



**A MESSAGE FROM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SHERRY
PITNEY**

Dear Friends,

*But since you excel in everything —
in faith, in speech, in knowledge,
in complete earnestness and in
the love we have kindled in you —
see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”*

– 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

I'd read this New Testament passage many times before, but recently it swelled with meaning as I thought about you and other Mission friends and what we accomplished together in 2017.

I'm deeply grateful for your partnership, which allowed the Mission to move men, women and children from homelessness to hope.

This annual report shares the results of your compassion: meals served ... shelter provided ... guidance offered. And with the opening of our Works! Center and Remade, your generosity is empowering men and women with training and skills that lead to employment, self-esteem and stability.

Through the grace of your giving, we will continue to transform lives physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Partners in Hope,

Sherry Pitney

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Executive Director

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ECFA provides accreditation in leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, transparency, fundraising and board governance.



The Mission is a certified member in good standing of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions. www.agrm.org



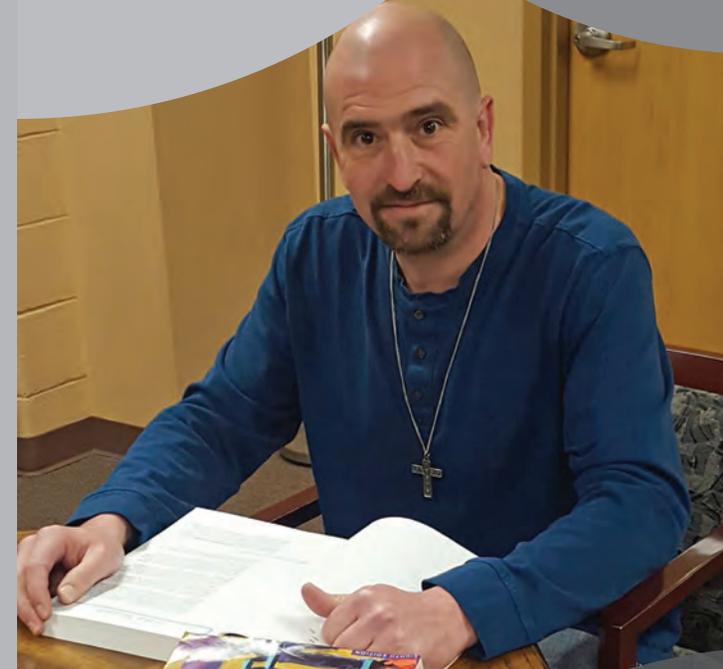
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**CHANGING
LIVES THROUGH
YOUR GENEROSITY**

Rockford Rescue Mission shares hope and help in Jesus' name to move people from homelessness and despair toward personal and spiritual wholeness.



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Our staff lives out these words every day as we minister to the hungry, homeless and near homeless men, women and children through Christ-centered services and programs that bring healing, hope and wholeness.

MEN'S CRISIS CENTER

We provided 20,697 nights of shelter for 847 men. The guidance shared in 3,079 Case Management sessions helped 63 men obtain employment, and 703 secured housing.

MEN'S LIFE RECOVERY

It was a blessing to meet with 83 men for counseling and spiritual teaching and to give them the tools necessary for recovery and transition back into our community. Transitional housing and Aftercare were also offered to men finishing the program.

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

We opened our doors to 398 women and 139 children to provide a total of 12,217 nights of shelter. Through 2,012 Case Management sessions, 285 women obtained stable housing, and 78 secured employment.

WOMEN'S LIFE RECOVERY

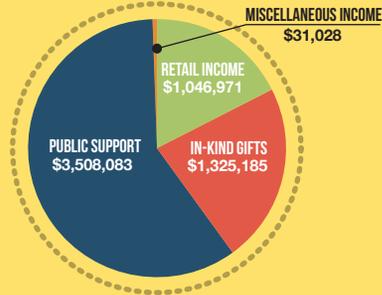
The 47 women in our recovery program received 1,162 Case Management sessions, private counseling, and training to help them overcome domestic violence, trauma, and substance abuse. Aftercare was also given as the women transitioned to independent living.

FOOD SERVICE

Hundreds of men, women and children joined us three times a day for meals, for a total of 132,916 meals served. Our generous community donated 250,149 pounds of fresh, frozen and canned food items.

2016 FINANCES:

INCOMING FUNDS \$



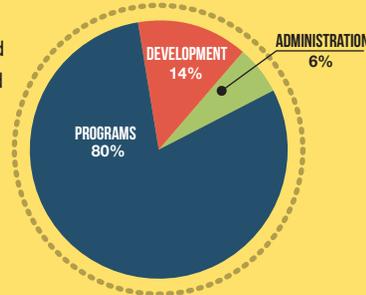
INCOMING FUNDS

All funds come from friends who care for neighbors in need. We receive no government funding support.

FUND DISTRIBUTION

You can be confident your donations are used in the most efficient and God-honoring ways. More than 80% of your gifts go directly for programs to help people!

FUND DISTRIBUTION %



An audited financial statement is available upon request.

YOUR SUPPORT PROVIDED:



132,916

Meals Provided



49,506

Nights of Lodging



201,516

Clothing & Personal Hygiene Items



7,543

Counseling Sessions



47,646

Volunteer Hours

WORKS! CENTER

Customized learning plans and vocational training helped prepare 258 men and women to obtain employment. We conducted 169 assessments, had 30 Career Employment completions and 42 Vocational Training certifications. Our GED prep classes were attended by 36 students.

HOPE CLINIC

Mission staff and volunteer medical professionals ministered to 1,538 residents and guests' physical needs through 3,506 medical, dental and chiropractic appointments.

THRIFT STORE

Our retail and recycling center was a vital source of revenue, accounting for 15% of our general operating budget and helping to sustain our basic emergency services and recovery programs.

RESTORATION CAFÉ

The café continued to be an integral part of our vocational training program, with 42 residents receiving training in culinary arts, sanitation, customer service, and facility management. We began offering drive-thru service; the first of its kind in downtown Rockford.

REMADE SHOP

For several years, as part of Women's Life Recovery, our Remade program has repurposed donated furniture, picture frames, Mason jars, and other household items, creating beautiful home décor pieces. Driven by the popularity of the items, we opened Remade Shop on the Mission's campus, giving us a means of offering these items for purchase while generating income for our life-changing programs.

