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From trauma to triumph

Ben had lost all hope for thriving in life. Your generosity helped him find lasting healing, stability, and sobriety!

From the outside looking in, teenage Ben had everything going for him.

Despite frequently moving, he excelled in school, wrestling, musical theater, and marching band, and he was active in anti-drug initiatives.

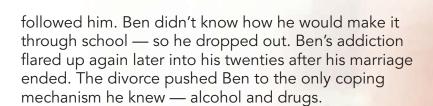
Regardless of his drive, Ben was wrestling with depression and hidden traumas from his childhood. What started with caffeine pills to manage his busy high school schedule eventually turned into a crippling addiction.

Ben went on to college — but depression





Transform lives this holiday season, just like you transformed Ben's!



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All of a sudden, the trauma he had buried for years resurfaced.

For nearly a decade, Ben was caught in a vicious cycle of addiction. "I was drinking myself to death," he says. It wasn't until his girlfriend organized an intervention and gave Ben letters from his children that he began to realize — he needed to change or he would lose his life and everything dear to him.

Finding courage to heal

Coming to Charlotte Rescue Mission was a turning point in Ben's journey. Because you give, Ben found the courage to confront his trauma and truly heal. Through trauma classes, Christ-centered addiction recovery, and a strong sense of brotherhood, Ben learned to forgive, developed healthy coping skills, and achieved lasting stability and sobriety.

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Ben rebuilt his relationship with his children and is gradually restoring his bond with his entire family. Today, he's working a full-time job and taking steps toward self-sufficiency in the recovery living program.

"I look forward to getting better every single day," says Ben. His story is a testament to resiliency, the transformative power of community, and your generosity!



In this season of joy and hope... show a guest at Charlotte Rescue Mission how deeply loved they are!

When Christmas arrives at the Rescue Mission, we roll out all the stops.

We want every meal at the Rescue Mission to feel like a five-star dining experience, yet as warm and welcoming as Christmas dinner at grandma's house. Every guest and student seeking transformation inside our doors should feel loved, seen, and cared for when they sit at our table!

You can help make this day special for men and women rebuilding their lives at the Rescue Mission. Every \$3.42 you give provides a holiday meal and transformational care to someone at the intersection of homelessness and addiction.

If you're not able to give but want to help, we need some extra hands on deck! Reach out about volunteer opportunities by emailing volunteer@

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Christmas at the Rescue Mission is more than a special meal and celebration. It's an open door to redemption through Jesus Christ!



Love is in the details



Trina Fullard

Every detail matters.

The way we greet someone when they walk through our doors. The

way we plate their holiday meal. The decorations we hang in the hallways.

Every intentional act communicates to someone trapped at the intersection of homelessness and addiction that they are loved and cared for.

They may not be used to this type of love. That's exactly why we go out of our way to make sure each guest experiences the love of God in such a tangible way. We put so much work into the details of our holiday meals because struggling men and women need to know they are worth it.

As we approach the upcoming holiday season, know that I'm incredibly grateful for you. It's your gracious generosity that makes it possible to show this kind of love to our guests.

We appreciate you and pray blessings over you and your family as you enjoy this special time of year!

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This Christmas... show someone they're not alone by giving meals

The intersection of homelessness and addiction is a terrible place. But at Christmas, it's especially dark and hopeless. The pain of loneliness hurts just as bad as the pain of hunger.

Will you open the door to hope, healing, and community?

A plate heaped high with hot food satisfies a deep physical hunger and the longing to be loved and cared for. The many men and women who will sit at our table this holiday season will be searching for someone who cares. By giving meals, you say, "You are not alone."

We invite you to give generously to make Christmas special for someone searching for hope and healing.

Every \$3.42 Christmas meal you provide will open the door to transformational care that leads to sobriety, stability, and a new life in Jesus Christ!



It's so simple to care for the hurting in our community!

3 WAYS to give hope this Christmas!

1. GIVE BY MAIL by completing the enclosed reply form.



2. GIVE ONLINE at CharlotteRescueMission.org/ NovemberNL24.



3. GIVE BY SCANNING here with your mobile device.



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