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Dear supporter,

As we celebrate Easter and the hope of renewal through Christ's resurrection, we thank you for your continued support of The Mission and LightHouse Women & Children's Center. Your generosity offers hope and healing to those we serve.

This spring, as God's creation blooms and renews, we are reminded of the incredible power of renewal offered to each of us through a personal relationship with Jesus. Every day at Hope Rescue Mission, we witness lives transformed—men and women rebuilding, children overcoming challenges, and families finding strength. Your kindness and compassion make these stories of hope possible.

Once again, we humbly ask for your support. Your donation will directly fund essential programs that renew lives and inspire true transformation.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity. May your Easter be filled with peace and joy.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Turchi".

Rob Turchi
CEO, Hope Rescue Mission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Alley".

Kate Alley
Executive Director, LightHouse



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Turning Pain into Purpose: Tony's Journey to Hope

Tony came to The Mission Men's Center six months ago during a time of need. Since then, he has devoted himself to caring for the needs of those around him daily. Tony describes his journey:

"Before coming to Hope, I was living in a stable home owned by my brother, and I had my own room. I was the primary caregiver for my brother while he battled cancer. I spent every day looking after my brother, and my sister-in-law, providing the support they needed as their health declined.

In July, I suffered a double tragedy. My sister-in-law passed away at the beginning of the month, and my brother passed away at the end of the month. Following their passing, I had to leave the house, and I was living on the streets for a short time. I was desperate, and that led me to Hope. I went from caring for my family to needing someone to care for me.

Coming to Hope has turned my pain into purpose. I volunteer on the Safety Team and the Welcome Center Desk, and I have been able to help save lives during medical emergencies. I have also been part of the team that intervenes to deescalate situations here to prevent violent incidents from occurring. Helping serve the needs of fellow guests here has given me a platform to share my story and my deep faith in Christ with men who are struggling and maybe do not have any faith. I feel that helping others keeps me strong and fulfilled.

My life since coming to Hope is defined by service. While the environment can be overwhelming, and the work is often difficult, I stay focused on my responsibilities. I am a first responder for emergencies here and a protector of my brothers here at Hope. I am no longer just surviving, I am help others survive and thrive while here.

My goal is to transition into my own home and regain my independence. Even after I move out of Hope, I want to keep coming back here to work. I want to continue serving the men at The Mission, because I know firsthand how much support they need, and I want to be there for them."



From Crisis to Confidence: Sodiann's Journey Forward

When Sodiann, a single mother of two, was building her small business, she never imagined how quickly life could change. After a car accident caused her to fall behind on rent, her situation became even more difficult when her landlord attempted to take advantage of her financial hardship. Realizing she needed a safe and stable place for her family, Sodiann came to LightHouse.

"I came to LightHouse because I felt it would be a safe place for me and my children," she shared. "Knowing we had safety and security took a huge weight off my mind."

With the immediate pressures of survival lifted, Sodiann began focusing on rebuilding her future. While living at LightHouse, she enrolled in a phlebotomy training program at Reading Area Community College to increase her earning potential. She also worked hard to organize her finances, improve her credit, and create a plan for long-term stability. Sodiann says the supportive environment at LightHouse played an important role in her progress.

"Spirituality definitely played a role in my personal journey," she explained. "Everyone's path is different, but having that spiritual foundation available helped bring peace to my mind."

She is also quick to point out that success requires commitment and personal responsibility.

"LightHouse is a tool that helps guide you to the things you need in life, but you have to be willing to do the work. You can't just think things will magically fall into place. You have to take responsibility for yourself and for your children and be willing to grow."

During her six months at LightHouse, Sodiann was able to focus on the bigger picture rather than simply getting through each day. "Once my basic needs were met—having a safe place to live and food to eat—I could start thinking about what came next," she said.

With the help of LightHouse, Sodiann eventually moved into her own apartment. After receiving her car accident settlement, she paid off accumulated bills, her business is growing again, and she has taken on a second job to keep building momentum. Looking back, Sodiann describes LightHouse as a turning point.

"LightHouse was a launching point for my life moving forward. I'm grateful for that time because it allowed me to grow. Now I can honestly say I'm glowing and growing."



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