

DURHAM

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VICTORY PROGRAM SPRING GRADUATION





THE GRADUATES





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. Gail and I 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,

Ernie & Gail Mills

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Co-Founders

THE WOMEN GRADUATES





Congratulations Ladies!

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.

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,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Lois Cooper". The script is cursive and elegant.

Mrs. Lois Cooper
Director, Women's Ministry



Iris Brandon

"In March 2013 my husband suggested we go to the Durham Rescue Mission. I didn't want to but I did want to save my marriage. Once I opened up to the wonderful staff it became much easier. I now have a job at the Double Tree Hilton. My family and I also found a house and we moved in!"



Taneil Cole

"The Durham Rescue Mission changed my life. My husband and I are reunited, our kids are well fed and safe, and I graduated from the Culinary classes at Durham Tech and now I'm enrolled at the Chef's Academy, pursuing an associate's degree in Pastry Arts."



Chanda Drayton

"Walking through the doors of the Durham Rescue Mission I felt the weight of the world fall from my shoulders. And I've never looked back. I never would have been able to do any of it without God. I am enrolled at NCCU studying Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Early Childhood Education."



Carolyn Harris

"With the Help of the Durham Rescue Mission I have overcome my fear of failure. **I am planning on returning to college in the fall at NCCU in hopes of preparing for future employment.** I've been born again in Christ and have traded fear for faith in God."



Jasmine Hill

"My life now is so much better than what I was doing before. **I work as a cashier for the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store and I'll be moving into my own place. I'll officially start CNA classes July 6th, 2014.**"



Shane Hill

"I can remember how I had spent twenty years of my adult life in the darkness of addiction waiting everyday to die. I know without a doubt if I had not come to the Durham Rescue Mission I would be dead. I am so grateful for the Mills following the vision God has given them to mend the shattered lives of the lost and broken-hearted."



Annie Hilliard

"I came here and my whole life has changed. I am working and not drinking. My son and family are really proud of me now! I thank God and the Mills. I have a job working at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store."



Mindy LaValle

"I am very grateful and thankful to the Durham Rescue Mission for changing my life, without them I don't know where I would be. I now have hope and faith in the Lord."

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



Hope Mitchell

"I was mentally abused and I abused alcohol. I came to the Durham Rescue Mission in 2013 and surrendered my life to God. After working at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift store for the second part of the program I was hired! I now have my own place. Thanks to everyone that helped me know God is real."



Turia Owens

"Coming to the Durham Rescue Mission has helped me provide a better life for me and my children.

Through the Victory Program I learned how to deal with obstacles in a peaceful manner and overcome many challenges."

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



Sarah Plattenberger

"I was very lost with no direction in my life. I went through the Victory Program and I found hope in the only Man that has ever helped me – Jesus Christ. I thought I'd never find work due to my criminal record. I am now **happily employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store.**"



Leigh Ann Shore

"Because of the Durham Rescue Mission I have become a better person, mother, and I am growing in Christ everyday."

**Lead Supervisor at the
Good Samaritan Inn
Women, Children, and
In-tact Family Division**



Linda Mae Smith

"I am grateful the Mills had the insight to start a place for people who have nowhere else to turn. I love the Mission. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Mills. To God be the Glory."

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



Terri Turner

"After many rehabs and institutions I heard about the Durham Rescue Mission. Right off the bat I knew it was a Christian program and that was the only thing I hadn't tried, God! I came to the Mission and joined the Victory Program. I now work at Family Dollar."

THE 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
Chief Operating Officer



Elijah Baker

"I was addicted to crack for thirty-nine years. A friend told me about the Durham Rescue Mission. I joined the Victory Program and found out about God and His reason for creating me. **My plans are to get my GED and go to Durham Tech for welding so I can be productive again.**"



Wilburt Bostick

"I moved from Chicago to North Carolina and I was unable to find work. I used my savings to pay my rent. After a year and no work I had to leave. I came to the Durham Rescue Mission on New Years 2013. I now work in the Mission's Maintenance Department. **I plan to own my own business making custom clocks.**"



Terry Brandon

"In March 2013 I came to the Durham Rescue Mission to get my self back on track from my addiction. I learned how to understand God's Word. Now **I am working for Ansco and Associates in Garner, NC.** I would like to thank the Durham Rescue Mission for their support and teaching me how God can make my life better."



Robert Browning

"I came to the Durham Rescue Mission in February 2013. When I came to the Mission I was broken mentally, physically, and spiritually. I went through the victory Program and that was truly a blessing."



Curtis Burwell

"I came to the Durham Rescue Mission in 2006 but decided the Victory Program wasn't for me. Now I am truly thankful my "Lord and Savior" watched over me until I could make it back in September 2012. Now I'm saved through and by God's grace and mercy. Thank God for the Mills."



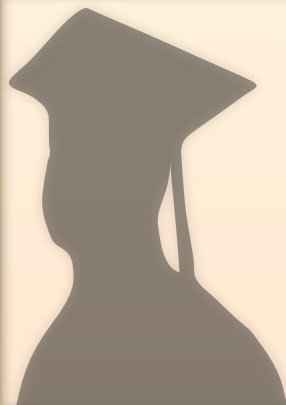
Juan Ruiz Diaz

"Before coming to the Durham Rescue Mission I had a problem with alcohol. But after joining the Victory Program my life began to change. The Durham Rescue Mission allowed me to make that change. **I am currently working at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store as a cashier.**"



JaHan Drayton

"When I first came to the Durham Rescue Mission I was making bad decisions for my life and my family. One of the best decisions I ever made was the day I joined the Victory Program. **I am now enrolled in the Telecommunications program at Durham Tech.**"



Brandon Eure

"I came to the Durham Rescue Mission on the condition from court that I complete the Victory Program, and I succeeded. **I am now enrolled in my second semester in Nutritional Science at Durham Tech and have plans of transferring to NCCU after another year.**"



Avery Ferguson

"My life was in a state of chaos. I was recently divorced and to make matters worse I was a crack addict. I heard about the Durham Rescue Mission and made the decision to come. I entered the Victory Program and in the second phase **I found a job.** I have now graduated from the Victory Program and know that it is the best thing."



Grant Freeman

"I came to accept the Lord as my personal Savior back in 1977 but I allowed pride and rebellion to take over. After completing a program at another Mission I felt I still needed help. The Durham Rescue Mission allowed me to continue my studies through the Victory Program as an **Encourager** during my stay here."



Kirk Hart

"I've grown closer to Jesus while being at the Durham Rescue Mission."



Paul Hemphill

"I tried a vast variety of treatments for my drug and alcohol addiction but it wasn't until I tried Jesus, at the Durham Rescue Mission, that made the difference in my life! The Durham Rescue Mission helped me help myself through the power of Christ."



Jamie Owens

"After the death of my mother in April 2012 I came home and began living in sin. In Sept. 2012 I knew I needed a change so I came to the Durham Rescue Mission. Listening and studying God's Word my life began to change. I **received a Serve Safe certification from Durham Tech and I am currently the lead supervisor.**"



Angelo Ray

"Before coming to the Durham Rescue Mission I was smoking crack cocaine everyday. After completing the Victory Program I no longer have a desire for drugs, thank God I am free!"



John Reeves III

"Upon completing the first part of the Victory Program I **was made an encourager which gave me a chance to spread God's Word. I am also enrolled in Cedar Grove Baptist College to help further and strengthen my walk with Christ.**"



Benjamin Scurry

"On April 2, 2013 I checked into the Durham Rescue Mission. I was jobless, homeless, and had no direction in my life. Now completing the Victory Program I **am employed at North Carolina Central University Cafeteria**. I would like to thank the Durham Rescue Mission for everything."



Mickey Thomas

"When I came to the Durham Rescue Mission and joined the Victory Program I was taught the Bible by very godly teachers. I met a lady at the Durham Rescue Mission. We courted and were married. I **now own and operate my own company, M & M Roofing and Construction!**"



Gregory Turner

"Before coming to the Durham Rescue Mission I was not serving the Lord. I was serving myself. I started drinking, I was homeless, and had no purpose in my life. After completing the Victory Program I am married and **I work at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store.**"



Anthony Wilfong

"I arrived at the Durham Rescue Mission and found salvation. Now I am a new creature in Christ. I thank God for saving me and I thank God for the Durham Rescue Mission."



Johnny Wilson

"Coming to the Durham Rescue Mission has been a real blessing to me. Now I'm working on my GED and I'm a part of the Next Job Program, learning how to write a resume and properly conduct myself on an interview. My family relationships have really changed, more than I could imagine."



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