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YOU helped him find his true worth

Living in an abandoned building. Numbing with drugs. Doing unthinkable things to survive. Christopher felt like a lost cause . . . until you gave him a place to heal.

Childhood for an 11-year-old boy should be remembered as playground races, bedtime stories, climbing trees, and school science projects — not abuse, drug addiction, and an absent mom and dad.

But Christopher's childhood looked just like that.

His single mom struggled with addiction. His uncle and stepfather abused him until he was 17. And Christopher was diagnosed with a personality disorder . . . lost in a sea of confusion.

Christopher's grandmother raised him for several

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You can transform more lives like Christopher's!



Your gift will help provide recovery care at *no cost* for people fighting homelessness and addiction!

YOU helped Christopher find his true worth *(continued from page 1)*

years. Her words of truth became an anchor in his darkest moments: "You are unique, peculiar, and wonderfully made."

Christopher began turning to drugs to numb his trauma. Addiction took him places he never thought he'd go — eight years of homelessness.

His grandmother, with an open heart, took Christopher in again. A fresh start finally felt within reach. But tragedy struck. "A house fire took everything," he says. Christopher's grandmother was placed in a facility . . . and Christopher found himself on the streets again.

Christopher was living in an abandoned building, numbing with drugs, and prostituting just to survive. Each painful day told him, "You're beyond saving." But his grandmother's words whispered deep in his heart . . . "You are unique, peculiar, and wonderfully made." God was quietly at work.

"The Rescue Mission gave me the chance to rewrite my story . . ."

Christopher's best friend tried to convince him to join the Rebound program at Charlotte Rescue Mission. But Christopher was convinced he was a lost cause — until his friend found him on the streets and took him in. Christopher's life was about to change forever.

Today, if you were to meet Christopher, you'd see the love of God in his eyes. He no longer runs from the pain of his past. He shares a strong bond with his mom, who is now 27 years sober. And he sees himself as a man of valor.

"I believe I lived in despair to experience what God always intended for me. Let your struggles remind you that you need God. I am proof that God is good. He never gave up on me."

"The Rescue Mission gave me the chance to rewrite my story, to heal, and to discover my worth," Christopher says.

He is now part of the KEY (Keep Educating Yourself) program and plans to become a counselor — a goal that feels more attainable every day. His biggest dream? To run for mayor or city councilman and give back to the community that helped him heal.

Because you give, Christopher received all the resources he needed to unlock his God-given potential — recovery care, counselors who were there for him in seasons of loss, transitional housing, career training, Christian community, and more. Thank you!



Testimonies of transformation

Without you, they wouldn't be where they are today . . .



"I'm deeply grateful for your kindness and compassion. Your giving gave me a second chance at life. I'm committed to making the most of it and becoming a better version of myself. Your selflessness inspires me to pay it forward and help others. **Thank you for believing in me and supporting my recovery.** Your kindness means the world to me. I'm forever grateful." — **Caleb**

"Your unwavering support and generosity have played a pivotal part in my journey to recovery and transformation. Because of your giving, we have access to essential resources, compassionate care, and a nurturing environment that fosters hope and healing. **Your kindness has a ripple effect — touching not just our lives, but also our families and the wider community.** Your giving makes a difference, and for that I am thankful." — **Marc**



Through the Eyes of Jesus



Trina Fullard
President & CEO

The world might look at the people who walk through our doors and see the "worst of the worst," "a lost cause," or, what Christopher believed he was: "beyond saving."

But you don't see struggling men and women through the eyes of the world. You see them through the eyes of Jesus — as sons and daughters worthy of love and transformation. And I'm so thankful.

Because of your generosity, the most painful past can turn into a beautiful redemption story. Freedom from years of addiction, reuniting with family, achieving a fulfilling career, and other milestones are no longer pipe dreams for our students — they're realities.

To continue serving men and women with the best Christ-centered care, we rely on you and other friends in these summer months. Giving often slows — but many are still trapped at the intersection of homelessness and addiction.

Your partnership and heart for the broken is a true blessing. Any gift you can give today will bless someone who needs to know their life is more than their past mistakes and pains. God bless you!

Trina Fullard

YOU can help someone find freedom from addiction today!

You know the men and women trapped at the intersection of homelessness and addiction? They're somebody's son. Somebody's daughter. They're moms and dads separated from their children.

They long to find sobriety and be a thriving part of our community — but they can't heal alone . . . and they don't know where to start.

Will you give them a place at the Mission to recover, rebuild, and redeem all they lost to addiction?

Every \$3.42 you give now will provide a meal and a chance at residential recovery care for a man or woman who needs hope to overcome addiction and homelessness.

Help break the cycle that keeps them trapped in despair by providing transformational care — hot meals, Christ-centered recovery programs, job-skills training, transitional living, counseling, and so much more.



Every \$3.42 can change a life locally

3 WAYS you can transform a life this summer!

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



2. GIVE ONLINE at charlotterescuemission.org/July2025



3. GIVE BY SCANNING here with your mobile device.



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