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**RESCUE**

MISSION

*Mending Shattered Lives Since 1974*

**“... now, having been so blessed, I have the joy of returning the favor to others who need the loving touch of our Lord and Savior.”**



## From a life of drugs, alcohol and despair . . . *into the arms of a loving, living God.*

**M**y name is Karen. When I think of where I once was and where I am today, I can only see my life as a miracle from God. In my early years I lived for alcohol and drugs. I came from an alcoholic home, but it wasn't my family's fault that I became a substance abuser. I made those choices all on my own . . . *and those choices just about destroyed my life.*

I'm happy to tell you I've now been clean and sober since March 2011. I never thought I'd be able to say something like that. The most important thing for me is

that I'm being trusted again. Also, I have a wonderful job as a receptionist in a county government office with opportunities of advancement. *Who would have thought a former addict, prostitute and street person would finally make something of her life!*

**You remind me of all the good people in this world**

Yes, I give God the credit for saving my soul . . . and I'll be eternally grateful to the Durham Rescue Mission and my counselors for showing me the way to Jesus. But

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I also want to thank you who support the Mission. God continues to use you to open my heart to new insights into God's Word. He also uses you to remind me how many good people there are in this world.

Today, I have a purpose for living. My son is living with me at the Mission. And now, having been so blessed, I have the joy of returning the favor to others who need the loving touch of our Lord and Savior. Thank you for the blessing you continue to be in my life.

Your friend,

*Karen*

## *An Encouraging Word from the Founders Dr. and Mrs. Ernie Mills*

**Dear Friend of the Durham Rescue Mission,**

**Y**ou've just read Karen's testimony of how God continues to work in her life. What she didn't tell you was that she once gave up all parental rights to her nine-year-old son. She was so deep in her addiction she felt it would be better if her boy was on his own.

But today Karen is a woman of faith. She is a responsible mother, active in a local church, employed, and is a law abiding, tax paying citizen. And Karen is just one of thousands who come through the doors of the Durham Rescue Mission.

**From the darkness of sin . . . into God's glorious light**

Recently a friend asked us *how do you know when your prayers are answered?* We simply said . . . *look at the changed lives. Look at the renewed relationships . . . see how people who once lived in darkness now live in God's glorious light.*

And you play a major role in this transformation. Were it not for your prayers, financial support and acts of service there would be no Durham Rescue Mission. But there *is* a Mission, and our doors never close. Those doors were open for Karen and the welcome mat was out for Ron at their greatest points of need. Now as we expand our facilities, even more men, women and children will be able to find hope in their darkened world. Because we know you have a heart for the poor and the homeless, we thank you in advance for your continued support. God bless you and keep you always.

Sincerely,

*Ernie & Gail*

Ernie & Gail Mills, Founders



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## ***Giving and Receiving . . . it's***

**T**he computer used to compose this message is powered by electricity. Even though we can't see them, electrons continue to flow into the computer and then back out.

In this simple example, electrical energy has value *only* when it flows in both directions. Think of the water that flows through the hundreds of feet of pipes in your house or apartment. You use that water for drinking, bathing, washing clothes and dishes. Then, unless things go terribly wrong, that water flows back out.

So what is the message?

An abundant, fulfilling life involves both giving and receiving. When you give your hard-earned money to reach out to our neighbors in need . . . when you use your influence for good . . . and when you volunteer your time to help



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**M**y name is Ron. There aren't enough words in the English language to express my gratitude to God, the Durham Rescue Mission and to you who invest so much of your time and money to help someone like me.

For too many years, cocaine was my god. I was raised in a beautiful Christian home. But after college, I figured my way was the best way. Wrong decision. My police officer brother tried to persuade me to change my lifestyle. My godly mother pleaded with me to seek help. But I was headstrong. I didn't listen.

I've never been to jail . . . but I could see it coming. One day out, of desperation, I came to the Mission — a place I'd driven by a thousand times. But I didn't stay long. I still wanted to live life on my own terms. Then, a year ago, I returned to this place of rescue, this time determined to give the Victory Program a try. One day, I heard a sermon — and the theme was: *drugs and alcohol are not dragging you down. You will never change until you have a heart change for God.*

Those words hit me like a ton of bricks. That was the day that turned my life around.

Today, I get up an hour early to pray. I pray for our guests, the Mission's leadership and for you who give so much of yourselves to help so many of us who've lost our way. I also pray: *God, make me the man you want me to be.* I came to the Mission with nothing. Today, I have more than I need. But most of all, I have a living Lord who lives in my heart. Thank you and God bless you.

Your friend,  
*Ron*

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## Annual Back to School Party & Cookout —

Thursday,  
August 16,  
at Noon

**Help at-risk  
children in  
the Triangle  
prepare to  
start a new  
school year.**



### Donations needed:

You may share a gift online at our secure website [www.DurhamRescueMission.org](http://www.DurhamRescueMission.org) or use the enclosed envelope.

### Volunteers needed to help:

- \* Set up
- \* Serve
- \* Clean up

Call **919-688-9641, ext. 5025** to register or visit [www.DurhamRescueMission.org](http://www.DurhamRescueMission.org) for more details.

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## The Center for Hope

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ARE POURED.

*Did you know* you can watch the construction of the Center for Hope from your computer? Visit [www.DurhamRescueMission.org](http://www.DurhamRescueMission.org) and select the Center for Hope tab, scroll down, and click on Here to view the real-time camera at the construction site.

## s always a two-way street

those who come to the Durham Rescue Mission with physical and spiritual concerns, *you give of yourself.* And when you give, you also receive the joy and satisfaction that your act of kindness is providing someone with hope for one more day.

### The Durham Rescue Mission relies on your friendship and ongoing support to help those in need

To give your donation today to provide nourishing food, clean clothing, safe shelter and God's love to those in despair, please use the remit slip enclosed, or make your donation on our secure website [www.DurhamRescueMission.org](http://www.DurhamRescueMission.org). Continue to know the joy of giving by sharing part of yourself with others. Thank you for your kindness and generosity toward the needy during the summer months and throughout the year.

# Mission's First Annual "Grip It 'N Rip It" Golf Classic

On August 10, 2012, at the newly renovated Hillandale Golf Course, the Durham Rescue Mission will be holding our first golf classic. All proceeds will benefit the Mission's efforts to help the addicted and homeless in the Triangle. Our sponsor is **Couch Oil Company**. We will have a Hole In One Challenge with a prize of a new vehicle donated by **University Ford of Durham**. To learn more, visit **[www.DurhamRescueMission.org/GolfClassic](http://www.DurhamRescueMission.org/GolfClassic)**

## First Quarter 2012 Stats

✓ Nights Lodging	21,340
✓ Meals Served	54,020
✓ Clothing Items	3,701
✓ Counseling Hours	3,038
✓ Vocational Hours	118,894
✓ Average Daily Residents	237

*We thank you!*

## Our Mission Statement . . .

Our mission is to meet, through the power of Jesus Christ, the needs of the whole person — spiritual, educational, emotional, physical, vocational, and social — so those who are hurting may become fully functioning members of society.

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## Chaplain's Corner Rev. D. Robert Tart, COO

*"For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."*

Matthew 6:8



The child of God can rest assured that the Father's ear is tuned to His children. Prayer is a wonderful gift from God allowing us to share our needs and the needs of others with our Heavenly Father.

God answers unselfish prayers. When we are concerned about others' needs, we can trust God for our needs.

Our prayers should be that of **Proverbs 30:8-9**, which says that we would be neither rich nor poor. Riches can cause us to take our eyes off God, and poverty can make us vulnerable to temptation. The balance is found in trusting our Lord and praying for others.



## My Summertime Gift

**YES, Ernie and Gail . . .**

it's a privilege to play a role in the life-changing work of the Durham Rescue Mission.

**That's why I'm giving my gift of:**

- ☐ \$20.50 to provide **10 meals** and other assistance
- ☐ \$30.75 to provide **15 meals** and other assistance
- ☐ \$61.50 to provide **30 meals** and other assistance
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to provide as many meals and as much care as possible.
- ☐ Please bill my credit card
- ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER

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