

# ABOUT THE RESCUE MISSION

The Rescue Mission, founded in 1903, is a faith-based, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, providing restorative care to men, women and children experiencing a homeless crisis. Our organization serves Fort Wayne, Allen County and its nine surrounding counties. The Mission is comprised of four ministries, or houses, that function as communities of compassion.

## THE RESCUE MISSION

OUR MISSION: To provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future.



Men experiencing  
a homeless crisis

**SHORT- & LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS**  
Meeting spiritual, emotional, physical & educational needs



Women & children  
experiencing a  
homeless crisis



**IMMEDIATE HOUSING PROGRAM**

for men experiencing a homeless crisis, providing emergency shelter, basic needs & spiritual support

**COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM**

offering nutritious meals, referrals & other support to the public 365 days a year



**THRIFT STORE**  
Proceeds help to fund The Rescue Mission programs



# 5 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Here are just a few ways to get involved at The Rescue Mission. If you're new to the Mission, we'd love to sit and chat with you, give you a quick tour and allow you to experience our ministry firsthand.

## 1. Pray

The most powerful thing you can do for The Rescue Mission is pray for us—and for how you might become involved. Oswald Chambers said, “Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”

## 2. Give

Because we receive no government funding, personal contributions are the lifeblood of our ministry. We offer many ways to give, including online giving, one-time or monthly giving options, automatic credit card or ACH payments and planned giving.

## 3. Volunteer

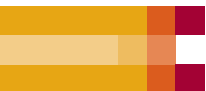
Ask us about the myriad of volunteer opportunities available at our facilities. Visit our website, [TheRescueMission.net](http://TheRescueMission.net), for details and application forms.

## 4. Donate

The Rescue Mission accepts furniture, appliances, clothing, household items, paper products, hygiene items and nonperishable foods. For a complete list, visit our website.

## 5. Partner

We've designed exclusive programs and opportunities with varying ranges of commitment for churches, businesses and organizations wanting an ongoing, deeper level of intimacy with The Rescue Mission and its residents. Contact us for more information.



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# EXTENDING GRACE

Charis House is for women and children experiencing a homeless crisis.

Beds	78
Programs	1. Short-Term residential program, typically 3-6 months. 2. Long-Term residential program, up to 2 years. Intensive services enable women to move past root causes of homelessness.
Women's Ministry	Focuses on recovery from trauma, addiction and self-defeating choices. Includes education in parenting, anger management, life skills, goal setting, job readiness and spiritual growth.
Children's Ministry	Designed to stop the generational pattern of homelessness. Focuses on life skills, character building, spiritual development and educational enrichment.
Distinctives	All Charis House programs are free of charge and attend to the whole person, meeting spiritual, emotional, physical and educational needs.
Location	431 Fairmount Pl., Fort Wayne, IN 46808





# HI, my name is Cynthia.

I came to Charis House  
homeless, directionless and  
with no connection to God.

I'd driven away most of my family and barely had custody of my daughter. I lived for the next fix or drink, and my life had become all about lying, stealing and escaping reality.

By implementing the principles I learned at Charis House, I became a new person. Today, I have my own home and a great job. I'm a good mother. I'm attending nursing school and growing in my faith, and take pride in being honest with friends and family.

Thank you to the staff, residents and donors who loved me when I could not love myself. You've guided me down a path to a better life. You've given me a second chance and a life worth living.



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# REBUILDING HOPE

**Restoration House is for men experiencing a homeless crisis.**

<b>Beds</b>	40
<b>Programs</b>	<p>1. Short-Term residential program, typically 3-6 months. Comes alongside men as they seek employment, obtain housing and work toward other goals.</p> <p>2. Long-Term residential program, up to 2 years. Intensive services enable men to move past root causes of homelessness. Includes education on anger management, life skills, job readiness and spiritual growth.</p>
<b>Distinctives</b>	All Restoration House programs are free of charge and attend to the whole person, meeting spiritual, emotional, physical and educational needs.
<b>Location</b>	301 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802



# HI, my name is Eric.

## I came to Restoration House at the end of my rope.

My alcohol abuse caused me to lose my job, home and money. I literally had nothing left.

While at Restoration House, I met some wonderful staff and volunteers who taught me the Word, helped me start my recovery and supported me on my emotional and spiritual journey. Today, I'm reading through the Bible and growing in my relationship with Jesus Christ and my family.

I recently graduated the Long-Term Program and am completing the Learning Center component. I'm looking forward to my future now that I've found a new life with Jesus – a life without alcohol.

Thank you to all of the Mission donors and volunteers. You've shown me that people do care. May God bless your giving hearts!



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# SUSTAINING LIFE

Life House provides immediate relief from hunger and homelessness.

Beds	44+
Meals	More than 216,000 a year
Immediate Housing Program	Housing for men up to 30 days. Basic needs, case management and ongoing spiritual support. Includes goal setting and referrals to other health and social service agencies as needed. If it is determined a man needs more intensive services, he's invited to enroll in one of the Restoration House's programs.
Community Meals Program	3 meals daily for Mission residents and the public (men, women and children of all ages) 365 days a year. Special meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Free clothing and hygiene products as well as referrals to health and social service agencies to those in need.
Location	301 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802





# HI, my name is Brad.\*

I grew up in a dysfunctional family and was exposed to alcohol and drugs at a young age.

As an adult, I had it all—a wife, children, job, house—until I made a bad choice and landed in prison.

When I was released, I was homeless. I'd lost everything. I came to The Rescue Mission scared and alone. But the staff at Life House, a division of the Mission, was wonderful and kind. They provided me with food, clothing, a warm shower and a bed.

Before I came to Life House, I was street smart and didn't care about God or anything. The Mission has helped me grow in my faith. I want to thank everyone who supports the Mission and tell them to keep giving. The Rescue Mission is doing a great job!

\* Name and photo changed to protect privacy



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# PROVIDING ESSENTIALS

**Treasure House is a thrift store,  
whose proceeds help to fund  
Mission programs.**

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## Items

Clothing, furniture, appliances, collectibles and household items.



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## Donate

Bring donations to any of our three Mission locations. If you have larger items, such as furniture, or a large quantity of items and want to schedule a pickup, please contact Treasure House at 260.456.9200.

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## Hours

Visit the website for current hours.

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## Location

2203 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, IN 46803

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# HI, my name is Jo.

I'm a volunteer at Treasure House. Almost 10 years ago, God laid upon my heart to volunteer at The Rescue Mission's thrift store.

Over the years, there have been many improvements at the store in both personnel and organization. But one thing remains consistent: the prices remain low to serve our city's needs.

While I'm at the store—whether sorting, hanging, cleaning or filling vouchers—working with the staff and workers is an enjoyable experience for me. Watching church groups come and give a morning of their time demonstrates a caring attitude towards others.

What keeps me going back? I'd say the satisfaction of helping others—that's what keeps me interested in continuing to serve.



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## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RESCUE MISSION

- 1903** The Rescue Mission is born with the help of area Christians. It provides housing, food and religious services for local and transient homeless men.
- 1908** Becomes incorporated
- 1922** Joins 11 other agencies in forming the Community Chest (now United Way of Allen County)
- 1964** Expands housing and feeding ministries with a move to 301 W. Superior St.
- 1985** Opens a 16-bed women and children's ministry at 710 W. Superior St.
- 1992** Opens a thrift store on Lafayette St., providing residents with clothing and furnishings, and the city's poor with low-cost goods
- 1993** Opens a state-of-the-art Learning Center, providing men and women with educational opportunities, memory restoration, literacy and computer skills, and GED preparation
- 1996** Purchases a building at 533 W. Washington Blvd. to accommodate up to 42 women and children for emergency housing and restorative programming. The Mission names it Charis House, meaning "House of Grace" in Greek.
- 2001** Doubles the men's emergency program capacity to 42 beds and 10 cots
- 2001** Incorporates The Rescue Mission Foundation as a nonprofit endowment to ensure the long-term financial viability of the ministry
- 2010** Builds a new, 78-bed Charis House for women and children
- 2011** After more than 100 years of service, The Rescue Mission is still fulfilling its mission "to provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future."

# Meet our Team

## EXECUTIVE TEAM



**Rev. Donovan Coley**  
MA  
CEO/Senior Pastor



**Toni Lovell**  
LCAC, LCSW, ICAC-II, NCAC-II  
Program Director &  
Corporate Grant Developer



**Larry Piano**  
MS  
Chief Financial Officer

## KEY CONTACTS



**Andrea Hatfield**  
Donor Relations Officer



**Lynne Isenbarger**  
Volunteer Coordinator



**Brent Stachler**  
LCAC, LMFT, MAC, NCGC II  
Clinical Director

# Board of Trustees

## CHAIR

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Community Advocate

**Larry Piano**  
Chief Financial Officer  
The Rescue Mission

**Tracy Williams**  
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Datatel

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: How is The Rescue Mission funded?**

**A:** The Rescue Mission receives no government funding. We're solely dependent on the generosity of individuals, foundations, churches and businesses—as well as trusts and estate gifts. Approximately 80% of our annual income comes from the financial contributions of individuals and businesses in our community.

**Q: Where do we bring donations?**

**A:** Bring donations to any of our three locations. If you have larger items, such as furniture, or a large quantity of items and want to schedule a pickup, please contact Treasure House at 260.456.9200. To make a financial gift, visit our website at [TheRescueMission.net](http://TheRescueMission.net).

**Q: Can The Rescue Mission really use all of the clothing and other items donated?**

**A:** Yes! The Rescue Mission uses every item. Residents and community guests are always the first to benefit from your generosity. If they can't use donated items immediately, then we store them for future use or take them to Treasure House, our thrift store. All proceeds from Treasure House help to fund our programs.

**Q: How are individuals referred to The Rescue Mission for services?**

**A:** Individuals are referred to us in many ways. Many are self-referred. Others come by word-of-mouth. Still others are referred to us by social service agencies, churches, criminal justice programs or the court system.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Q: How long can residents stay with The Rescue Mission?**

**A:** The length of time a resident stays with us is determined by individual need and the program in which he/she participates. For guests in Life House's Immediate Housing Program, the length of stay can be as short as one night or as long as one month. In the Short-Term program at Restoration House and Charis House, the length of stay is typically 3 to 6 months. In our Long-Term programs, men, women and children can stay with us up to 2 years, with the opportunity to enroll in a 3-year nonresidential aftercare program.

## **Q: I'm thinking of volunteering. What do I need to know?**

**A:** First of all, the possibilities are endless. To learn more about volunteering and current opportunities, visit the Volunteer section of our website. There you can complete your registration to become volunteer certified. For additional questions, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 260.426.7357, ext. 18.

## **Q: Are Charis House and Restoration House halfway houses or rehabs?**

**A:** Neither. Our programs are not traditional halfway houses or rehabilitation programs. The number one criteria for receiving services at The Rescue Mission is that a person is experiencing a homeless crisis. However, many of our clients also have issues with mental illness, substance abuse or trauma. Our programs focus on balanced living, healthy interpersonal relationships, life skills, recovery dynamics and fostering a relationship with Christ to promote life change.

## **Q: What geographic area does The Rescue Mission serve?**

**A:** The Rescue Mission serves Fort Wayne, Allen County and its nine surrounding counties.

## **Q: Do residents pay money to stay at The Rescue Mission?**

**A:** Absolutely not! Unlike many other shelters or halfway houses in the area, The Rescue Mission does not charge for services. For individuals experiencing a homeless crisis, we feel that the best use of their limited income is to use it toward reaching self-sufficiency.



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# WELCOME TO THE RESCUE MISSION

Thank you for your recent gift. Your gift helps us provide hope and healing to men, women and children in our community who are experiencing a homeless crisis.

Inside this special welcome packet, you'll find more information about The Rescue Mission and how you might get involved. After you have reviewed this material, would you do us a favor? **Please complete the survey included in this booklet and return it in the enclosed envelope.** Your answers will help us learn more about you and your preferences so we can make your Mission experience the best possible.



# GIVING OPTIONS

We'd encourage you to visit our website at [TheRescueMission.net](http://TheRescueMission.net) and visit our special donor section. There, you can discover ways to get involved and explore options such as:

- Online giving
- Planned giving
- One-time or monthly giving options
- Automatic credit card or ACH payments

**Again, thank you for giving to The Rescue Mission.  
We look forward to partnering with you!**

## VISIT US ONLINE

[TheRescueMission.net](http://TheRescueMission.net)





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# HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN GET INVOLVED

Are you looking for ways  
to be the hands and feet of  
Jesus in our community?

The Rescue Mission provides you and your congregation the perfect opportunity. We offer multiple levels of engagement for a range of age groups—as well as opportunities for individuals, groups and families.

Be devoted to one another in love.  
Honor one another above yourselves.  
Romans 12:10 (NIV)

## Church Partnership Program

The Church Partnership Program is designed for those churches wanting an ongoing, deeper level of intimacy with The Rescue Mission and its residents—one that extends beyond a financial commitment or a one-time event. In this program, your congregation would be consistently supporting us through your gifts, time, talents and prayers.

## Volunteer

Individuals and groups are always welcome at the Mission. Tell us what you're interested in, or let us give you ideas of how you can help.

## Prayer

Please pray for The Rescue Mission and how your church might become involved.

## Mission Week

Meet the Mission's needs in a specific area for one week's time. For example, enlist your church to provide a week's worth of diapers, hygiene products, paper goods or laundry soap. It's simple! We'll tell you how much we need, and you round it up.

## Drives and Fundraisers

When it comes to drives and fundraisers, everyone can get involved, have fun and learn about the Mission—all at the same time. As far as what to do, you're limited only by your own creativity.

**Sample drives:** shoes, coats, back-to-school supplies and paper products

**Sample fundraisers:** auctions, craft shows, benefit dinners, bake sales, garage sales and bowl-a-thons

## Presentations & Sunday School Classes

Invite us to your church for a presentation during the service or a Sunday School class. We'd also love to set up a display in your foyer to educate people about The Rescue Mission.

## Additional Opportunities

- Bible studies with residents
- Fellowship/outings with residents
- Chapel services at the Mission
- Financial gifts

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# HOW YOUR BUSINESS CAN GET INVOLVED

Are you looking for ways to get your business involved in the community?

The Rescue Mission provides the perfect opportunity. By aligning yourself with the Mission, you'll not only help raise awareness about homelessness, but research shows you'll build employee morale, increase customer loyalty and boost your company's image. Please contact us to discuss how a partnership with us can help you stand out as a business leader in our community.



## **Corporate Partnership**

Corporate partnerships are designed for businesses wanting an ongoing, deeper level of intimacy with The Rescue Mission and its residents—one that extends beyond a financial commitment or a one-time event.

## **Independent Event Sponsor**

As an Independent Event Sponsor, your business will be responsible for coordinating and funding (in part) one of the Mission's events during the year, such as a walk, golf outing, fundraiser, awareness event, bowl-a-thon and more. Contributions for these events can come from your marketing, charitable gifts or foundation budgets.

## **Day Sponsor**

Consider being a Day Sponsor and underwriting the approximately \$8,000 it takes to keep the Mission open for a day (including food, programming, operations and more).

## **Matching Gift Program**

Participate in our popular Matching Gift Program and increase employees' awareness of the Mission—and your support of it. It's simple. Just match every gift your employees give to the Mission. Contact us for details.

## **Employee Service Program**

Allow your employees to provide their expertise in the form of mentoring for the betterment of The Rescue Mission's residents, clients and staff.

## **Job Readiness**

Partner with us to help residents develop skills in résumé writing, job search, interviewing, completing applications, budgeting, dressing for success and more.

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# HOW YOU CAN LEAVE A LEGACY

Are you passionate about changing lives? Are you looking for a partner you can trust?

As you consider The Rescue Mission in your giving, please know that we're a responsible, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, committed to managing the funds you entrust to us with the utmost integrity.

## Planned giving opportunities

Writing a check is just one way you can support The Rescue Mission or The Rescue Mission Foundation. Through planned giving, you can support what you believe in and, at the same time, realize the tax, financial and estate-planning benefits of that giving. Contact our Business Office or your financial planner about these and other planned giving instruments:

- Wills and bequests
- Charitable annuities
- Charitable trusts
- Pooled income funds
- Retained life interest gifts
- Life insurance gifts
- Retirement plan gifts

## We are a credible organization affiliated with:

- Association of Gospel Rescue Missions  
The AGRM is comprised of approximately 300 Rescue Missions and organizations that serve solely to address the crisis of homelessness.
- United Way of Allen County
- The Better Business Bureau

## We are a transparent organization that takes stewardship seriously.

- Do you want to know how your money's being spent? Just ask us.  
Or better yet, visit our website at [TheRescueMission.net](http://TheRescueMission.net) to review our IRS Form 990, showing our revenue, expenses and assets. Also ask for a copy of our annual report—or our latest Charity Navigator rating.
- Did you know that 75% of every donation goes toward providing direct services to our residents and those receiving community meals? We allocate the remaining 25% as follows: 10% for fundraising and 15% for administrative costs.

## Ask us about special giving opportunities

- Capital expansion projects and development needs
- The Rescue Mission Foundation, a nonprofit endowment ensuring the long-term financial viability of our ministries

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