

A Passion

TO REACH THE ADDICTED



DR. ERNIE MILLS
FOUNDER / CEO

The reason I came to Durham in 1973 was to reach the addicted. I have experienced firsthand in my own family's life the devastating consequences of seeing someone make an addiction paramount in their life. My father died at age 40 from cirrhosis of the liver due to a life of alcoholism. My dad had no one or no program to help him, so I determined at a very young age to commit my life to reaching men and women who were like my dad, trapped in a life of addictions. However, my efforts have only been effective due to those who have embraced my passion. Though the Durham Rescue Mission has restored many broken lives over the past 35 years, we are being inundated as never before with men and women who have nearly lost all hope of any recovery. They look to the Durham Rescue Mission as their last chance to ever lead a productive life. Therefore, we need you to consider providing a scholarship for our men and women to receive the opportunity of healing in each aspect of their life: physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, social, and finally vocational. Thank you for your willingness to change someone's life just like my dad!

AFTER A LIFESTYLE OF DEVASTATION AND DESTRUCTION,

the Victory Program reunited my family and rescued me from my addiction and pain. - Walter Cole, Director of Men's Division

THE VICTORY PROGRAM GAVE ME THE TOOLS I NEEDED

to live a productive lifestyle as a godly mother.

- TINA HOGAN, SUPERVISOR
MEASUREMENT INC.

WHEN MY WIFE KICKED ME OUT
I finally realized my situation of desperation.

THE VICTORY PROGRAM CHANGED MY LIFE.

- ALAN MULLINS, HVAC TECHNICIAN

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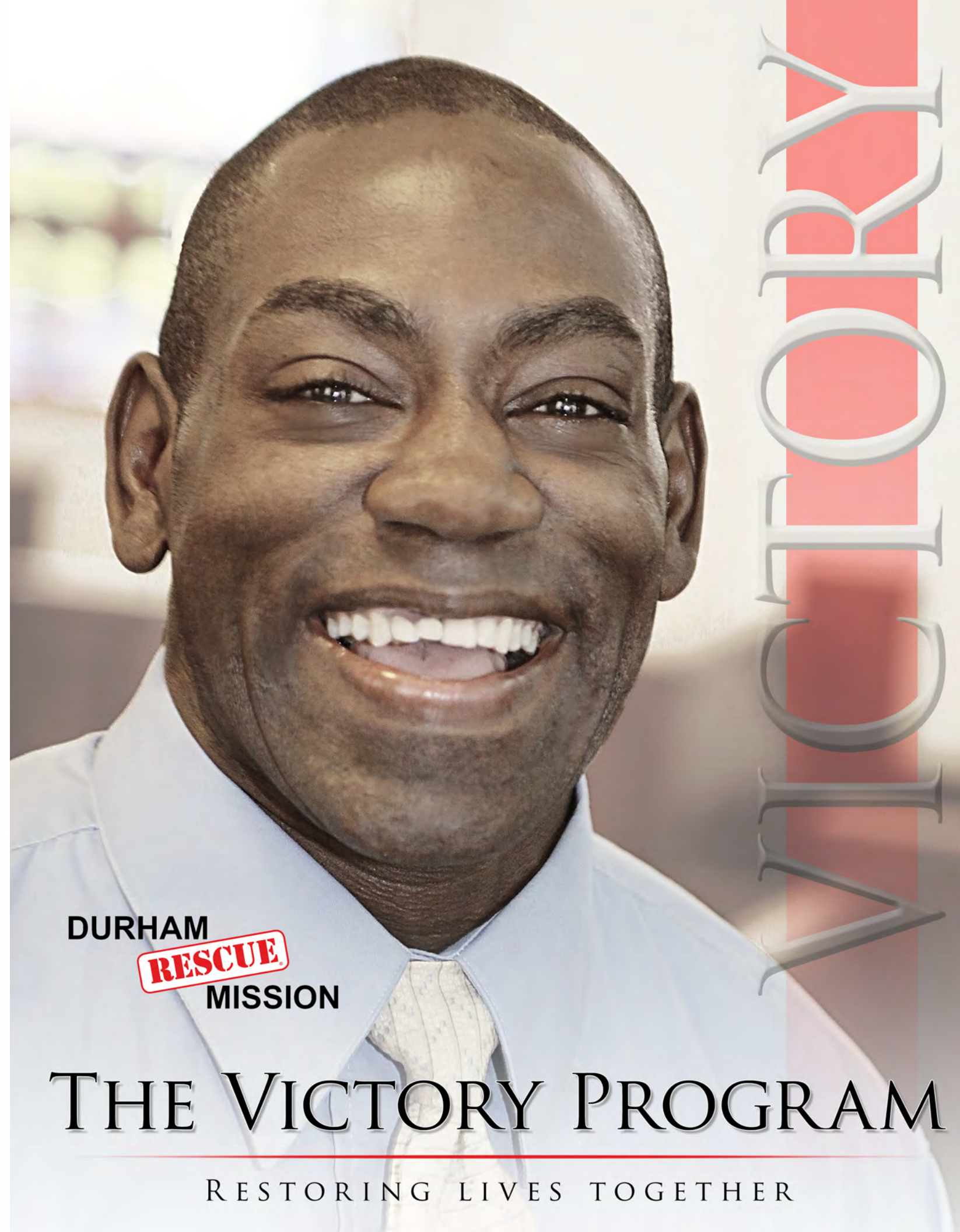
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FULL SCHOLARSHIP INVESTMENT
\$5,000.00 *

TUITION ONLY SCHOLARSHIP INVESTMENT
\$3,000.00

*FIGURES REPRESENT TUITION FOR ONE STUDENT AND ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING: FOOD, ROOM, BOARD, AND VICTORY PROGRAM COSTS.

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THE VICTORY PROGRAM

RESTORING LIVES TOGETHER

THE JOURNEY TO VICTORY

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September 11, 2001 - I will never forget this black day. On the streets of New York City, I stood looking at the twin towers as the second plane flew with disgusting determination into a building full of civilians. The overall shock of this event still haunts me, along with the nauseating truth that some of my very close friends had died. Instantly, I was changed as I watched this vile act occur before my very eyes.

Up to this point, my life was typical of someone who focused on materialism. I began my career by attending Manhattan College, where I graduated with a BA in Marketing. I worked as a sales executive in the clothing and apparel industry for over twenty-seven years in New York City and Dallas, TX. During all this time, I drank socially. I was able to function at a high level of competency and thankfully never lost a job.

“I found it easy to become a full-time alcoholic with no desire to stop.”

to stop. I soon found myself in North Carolina and for the next three years, my dependency on alcohol increased. I lost all desire to work. Everything I had in this world; my family, my job, my home, and my dignity, had all vanished. I spent sixty days in late 2005 homeless, living in my car. I was arrested on October 31, 2005 and by the mercy and grace of God, and through the compassion of a kind police officer, I was sent to Veteran’s Hospital in Durham instead of jail.

After 30 days, I was released from the hospital. I found myself homeless, without even my car in which I

had been living. I had no idea where to go; I felt so alone and hopeless. The counselor gave me bus fare to get to the Durham Rescue Mission. As I waited for the bus in front of the VA Hospital, I actually considered throwing myself in front of the bus as I stood on the street crying.

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When I arrived at the Durham Rescue Mission, I stood at the entrance crying. I had gone from having the world, to only having the clothing on my back, which the hospital and a kind nurse had given to me. My fears were soon gone. I was immediately welcomed into the Mission. Very soon, my hopelessness was replaced with a great sense of hope. God had brought me to the place where I needed to be to get the help I desperately needed. My life began to change slowly at first. My dignity was restored and I regained my self-respect. The Mission provided me with a roof over my head, food, and clothing, enabling me to begin the long journey of restoring my life, but the greatest thing I received was the good news of God’s love.

After coming to the Durham Rescue Mission, I found out about the Victory Program and applied for admittance. It turned out to be a great decision for me. The bible study strengthened my relationship with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It afforded me the wonderful opportunity to take a time-out in my life. I was able to pause and think about how I ended up at the bottom of the abyss due to an avid addiction to alcohol, and how I had destroyed all the relationships in my life. The Victory Program was a shining light in the pitch black night.



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THE VICTORY PROGRAM

ONE LIFE AT A TIME

The Victory Program is twelve-month holistic recovery program designed to help people recover from a lifestyle of addictions and return to the workforce investing back into the community. The goal is to help men and women break the cycle of addiction through biblical principles and reconcile them with God and their families.



PHASE I

Learning A BETTER WAY

The first phase of the program is a sixth month period where residents receive in-depth instruction in areas critical to building a solid foundation for lasting success. Classes are geared towards the message of hope through Christ and the reshaping of their paradigm of how to handle the pressures and pains of life.



- Addiction Education
- Family Health
- Christian Discipleship
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Healthy Relationships
- Personal Finance
- Work Ethics
- Computer Literacy
- Career Planning

PHASE III

Apprenticeship AND TRANSITION

This phase is a time for men and women to continue their sobriety in a supportive environment while establishing a solid employment history in one of the departments of the Mission. Graduates may attend school or receive vocational training with financial assistance from the Durham Rescue Mission through the GlaxoSmithKline educational endowment. During the Transitional Living Phase, men and women continue to reside at the Mission while they work to obtain permanent employment, save needed start up funds, seek affordable housing, and continue educational and vocational development.

PHASE II

Accountability THROUGH EMPLOYMENT

During the second phase of the program the residents learn skill and trade. They are implementing the principles learned during the first phase and furthering their journey of restoring relationships. Founder Ernie Mills summarizes the Victory Program in the following way, “In the first six months we teach the residents how to live. In the second six months we teach them how to make a living.”

- Employment
- Accountability
- Biblical Counseling
- Transition
- Personal Finance
- Legal Aid

