LEAVE A LEGACY
PLANNED GIVING & ENDOWMENT NEWSLETTER

THE WESTMORELAND FAMILY
Just one of our “Founding Funders” of the new Endowment

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The Ladies Auxiliary was started in 1971 to create a place for servant-hearted women to gather and give back to Charlotte Rescue Mission through fundraising and volunteering. For over a decade, they hosted a Fashion Show and Luncheon each spring and a Dinner Concert each fall. To this day, their annual pecan sale is a beloved holiday tradition.

More than 45 years later, the mission of the Ladies Auxiliary has not changed. Eighteen women, co-chaired by Jenny Dianni and Jenny Bowers meet quarterly to plan fundraisers and events to support the men and women of Charlotte Rescue Mission.

**FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES FOR 2017:**
- Pecan and walnuts
- Autobell gift cards
- Dutch Mill flower bulbs

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Annual Rebound Christmas Party
- Annual Dove’s Nest Christmas Dessert Social

If you’re interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary or purchasing the items listed above, please contact LAA@charlotterescuemission.org.

**A letter FROM REV. MARCIANO**

We all have heard of the novel “Tale of Two Cities” by Charles Dickens. Permit me to call this article “A Tale of Three Generations.” This story takes place right here within the walls of Charlotte Rescue Mission.

We are pleased to report that this newsletter highlights a family with three generations partnering with God in His work at Charlotte Rescue Mission through Legacy Giving. Three generations making an eternal impact in the hearts and lives of the men and women who come to us seeking help by giving time, financial resources, and hope for the future.

But that’s not the only type of legacy that walks through our doors each day. It pains me to learn of the abuse and horror our residents experienced prior to coming to the Mission. To push away the pain, they abused drugs and alcohol. Some learned these coping mechanisms by watching their parents suffer from addiction. Without any intervention in their life, their children may one day sit in the very same seats they now occupy, struggling with the same type of abuse and using the same addiction to kill the pain. Three generations of self-destructive behavior.

What excites me are those who graduate from our program and understand that God has an incredible plan not only for their life, but for their children’s lives and that of their future grandchildren. They work hard to make sure that the patterns of self-destructive behavior stop with them.

I am so grateful that you generously support the Charlotte Rescue Mission. Your support ensures that the services we provide today will be there when future generations come knocking on our door, seeking help and hope.

We hope these stories inspire you to leave a legacy to Charlotte Rescue Mission that may change the legacy our residents leave behind as well. If we can assist you, please return the reply card or call us directly. Thank you for being such a treasured friend to Charlotte Rescue Mission.

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Tony Marciano
When we moved to Charlotte in 1978, a friend invited me to attend Christian Women’s Club. Gordon Weekley, the Executive Director of Charlotte Rescue Mission at the time, was the speaker that day. He and I laughed after about our names being the same, and from that day on I was a friend of the Mission. All it takes is one conversation to fall in love with the work Charlotte Rescue Mission does in the community.

The next week was my first Ladies Auxiliary meeting. For nearly 40 years now, I have been involved with the Auxiliary - I even got my husband, Keith, involved with our pecan fundraiser! When the pecans were delivered to our carport, Keith would deliver them to all the Auxiliary members who would sell hundreds of bags of pecans. That was the beginning of our family’s legacy of giving at Charlotte Rescue Mission.

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As we’ve gotten older, it has become more important to Keith and I to give back and share that with our children and grandchildren.

My daughter Dee Ann raises money and volunteers at the Rebound Christmas Party with her coworkers. My daughter Lisa is a dental hygienist and when Dove’s Nest was only a 12-bed shelter, we would transport the residents to have their teeth cleaned for free. My granddaughter, Taylor, has been serving at the Rebound Christmas Party since she was in elementary school. Each year, three generations of my family volunteer together at the Christmas Party - all because of a Christian Women’s Club meeting I attended years ago.

As Christians, we are called to help the less fortunate, and we love being able to fulfill that calling at Charlotte Rescue Mission as a family. I look forward to the Rebound Christmas Party each year and the chance to serve alongside my beautiful daughters and granddaughter.

A resident once told my husband that his Christmas at Rebound was the best he’d ever had. We were honored to be part of his special day, and love knowing that future residents will have the same experience because of the families, like ours, raising the next generation of support.

Pat Weekley

HAS YOUR FAMILY GIVEN TO THE MISSION FOR 3 GENERATIONS?
We want to hear from you. Call EJ Underwood at 704-334-4635 x204 to tell her your story.
An endowment provides an opportunity for you to make a gift that builds a legacy. A family name can live on, changing the lives of people in future generations. Any donors who make a gift of 5k+ or an estate commitment of 25k+ will be recognized as Founding Funders and receive recognition at the Mission on a donor wall. A gift to the Charlotte Rescue Mission Endowment guarantees that your love for hurting people in our community will go on forever.

To make a gift to the Charlotte Rescue Mission Endowment, please contact EJ Underwood, Director of Principal and Planned Giving, at 704-333-4673 ext. 204 or at EJ.Underwood@charlotterescuemission.org.

We would like to thank our Founding Funders who made a $5,000 gift or $25,000 estate commitment in the first year of the endowment, including those who wish to remain anonymous.