

Rescue Mission of Trenton



Anecdotes of Success Stories:

A woman in the local community has rarely stayed in the Emergency Shelter. She lives in an abandoned building in the area. Lately, she has been coming in more frequently — through the back door just to check in, or through the front door to shower and ask for a change of clothes. She is now talking about the possibility of seeking treatment and housing. Little by little, lives are changing for the better.

A veteran familiar to the Rescue Mission struggled with a heroin addiction for 30 years. He was encouraged to accept an offer of treatment through our partner provider, Soldier On. He is now thriving in the program and calls on a regular basis to express his gratitude to all who “never gave up” on him. He successfully completed the program and received an offer from the veterans to work for them. He remains healthy and happy and continues to call.

When one of our case managers first started at the Rescue Mission, she met with a colleague who said, “Sometimes, we have to be the hope holders for those who have given up.” She was reminded of that statement recently when an eight-year client of the Mission, who rarely smiled, told her that she would be moving into her own apartment within the next couple of weeks. This woman, for so long, refused all efforts to meet with anyone. Through the persistence of those around her and a gradual building of trust, she slowly turned outward and believed that good things could come to her. She now receives Supplemental Security Income and is engaged with her case worker. She also smiles.