



CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION'S FACT SHEET



OUR MISSION

Charlotte Rescue Mission is transforming lives in the name of Christ by serving people struggling with addiction, poverty, or hopelessness with the goal of returning them to society as productive, self-sufficient citizens.

CORE VALUES

- LEAD WITH LOVE
- SERVE WITH GRATITUDE
- ACT WITH HUMILITY

OUTCOMES

- A life without drugs or alcohol
- Gainful employment
- Stable housing
- Healthy community

OUR programs



REBOUND

provides 90 days of free addiction recovery services for 400 men each year.



DOVE'S NEST

provides 120 days of free addiction recovery services for 200 women and 20 of their children each year.



FAMILIES PROGRAM

restores the bond between mothers and their children with a goal of teaching new parenting skills and healthy relationships.



TRANSITIONAL SERVICES

provides assistance to residents and graduates as they seek educational and vocational opportunities.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

allows us to serve the greater Charlotte community through our holiday meals program and provide awareness and assistance to those impacted by addiction.

HISTORY

Founded in 1938, Charlotte Rescue Mission has a long history of reaching out to people who have struggled with homelessness and addiction. Over the years, the Rescue Mission has been located in several different uptown Charlotte buildings and has been called several different names, but our commitment to serving the homeless has never changed.

Many people who came to the Rescue Mission for help during these early years were struggling with addiction. In 1990, the Rescue Mission made a commitment to hire staff trained in professional substance abuse recovery services. With this, Charlotte Rescue Mission launched a 90-day residential program empowering individuals to move beyond cycles of homelessness and addiction to become productive citizens in the community. This program is known as Rebound and has helped thousands of men over the years.

Rebound served men struggling with addiction and homelessness, but, despite a staggering community need, there was no similar program for women. In 1992, Charlotte Rescue Mission launched the Dove's Nest program in a three bedroom bungalow in Charlotte's Dilworth neighborhood. Similar to Rebound, Dove's Nest provides comprehensive addiction recovery services for women.

In 1995, Rebound men's Halfway House opened its doors. The Halfway House provides further opportunities for Rebound graduates to maintain long-term sobriety as they transition out of dependency on community programs and transition into self-sufficiency.

In 2008, Dove's Nest Capital Campaign was launched to expand Dove's Nest women's addiction recovery program from a 12-bed facility to a 120-bed facility. For the first time in our 75-year history, the RescueMission is now able to serve children as well as their mothers, with beds for 90 women and 30 of their children. Doors of this new facility opened in July, 2012.



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COMMUNITY NEEDS WE ADDRESS

- 1 **HOMELESSNESS IN CHARLOTTE**
Homelessness plagues the lives of around 6,000 individuals each day in Charlotte.
- 2 **ADDICTION**
The causes of the seemingly impenetrable issue of addiction range widely, however, the main instigator is substance abuse (National Coalition for the Homeless). While many organizations meet the most eminent human needs by providing food, shelter, and medical services, what sets the Rescue Mission apart is its focus on addiction and healing the hurts that first led to addiction.
- 3 **COMMUNITY COST**
A survey of our residents shows that the community cost of an addict cycling through jail, hospitals, and shelters for 30 years is around \$300,000. The alternative we make available is not only economical, but also breaks the cycle of dependency and provides a means for individuals to get back on their feet.
- 4 **CARING FOR OUR OVERLOOKED NEIGHBORS**
Both Rebound and Dove's Nest consist of group and private counseling, AA and NA Twelve Steps classes, health care, job-readiness classes, and chapel service, and are offered at no cost to our residents. We desire for each resident to graduate with dignity, confident that he/she is capable to break the cycle of poverty, addiction, and hopelessness in his/her life.

POPULATION SERVED

Each year, Rebound serves around 400 men while Dove's Nest serves around 200 women and 20 of their school-aged children. The majority of our clients struggle with homelessness (60% of adults are homeless, while 40% are considered "at-risk" of becoming homeless; 100% of children are considered homeless under the Federal McKinney-Vento Act, poverty (100% fall below the Federal Poverty Level), and addiction (100% are chronically addicted to drugs and/or alcohol). Many have dealt with mental disorders (i.e. depression, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, or post-traumatic stress disorder) and over 90% of our female clients have been abused physically, emotionally, and/or sexually.

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FINANCIAL STABILITY



- Individuals
- Foundations
- Corporations
- Churches
- Other

Because we do not rely on government or United Way funding, we depend on our broad base of community support to meet our budget each year.