

HOPE RESCUE MISSION – READING, PA

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Partnering to Offer Hope



Performing the Naaman Center Ribbon Cutting ceremony are from left to right: Commissioner Leinbach, Kris McFadden, Craig Tomlinson, Rob Turchi, and Commissioner Rivera.

The Mission is honored to be Berks County's first host site of PA Adult & Teen Challenge's Naaman Center. The Center's goal is, "to facilitate the restoration of people caught in the grip of drug and alcohol addictions and related mental health issues by providing a team of professionals who assist persons to pursue healing in an atmosphere of Christian faith and loving compassion."

In January, one of our busiest months with over 240 nightly guests, Naaman Center staff began offering onsite

counseling services at The Mission Men's Center.

John, a Naaman Center client for the past month, shares that he is attending individual and group sessions weekly while staying in our

shelter program. "It's very convenient to have their support here, and it's helping me stay clean. I'm learning how I go about making decisions and how to make better ones." Jamal, who has been receiving help through Naaman for two months, says he finds the staff to be thorough and adaptive in a tough environment.



"I'm getting insights on how different chemicals affect my brain, my body, and all about receptors and dependence. I appreciate that they are here with us, so I don't have to worry about transportation to appointments."



Moises says the Naaman group sessions are not what he is used to compared to past experiences. "We don't

focus on the dark stories we all have from our past. We focus more on uplifting steps to walk the road of recovery and learn from the past."

"There is a spiritual focus that is really encouraging and points us to God."

Volunteer Spotlight: Ana Fisher



Ana has been one of our dear volunteers at HRM for the past year. She learned about Hope through her daughter's family. After the loss of her beloved grandson, Oliver, Ana would come from New Jersey every other week to serve lunch to our guests. At four years old, her grandson understood and had compassion for the men of The Mission.

"When I am there, I forget about my problems. The Lord is so good to me, and I want to give back." We are so thankful for Ana and all our wonderful volunteers who come to serve, even during the hardest times of their lives.



MAY 22 LIGHTHOUSE WELCOME HOME PARTY 5PM-8PM

@LightHouse Women and Children's Center

JUNE 2 LIGHTHOUSE RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE 9AM-5PM

@LightHouse Women and Children's Center **SEPT. 9**

ANNUAL HOPE GALA
5PM-8PM
@The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

NOV. 4 5K PATRIOT RUN 8AM-11AM @Gring's Mill Recreation Area





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