

# HOPE FOR TODAY

HOPE RESCUE MISSION – READING, PA

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## *LightHouse: Where Hope Shines for Women & Children*

In January of 1894, the vision of supporting men in need physically and spiritually in Berks County became a reality through the Hope Rescue Mission.

In January of 2020, the vision of extending this life-restoring work to women, children, and teens took a step closer to becoming a reality through the LightHouse shelter campaign launch.

We have set a fundraising goal of \$3,000,000 to convert our on-site thrift store into a shelter with 40 private resident rooms and ample program space. Within the first week of the campaign kick-off, we were blessed with almost \$1,000,000 toward our goal!

**LightHouse**  
Hope Rescue Mission Women & Children's Shelter

The LightHouse will be a place **where hope shines** for women and children, as they find safety and dignity in a hotel-style room. They will meet loving, caring volunteers and staff who will assist them as they rebuild their lives, to become stronger than the storm that knocked them down. Hope will shine for a



single woman, who may be leaving an abusive relationship or who was released from jail without a secure housing plan. At the LightHouse she will find a supportive community,

with other women in similar circumstances, seeking to overcome life's adversities. There

will also be space for the homeless youth of our community, who may need a place to receive their mail, take a shower, or have a hot meal, as they seek to complete their education.

Please visit our website for additional information on the LightHouse. We need partners to talk about the

vision in their circle of influence, to give financially as they are able, to pray for us as we move forward in faith, and to get involved through volunteering when the doors open. Be part of God's work rescuing lives through LightHouse... A place **Where Hope Shines!**





# A welcoming face for each new guest!

Manny came to Hope in November 2019 after a relational hardship with his wife.

Manny was eager to volunteer in any capacity and was quickly recruited to assist our welcome center staff. He performed with excellence in everything he did as a resident volunteer.

In January, Manny reconciled and moved back home with his wife and daughter. He was asked to join our staff team and is now our full-time Intake Coordinator.

Manny will be a welcoming face for each new guest and help them transition well into our programs.

*“My experience at Hope has been so positive through a dark time in my life, and I am grateful for the opportunity to support others who may be in similar circumstances that I was.”*



Manny (R) and our full-time case management team.

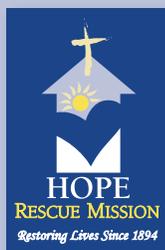
## Join us for our 7th Annual 5k!

**Saturday, March 7th, 9 a.m. at Penn State Berks**

*This race is for anyone interested in Restoring the Lives of those in need.*

Walkers and runners of all ages welcome!

**Register today at [www.HopeForReading.org](http://www.HopeForReading.org)**



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

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

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