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REBOUND & DOVE'S NEST
Changing Lives by God's Grace

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Your Generosity at Work

DUKE'S CHALLENGE:

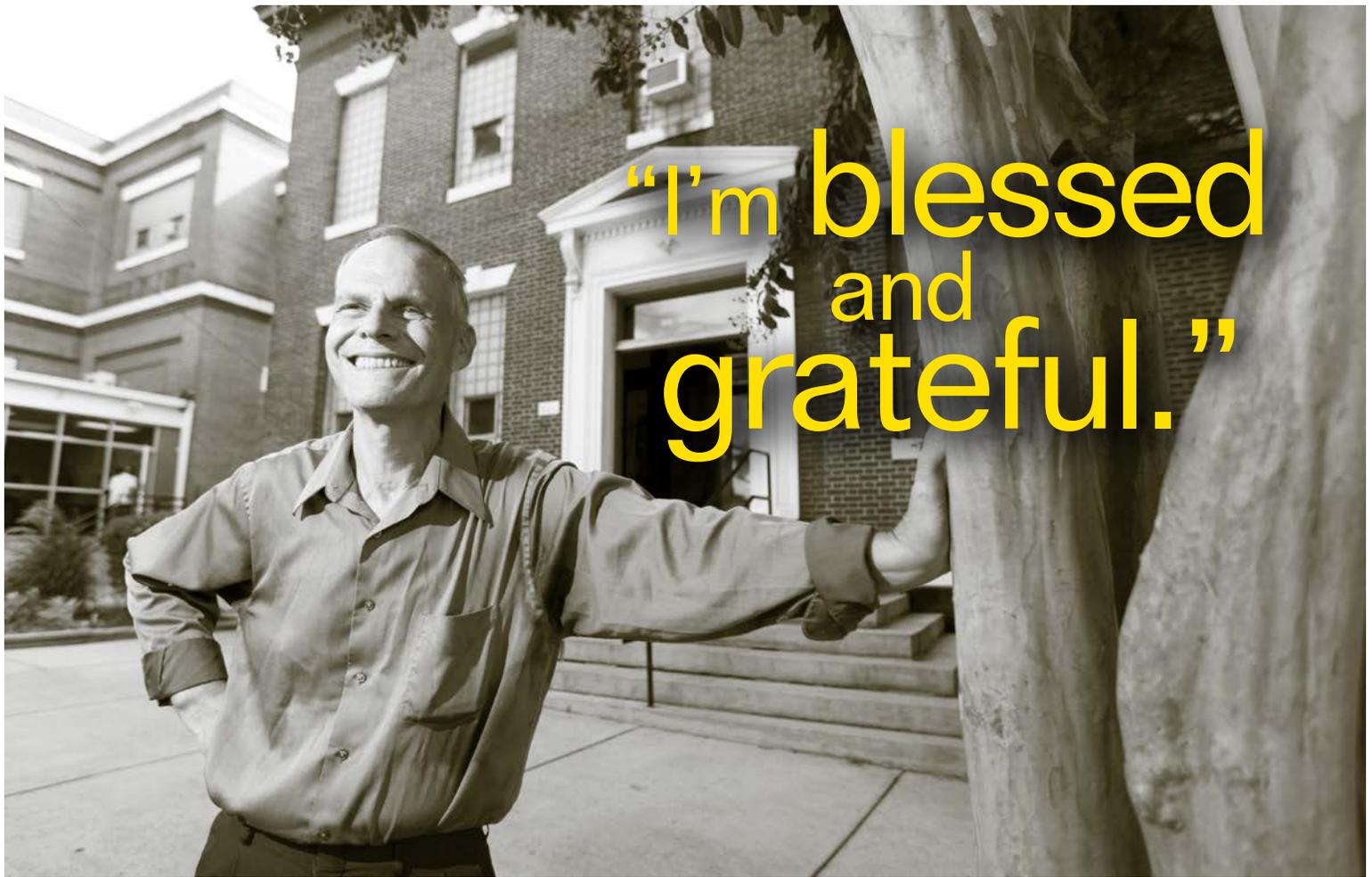
Finding his self- worth

Duke drank to numb his depression, which destroyed his relationships, his career, and his self-esteem...

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**“I’m blessed
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grateful.”**

“I drank and drank and drank some more,” Duke says.

Though he was a successful writer with a wonderful girlfriend and a caring family, underneath, he was struggling with depression. So he turned to alcohol to numb the pain.

“I let so many people down with my lies and deception and lost so many relationships,” he says. “It got to the point where I was drinking alone in the dark at night. I’d drink half a gallon of vodka, get drunk as a skunk and pass out.”

Then Duke began having severe blackouts. “I couldn’t remember driving home. It was frightening,” he says. “I was ready to get help.”

It was then that Duke’s family brought him to our Rebound residential recovery program at his

request. “I was busted up and hated myself when I got here,” he says. “But I could say whatever was on my heart without any embarrassment because the teachers and counselors treated us all with dignity.”

**“Rebound helped me
rebuild my self-worth.”**

Duke healed spiritually at the Rescue Mission, as well. “I’d grown up attending church and had a good relationship with the Lord, but it went right out the window when I started drinking,” he says. “Through Rebound, I grew very close to Christ.”

Duke graduated from the program and has his own apartment

now, but he comes to visit the Rebound men each week, attends alumni meetings, and volunteers to make thank-you calls to donors. “I say, ‘I’m one of the guys you helped. You’re the reason I’m where I am right now.’”

Duke has been clean and sober for 2 ½ years now, is on

an antidepressant, and has begun writing again. “Life is good,” he says. “I’m blessed and grateful because of Rebound.”

WITH YOUR HELP, Duke and others like him are finding that God’s hope and healing are for everyone, regardless of their past or circumstances. Thank you for your generous support!

THE GREATEST CHALLENGE

How do you challenge yourself?

Maybe you've trained for a marathon or half marathon and pushed yourself to run across that finish line.

Or maybe you've been challenged by family, friends or a pastor to open your heart to someone who's very different than you... or to live out God's love in new and powerful ways.

Right now, we're in the middle of a challenge from wonderful friends of the Rescue Mission to match their generous \$25,000 gift with an additional \$25,000.

But our greatest challenge is a daily one: inspiring new hope in the lives of people struggling with an addiction or abuse, unemployment or homelessness, hunger or hopelessness.

In this issue's cover story, you'll hear Duke's testimony about how

being part of our Rebound residential recovery program transformed his life.

His story is powerful because of you. You understand the challenges our neighbors in need face, and we're grateful you share the truly life-changing gifts of meals, shelter and care.

We can meet the challenge of caring for our community's hurting because of you and your faithful support. Thank you for giving to bring new hope to countless lives forever.

In Partnership for Changing Lives,



Rev. Tony Marciano
Executive Director

An Enduring Gift

We would like to thank all those who have established legacy gifts to benefit the Rescue Mission or have named the Rescue Mission in their wills. This enduring support is a true blessing to the Rescue Mission, as well as a lifeline for men, women and children throughout the Charlotte area who are hungry and homeless.

For those who are still considering ways to leave a lasting gift to continue your legacy of care for those in need, our Director of Principal and Planned Giving, EJ Underwood, has some suggestions.

Call her at

(704) 334-4635, ext. 204.

There's no obligation.



You don't have to go far to find people in desperate need of help. They're right here in the Charlotte area.

This Memorial Day, our 97-day summer campaign to help our community's homeless and hungry begins.

GIVE *where you* LIVE

97-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



66,930
meals



23,816
nights of shelter



MATCH IT BY MAY 31!



Right now, because of a generous Matching Challenge, every gift you give will have **double the impact** for those in need.

Or as we like to say,

1 + Y = TWO!

\$50 → \$100

\$100 → \$200

\$150 → \$300

That's how \$25,000 becomes \$50,000 when you give today!



By giving, you'll help provide safe shelter and healing for women and children who've suffered abuse... counsel for men battling addiction... and training to help men and women prepare for employment.



This Matching Challenge ends May 31 – so don't wait.

Help turn \$25,000 into \$50,000 and double your impact by responding now.

VISIT US ONLINE to learn more about our outreach, read stories of hope & securely donate anytime!

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