

2013 FALL VICTORY GRADUATION



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Congratulations Graduates!

You truly are our joy and crown! Graduating from the Victory Program is a tremendous accomplishment. Over one year of your life has been dedicated to learning biblical principles, educational advancement, job training and placement, and so much more. We are so proud of you for reaching this incredible milestone.

Please remember that although you have completed the Victory Program, true Victory is a life-long journey. What you have learned at the Durham Rescue Mission is only the beginning. Our prayer is that you will continue in this journey and allow Christ to be your guide and companion... II Timothy 3:14 "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned."

Your success is what motivates us each and every day. We are so thankful for all of you!

May God continue to bless you,
Dr. and Mrs. Mills





Congratulations Ladies!

Dear Graduates,

It has been quite a journey from the moment you came through the gates of the Durham Rescue Mission to your walk down the aisle today. We, the staff, are proud of the way you have “stayed the course” and finished this phase of your race.

Remember, victory is not just the classes but a life long journey. The biblical lessons you’ve learned must be applied to all aspects of your life from this day forward to ensure Victory.

We pray you understand that the steps you take now will have an impact on the rest of your life and encourage you to consider all of your options prayerfully. Whether you choose to continue your education or to go straight to work is a major life decision. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as you embark on the next phase of your life.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cooper





Women Graduates



Kim Brown

"I'm thankful that the Mills had compassion for people who are down on their luck and give them a second chance."

Employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store



Felecia Faust

"The Durham Rescue Mission has been a family to me when there was none. I appreciate The Mills' dedication to making a difference in the lives of hurting people."

Employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store



Jaleesah Hamilton

"It's truly a blessing to be in a place where I can think, and evaluate myself and my relationship with God. It hasn't been the easiest task, but certainly one of the greatest. I am forever thankful."

Employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store



Michelle Williams

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to learn how to live my life according to God's word. This has given me a chance to restore my relationship with my parents, for which I am very thankful."

Employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store



Men Graduates



Congratulations Men!

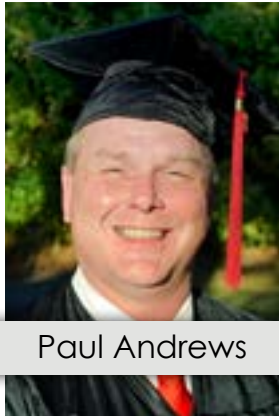
It is my pleasure to congratulate you on this great accomplishment. It was no simple task to finish this phase of your life. For many of you the amount of studying you have completed was daunting and seemingly insurmountable. But you have completed it!

You have finished what you started. You have shown yourselves to be worthy of honor today. It is my prayer for you that you would continue to examine yourselves as you walk in the light of God's truth long after you leave this place (1 John 1:5-9).

As you consider your future service to the Lord, remember that God calls every Christian man to two purposes in life: 1) Religious purpose and 2) Vocational purpose. Remember that Adam ruined his vocational purpose after he failed in his religious purpose. God has a purpose for your life. Don't neglect the things of the Lord. Build the rest of your life on God's purpose for your existence.

Sincerely,
Rev D. Robert Tart





Paul Andrews

"I came to the Durham Rescue Mission a broken and bitter man. Through learning the Scriptures in the Victory Program, my anger turned to love and my rebellious spirit was humbled. **I am now enrolled in Cedar Grove Bible College and finished the first semester with a scholarship from the Mission.**"

Works in the Durham Rescue Mission Volunteer Department



Kendrick Bledsoe

"I lost everything due to drugs and alcohol. After completing the Victory Program, **I have an apartment** of my own again, my health has been restored, and the relationship with my daughter has been restored, enabling me to pay her college tuition. **I've become a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant and I'm currently studying for a certification in phlebotomy"**



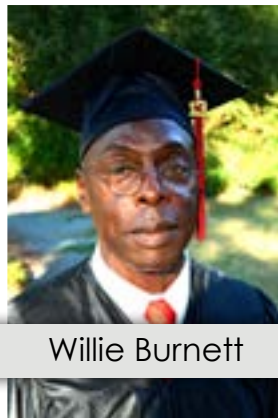
Matthew Brandon

"I had been struggling with a drug and alcohol addiction for about 12 years. I came to the Durham Rescue Mission to get my life back. Since I've been here at the Mission **I have a great job, cooking at the Marriott hotels. I also go to the Culinary School at the Art Institute of Raleigh Durham.** God has blessed me with a wonderful family and continues to bless me daily."



Ernest Brooks

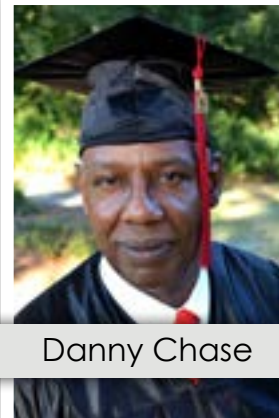
“When I came to the Durham Rescue Mission I was spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally bankrupt. I dedicated my life to the Lord and to the one year Victory Program. After completing the classroom portion God provided **a job with Williams Coatings! I am also enrolled in Cedar Grove Bible College.**”



Willie Burnett

“After being in and out of jail, I realized I needed to find a drug free environment. In July 2012, I walked through the gates of the Durham Rescue Mission. I have been drug free and worry free every since. I love sharing my testimony with people. I can see God working in my life.”

**Employed at the
Durham Rescue
Mission Thrift Store**



Danny Chase

“After many years of turmoil, including jail and two failed marriages, I was removed from my self-induced prison and arrived at the Durham Rescue Mission. There I rededicated my life to God and now enjoy spiritual freedom. Words will never express my sincere gratitude for what God and the Rescue Mission have done.”

**Works as a Durham Rescue
Mission Encourager**

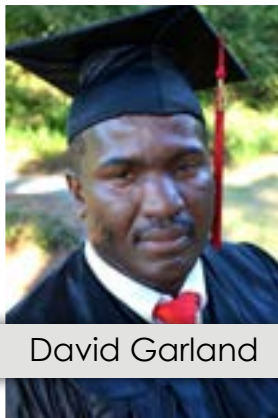


Wesley Clippard

Graduated the Victory Program

Raising his daughter

Employed



David Garland

"I came to the Durham Rescue Mission with a purpose of changing my life. I knew joining the Victory Program was the answer because it drew me closer to God. Knowing God is in my life, I will never drink alcohol again. **I plan to pass my GED and go to college for an A+ Certification and Network Certificate.**"
Works in the Durham Rescue Mission Welcome Center



Donald Grantham

"When I came to the Durham Rescue Mission I was lost, spiritually and mentally. By going through the Victory Program it helped me understand about my faith and salvation. Thanks to the Durham Rescue Mission for everything."

Employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store





Calvin Miller

"I had spent 10 years drinking and smoking drugs. After coming to the Durham Rescue Mission, I joined the Victory Program. I'd like to thank the staff for treating me like an equal. I'm taking things one day at a time."

Employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store. Currently a student at Durham Tech, studying for his GED



Eric Lloyd

"I came to the Mission 16 months ago. I needed God in my life. I regained my spiritual life in the Lord. I am now a family man and the Lord has blessed me with a job. I have a loving family, the Victory Alumni."

Employed at Pizza Inn



Joel Payne

"I came to the Durham Rescue Mission and gave my life to Christ. While in the Victory Program I was the Education Assistant to Chaplain Holloway, **which gave me the opportunity to go to school to renew my certificates as a nursing assistant I & II. I am now employed at Duke Regional Hospital.**"



Gerald Smith

“I checked in and out of the Durham Rescue Mission several times because I had not submitted to God's will. After a long battle with drugs, I finally asked Jesus Christ to enter into my life. Now my family is back in my life. **I now work as the lead supervisor at the Mission through the Apprenticeship Program and I am enrolled in Guilford Tech Community College studying Business Administration.**”



Otis Whitted

“I lost my job, but I continued selling drugs. I became my best customer. I did crack cocaine for 15 years before I realized I needed help. I nearly lost my life. Through God, the Durham Rescue Mission gave me my life back. A few years ago I was an addict, today I'm living for Jesus as His servant.”

Works at the Front Desk in the Center for Hope

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