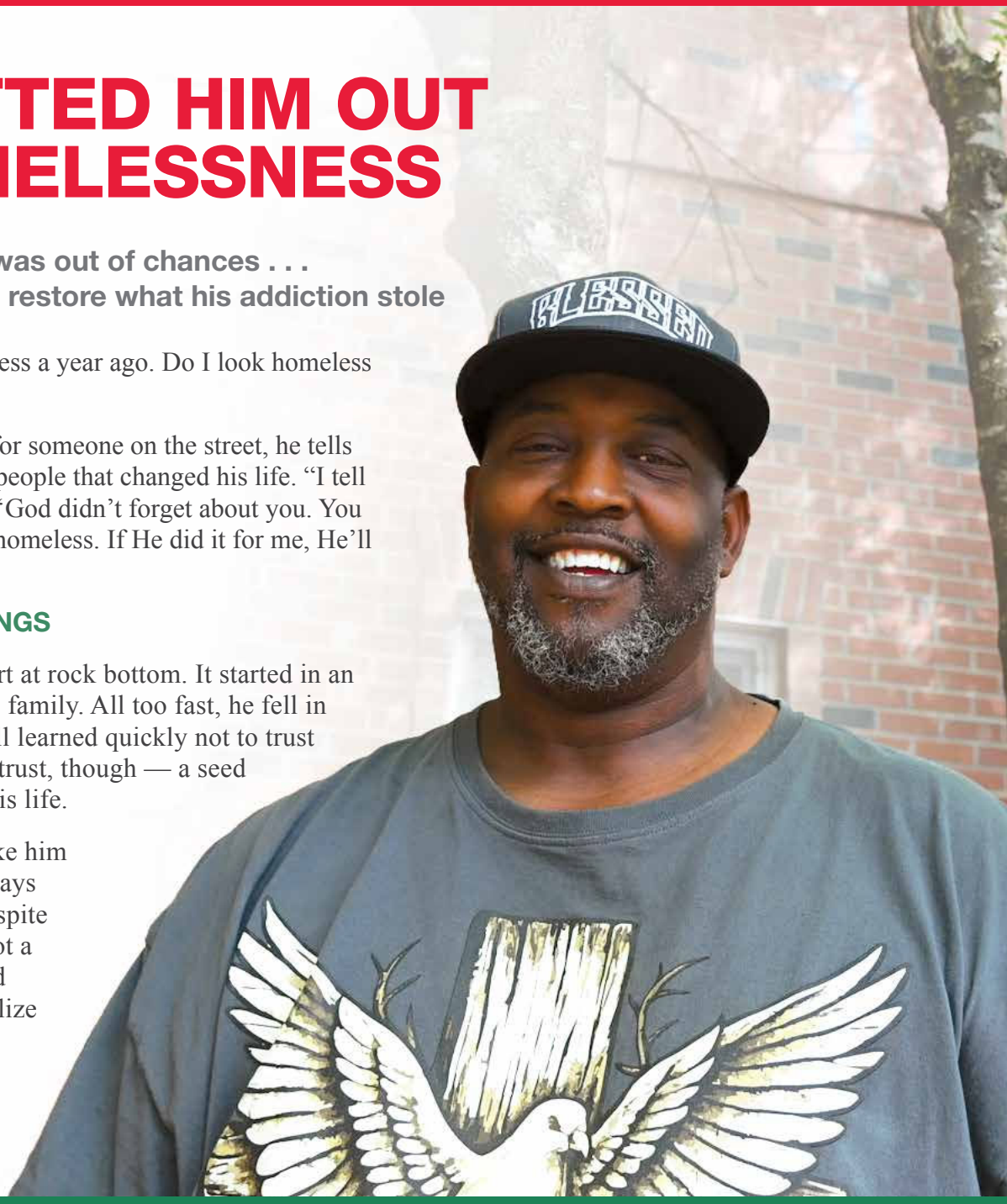
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Homeward Bound

Your support helps guide lost souls home

YOU LIFTED HIM OUT OF HOMELESSNESS

Kendall thought he was out of chances . . . then you helped him restore what his addiction stole



"Look at me. I was homeless a year ago. Do I look homeless to you?"

Whenever Kendall stops for someone on the street, he tells them about the place and people that changed his life. "I tell men struggling out there, 'God didn't forget about you. You don't have to be out here homeless. If He did it for me, He'll do it for you.'"

REDEEMING ALL THINGS

Kendall's story didn't start at rock bottom. It started in an ordinary home with a full family. All too fast, he fell in with a bad crowd. Kendall learned quickly not to trust people. One thing he did trust, though — a seed of faith planted early in his life.

Kendall's aunt used to take him to church as a boy. "I always knew Jesus," he says. Despite his roots, it would take not a second chance, but a third chance for Kendall to realize

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You can transform a life with every $2.



Every $2.95 provides a meal and restorative care!

Victory Program graduate Kendall is now a strong father, grandfather, and man of God — thanks to you!

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

that God's mercy was stronger than the power of addiction and shame.

"The first time I came to the Mission, I was very rebellious," says Kendall. "I thought I had it under control."

Kendall returned home to his wife and family. When his home and marriage began to fall apart, and Kendall had nowhere to go, the pain drove him right back to drugs and alcohol. He knew where he had to go.

"There's no recovery without Jesus"
— Kendall

MORE THAN A MEAL

Kendall remembers walking back through our doors and sitting down for a meal. *Am I really here?* he thought. The hot meal you provided was his moment of clarity. "It was strength. It was motivation," says Kendall. "It was a little pain, embarrassment, disappointment. But on the other side is victory."

Kendall says the first time he came to the Durham Rescue Mission, he didn't "stay and let the miracle happen." This time was different. Today, thanks to you, he's seeing "a miraculous change."

"There's no recovery without Jesus," says Kendall. "That's the biggest change."

Kendall now has a firm faith, a living-wage job, and a dream of starting his own business one day — so he can hire men straight from the Mission and give them the same chance he was given. He has many triumphs to praise God for. One of the greatest is hearing his daughter say, "I got my daddy back."

Thank you for helping Kendall rebuild his life!

CHRISTMAS STORIES

What your neighbors say about your compassion . . .

Men, women, and children who've experienced homelessness and hunger will be full of hope this Christmas because of you. They wanted to tell you themselves just how priceless your generosity is!



"What they do for the kids here at Christmas is a blessing. My kids woke up and were able to have a Christmas where they got toys. I got to see the smiles on my babies' faces. I really want to say thank you."

— Chynah

"Ever since I came here, I've had a solid foundation to continue rebuilding my life completely. So really, I just can't thank you enough. Keep doing what you're doing."

— Max



You make Christmas unforgettable for families!

For moms and dads who spend their days worrying about how they'll afford rent, where their children will sleep, or what they can scrounge up for dinner, the chance to enjoy a Christmas meal together is priceless.



The Mission expects to serve 50,000 hot meals and provide safe shelter to over 500 men, women, and children every night. **It's all possible because of you!** Every detail — from gifts to decorations to home-cooked food — points to the true joy of Christ.

Making room



ROB TART
President & CEO

There's a moment in the Christmas story we often rush past. Before the shepherds. Before the star, and even before the manger.

It's Mary and Joseph, far from home, with nowhere to lay their heads.

Every day at the Durham Rescue Mission, men, women, and children walk through our doors carrying that same weight. I'm so thankful that you help us make room.

When you give, God has a way of showing up in the most ordinary places . . . because that's where the need — and the miracle — is.

Your generosity makes room. Not just for a warm bed and hot meal, though that matters more than you know. Your generosity makes room for a man to become a father again, room for a woman to heal from abuse, and room for eternal hope to change lives.

The men, women, and children who come to us this season aren't looking for a handout. They're looking for somewhere to belong — somewhere safe so they can rebuild their lives.

Thank you for making room for our neighbors the rest of the world has stopped making room for.

A $2.95 Christmas meal will open the door to lasting change

The fix-all solution to homelessness isn't a roof. And the answer to hunger isn't food alone.

Yet at the Durham Rescue Mission, something miraculous happens when you start simple and meet immediate needs with a hot meal.

For just $2.95, you can provide a full Christmas dinner for a neighbor in need. That nourishing meal will open the door to Christ-centered recovery care, financial stability, community, and joy. Every one of those things and more is what it takes to help one person break the cycle of poverty.

That meal is where healing begins. It's the first dignifying step for a man, woman, or child who walks through our doors this Christmas. Please give your best gift knowing the powerful impact of a seat at the table this holiday season.



Every $2.95 will provide a meal and life-changing services!





YOU can restore a neighbor's life this Christmas season!

Giving is simple. Here are **3 EASY WAYS** you can lift someone out of homelessness and hunger:

1. MAIL your gift, reply form, and Meal Tickets in the enclosed envelope.



2. GIVE ONLINE at DurhamRescueMission.org/ChristmasHope.



3. SCAN the QR code to give now.

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