

# HOPE FOR TODAY

HOPE RESCUE MISSION – READING, PA

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## Welcome Kate Alley as Executive Director of LightHouse

**F**undraising for LightHouse began in January of 2020 with a plan for construction to begin later that year. However, due to the pandemic, our project has been moved back several times.

This summer we are proud to announce that we are finally breaking ground with a new leader and a renewed excitement to begin.

*“We are absolutely thrilled to have Kate join our team,” said Rob Turchi, Executive Director of Hope Rescue Mission. “Kate’s combination of skills, education and passion to serve others make her the perfect choice to launch our newest initiative at Hope Rescue Mission.”*

A shelter for women and children is vitally needed in our community. We receive phone calls from single mothers with nowhere to go when current shelters are full.”

“I’m excited to be here,” Kate said on her first day on the job. “The Hope Rescue team performs a service unlike any other organization, and now that service will be extended to women and children as well. They provide food,

shelter and job opportunities, but what sets them apart is the love that is shown to their guests. They view each man, woman and child as a special and precious creation of God who has great potential to be transformed into a healthy and productive member of the community.”

LightHouse construction starting in June is the culmination of many years of faithful prayers and financial contributions from close to 1,000 individuals, churches, corporations and foundations.

“This LightHouse is God’s LightHouse, and I believe it will have a profound and lasting effect on the lives of the women and children who enter. It is a privilege to be part of the establishment of this meaningful and needed mission.”

*Kate Alley with Joyce, who has been living out of her car for years.*

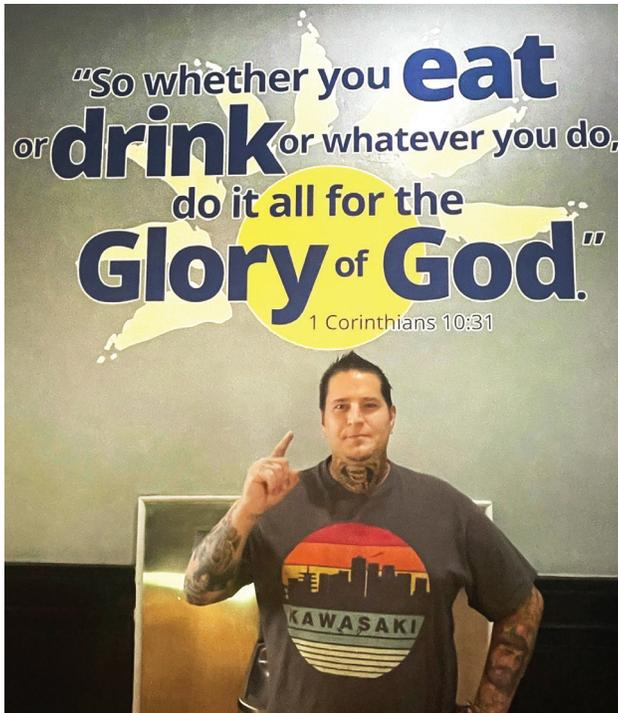
*Learn more about Joyce’s story by visiting [HopeForReading.org/lighthouse](https://www.HopeForReading.org/lighthouse)*

*We welcome your partnership with Lighthouse through financial support and/or as a volunteer. To find out more you can contact Kate at: [kalley@HopeForReading.org](mailto:kalley@HopeForReading.org).*



# "I'm living proof God still does miracles."

When Dave walked up the 19 front steps on a cold February day in 2021, he said to himself, "Be humble... no matter what, be humble."



And humble he was as he was checked in and assigned a bunkbed in our Code Blue Program. While in a rehab facility, Dave read other men's success stories on our website, and he decided he was going to strive to be one of those success stories.

Hope was Dave's first exposure to a faith-based program, and he felt that he had found something that was missing in other programs he had been through.

Dave volunteered in our donation warehouse where the warehouse manager led daily devotions. They worked side by side

daily and had impactful faith discussions while organizing donations.

Dave's spiritual life really grew when he entered our Discipleship Program and participated in small group Bible studies throughout the week. Day by day, week by week, he was staying sober and growing closer to God.

As Dave prepares to move into his own apartment at the end of this month, he admits, "I never imagined that I could celebrate 20 months sober and feel healthy, happy and whole. *I'm living proof God still does miracles!*"

## The Future of Hope Outlet

While Hope Outlet has closed, we are still operating our Thrift Distributing reuse/recycle program.

We have relocated our Donation Warehouse off-site. Please continue to support the restoration of lives with your donations of clothing, furniture, and housewares.

Call 610-741-1640 to schedule an in-home pickup and criteria for donations. You can also donate bags of clothing at our various donation bins across Berks County. Locations of Donation bins are listed on our website:

[HopeForReading.org/donateitems](http://HopeForReading.org/donateitems)



For more information and caring ways for you to support the Hope Rescue Mission, plus a list of most-needed items, visit our website:

[www.HopeForReading.org](http://www.HopeForReading.org)

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