifications. The majority of the funding for the project was generously donated by the Martin Family Foundation. These modifications represent sound approaches that are reasonably priced to give Bethesda Mission significant controls to prevent someone from entering our Shelter and should they get into the reception/vestibule area, physical barriers and staff procedures to limit damage. Recent training for all Bethesda staff highlighted how to deal with active shooters situations.



(EXAMPLE) Reception/vestibule area

The (not yet completed) reception/vestibule area provides security screens for the front windows, bullet proof transition window and secured walls with appropriate electronic devices. The side porch provides a secured area with fencing and gate which directs all guests going outside to restrict access to one area, thereby not constantly going in and out of the main entrance. Those guests leaving or re-entering the building for scheduled appointments will do so at the main entrance.

Bethesda has been slowly replacing security cameras over the past 5 years and these improvements will finish the job.

On Monday June 25, 2018 Executive Director Scott Dunwoody attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Federal Courthouse. Listening to the long history of the efforts to address the security problems with the existing Federal Courthouse in downtown Harrisburg which led to appropriating \$192M for the new courthouse located across Reilly Street from Bethesda's Men's Shelter, reinforced the need for heightening security at our facility. These improvements are consistent with what is necessary

in the world we live to do our best to secure our facilities so our life giving services can continue to be offered safely to our guests.



Community Center Gym

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In August 2019, we held a Grand Opening Celebration for Phase 1 of our newly improved expanded Community Center. We've added some finishing touches on that beautiful full-size gym: basketball hoops, scoreboards, safety padding, bleachers, sound system, and acoustical upgrades. The gym is now ready for future basketball tournaments, volleyball matches, Zumba workouts, and community dinners!

Reach One to Inspire Hope Campaign Update

Last September we launched our Reach One to Inspire Hope Campaign to acquire new donors. **We have reached and inspired 329 new people to donate.** Thank you to all those who have shared about Bethesda with a friend or family member! Our goal is to inspire 2,020 new donors by December 22, 2020 – Bethesda's 106th birthday. We still have a ways to go to accomplish that goal, so please if you have not done so already, share with one person the vision and impact of Bethesda Mission and share the reasons you support God's amazing work reaching into the Harrisburg community one man, one woman, and one child at a time.

Visit BethesdaMission.org/ReachOne for more information about the campaign.

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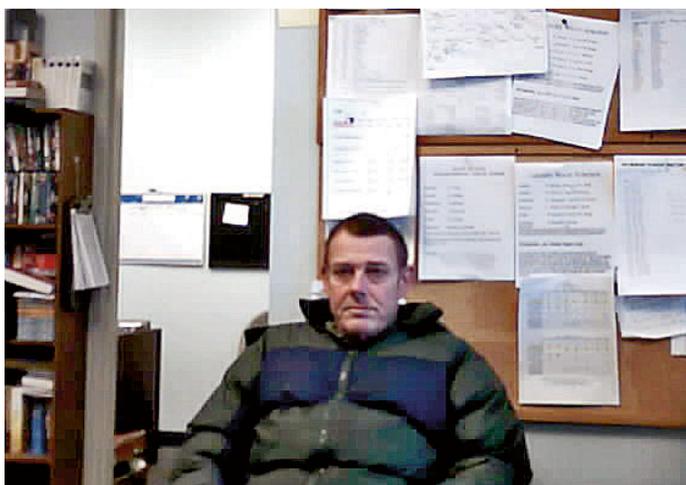
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If Nothing Changes, Nothing Changes

By Jessica Henry, Communications Specialist

Recovery: that is our hope for guests that come into our care. We help them set goals to recover from physical addictions, as well as spiritual, emotional, and mental issues. Ultimately, we want to send them out on their own when they are able to sustain their own life. It's great to hear from, and be able to tell the stories of, former guests who have been on their own successfully for a number of years. I recently had a chance to talk to David, who left the Mission in 2016 and is doing very well on his own.



In his fifties now, David is originally from California, where he had his first drink at 19, and his habits progressed to alcoholism. Eventually, he had his first experience with homelessness at 26. He says that there are ways you learn to survive while homeless that you have to experience to really know what it's like. **“Seek help first before you're homeless because it's a hard road,”** he said. “The problem is, if you're not ready to get help, you can get used to almost any situation. **Just like you get used to getting up and going to work, except your work is alcohol.**”

He left California and came to Pennsylvania in 2002. Over the years, he had numerous experiences in rehab before coming to Bethesda from the street in 2010. He graduated from our Recovery program in 2011. He was on his own and sober for a few years but eventually relapsed after losing his job and apartment, ending up homeless once again.

He came back to the Mission – this second stay turned out to be the key for him. He says he was **“tired of being tired and beat up” from life on the street.** He enrolled in our New Beginnings and Social Services programs and finally got out of his own way and allowed God to truly work in him.

“I got really spiritual, and **God changed and healed me,**” he said. “I can't explain it any other way.” He said he learned to depend on the Lord for the things he needs. He had had plenty of biblical teaching in the past and he learned more of that at the Mission.

“I finally learned the meaning of ‘if nothing changes, nothing changes.’ Something changed that second time,” he said. He wasn't able to fully recover until that happened. He is unable to work because of a physical condition so our Social Services program helped him get on Social Security Disability. He was able to get into a rented apartment and left the Mission again in 2016, which is where he remains today.



David at Recovery Program Graduation in 2011.

“The Mission basically saved my life,” David said towards the end of our time together. We are thankful for the opportunity to impact peoples' lives in such positive ways. We all need a little help sometimes.

MISSION NEEDS

Please drop off all donations at
611 Reily Street, Harrisburg, PA. Thank you!

Visit [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) Gifts & Wish Lists to view and purchase additional items.

<p>Men's Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawn Mower (Gas-powered, push) • Bleach • Plastic trash bags (13 gal. and 30 gal.) • Silverware • Steel-toed Work boots (sizes 9.5 – 11.5) • Sneakers (sizes 9.5 – 11.5) • Shaving Razors • Shaving cream (small cans) • Padlocks with keys for lockers • Toilet paper • Paper towels • Clorox wipes • Ensure Nutritional Drink • Walmart gift cards for above items 	<p>Food Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #10 Cans of Vegetables • Fresh Vegetables and Fruits • Ground beef, Pork, Fish , • Oil • Butter • Sliced bread • Trash Bags • Disposable Gloves • Napkins, • Floor Cleaner • Mixer 	<p>Community Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Supplies • Book Bags • Uniforms • Board games (new) • Xbox1 • Wii U • Nerf guns • Earphones • Gift cards • Commercial Keurig machine • For Real Milkshake Machine • Portable Soccer Nets • Soccer Balls • Dodge Balls 	<p>Medical Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alka Seltzer Cold Medication • Allergy Medication • Anti-Fungal Cream • Bacitracin/Triple Antibiotic Cream/Neosporin • Cough Drops – Regular and Sugar Free • DayQuil Cold Medication • Hand Sanitizer (Individual size) • Hydrocortisone Cream • Ibuprofen 200mg • Instant Cold Packs • Instant Hot Packs • Kleenex (large boxes) • Multivitamins • Muscle Rub • Naproxen 220mg • PeptoBismol Tablets • Saline Nasal Spray • Sinus Congestion Medication • Toe-nail clippers • Tums 	<p>Dental Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polident adhesive for dentures • Individually packaged toothbrushes (soft) • Travel-sized non-alcoholic mouthwash • Dental pics • Dental floss/ Flossers • Denture cases • Toothbrush holders (travel)
<p>Mobile Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweatshirts and pants (M, L, XL) • Jeans (Waist Size 32, 34, 36, 38, 40) • Underwear (S, M, L, XL) • T-shirts • Candles • Sterno • Deodorant (men and women) • Flashlights 	<p>Women's Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gallon size zip lock bags • Large clear plastic storage bins • Paper products • Hand Sanitizer/Wipes • AAA batteries • Underwear (all sizes) • Alarm Clocks • Stamps • Fresh Fruit 	<p>Trinity House (Transitional Living)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat—1 to 2 pound packages • Cleaning supplies 		<p>Outreach (Warehouse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combination Hand Pump and Electric Stacker (\$2,500) • Semi-Electric Pallet Jack (\$2,000) • Donation to repair forklift (\$4,500) • Graphic wrap for box truck (\$3,600) • General equipment upgrades and repairs (\$2,500) • General funds for repairs to walk-in freezer and cooler (\$1,000)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Golf Tournament
August 24**

@ Colonial Golf and Tennis

**Annual Celebration Banquet
September 17**

@ Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

Food Drive - October - December

Christmas at Italian Lake - December 12 and 13

@ Italian Lake Park, Uptown Harrisburg

More information available at BethesdaMission.org/Events