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Every **\$2.49** will provide a meal and restorative care!

Give the gift of transformation — starting with a \$2.49 meal

What we want for Christmas looks different than what our neighbors in need are asking for . . . food on the table, warm winter clothes, a warm bed to sleep in.

Ultimately, they're looking for hope — hope that there's restoration for them after wrong choices, broken relationships, and grief.

Men, women, and children who come through our doors can find the hope of the Gospel starting with a Christmas meal you provide. After their empty stomachs are filled, they'll hear about the restorative care available to them at the Durham Rescue Mission.

During this special season of joy and generosity, won't you please give your best gift today to provide Christmas meals and life-changing care?

You'll bless someone with a memorable Christmas and the opportunity to find restoration through Jesus Christ!

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What's your story?

God has given you a story to steward. The Christmas season is a great time to share it! Here are three ways you can pass yours down:

TALK ABOUT TRADITIONS

You'll preserve memories, remember God's goodness, and bring deeper meaning to routines.

INTERVIEW YOURSELF

You don't need to wait for someone to talk to you — do it yourself! Create a list of questions or find some online and share your answers with family and friends.

IMPACT OTHERS

Including a gift in your will to the Durham Rescue Mission is a beautiful opportunity to continue your story beyond your lifetime.

Request our bulletin "4 Ways to Share Your Story This Christmas" to learn more. Reply with the enclosed envelope or contact Ernie and Gail Mills at (919) 491-2041 or mills@rescuelegacyfund.org. Visit christianwill.org/durhamrescuemission to bless your family with an up-to-date will.

Homeward Bound

November 2023

Your support helps guide lost souls home

Halley needed a place to rebuild after grief . . .

YOU gave her help and hope to start a new life for her family!

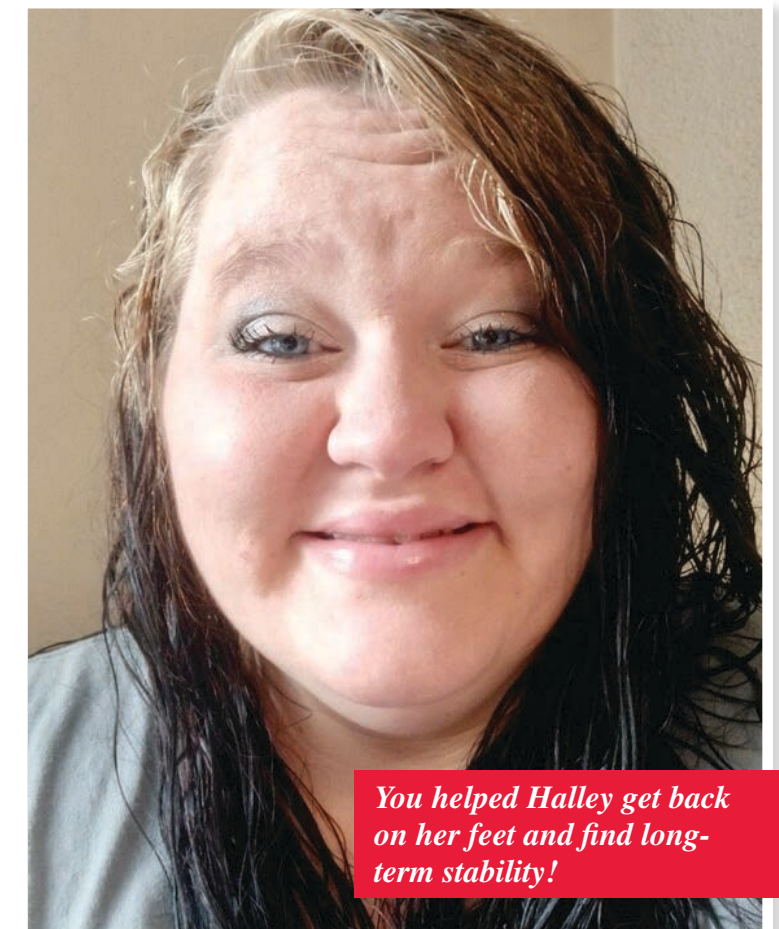
Halley never expected to be walking a road of addiction, abuse, and disappointment. But she found herself lost and heading toward a dead end.

As a young adult, the faith-filled foundation she was raised on began to crumble. "I grew up going to church but veered away after high school," she says.

Halley's loss of faith started a painful journey of addiction and abusive relationships. It was when her mother passed away that she truly hit rock bottom.

Like many others who come through our doors, Halley was discouraged, numbing herself with addiction, and at a loss about how to put the pieces of her life back together. "I prayed to God to guide me," Halley says. "All along, I just needed to listen."

Desperate to start over, Halley packed up her belongings and moved herself and her two children to North Carolina. "I thought moving would fix all my problems," says Halley. Instead, it made her realize she needed to seek help to get back on her feet for good.



You helped Halley get back on her feet and find long-term stability!

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Christmas is around the corner!

Give now to share meals and essential services with people in need

3 EASY WAYS to transform a life this Christmas

1 MAIL one or more of your Meal Tickets with your gift.

2 GIVE ONLINE at DurhamRescueMission.org/ChristmasHope

3 SCAN the QR code to give now



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Transform a life with every \$2.49 Christmas meal you provide!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Why Christmas is a crucial time for our struggling neighbors

No one should spend Christmas hungry, alone, or on the streets . . .

That's why we'll be opening our doors on Friday, December 22, to all in our community who need a place to find hope and help this holiday.

With your support, we'll ensure that as many people as possible receive Christmas care and comfort. Through games, toys, a prize drawing, free clothing and groceries, and a traditional Christmas meal, each neighbor in need who comes through our doors will experience a holiday to remember.

This outreach means more than you know to men, women, and children who already have little — if anything — to scrape by on. Without the support of you and other friends in our community, our neighbors would spend Christmas with nothing.

Thank you for making this holiday season not only memorable, but transformational for struggling individuals and families!

Making Christmas miracles happen



ROB TART
President & CEO

For most of us, Christmas really is "the most wonderful time of the year." Family traditions, festivities,

home-cooked meals, and more make this season one to look forward to!

However, for our neighbors facing homelessness, hunger, or addiction, it's not the most wonderful time of the year. Instead of comfort and joy, they feel hopeless and afraid.

Christmas at the Durham Rescue Mission is more than just the most wonderful time of the year — it's one of the most crucial seasons of ministry and a perfect opportunity to reach those who feel lost with glorious Gospel hope.

You can make Christmas miracles happen for our struggling neighbors. It starts with a nourishing meal.

Today, I hope you'll begin a new holiday tradition of generosity by helping to provide Christmas meals. Your gift will do more than fill an empty stomach — it will provide an opportunity to overcome the cycle of homelessness!

D. Robert Tart



Halley and her daughter have hope and a home this Christmas — thanks to you!



Halley's story . . . (Continued from pg. 1)

"I was sleeping on a relative's couch and knew that wasn't okay for me or my kids," says Halley. "I prayed and prayed for God to send me to a place where I could follow him and show my kids the right way to live."

That place was the Durham Rescue Mission.

Here, Halley didn't have to spend all her energy on surviving anymore. Instead, she could focus on rebuilding a beautiful life for herself and her kids.

Through our Victory Program, Halley was able to lay

down a solid foundation for the next chapter of her life. Her future was finally looking hopeful again — thanks to your support.

"The Mission has done and continues to do so much for me and my kids," says Halley. "God deserves all the credit. Praise Him!"

This Christmas season, you can help a hurting neighbor find a fresh start and restoration in Jesus Christ — just like you helped Halley!

