

HOPE FOR TODAY

HOPE RESCUE MISSION – READING, PA

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Rising Costs, Rising Needs



Over the past year, we have seen an increase in individuals facing homelessness for the first time. The cost of living has risen exponentially, and we see the impact of inflation not only affecting the guests of the Mission, but our ministry across the board.

We have experienced higher food costs to provide three meals a day for the 175 men sheltered in our facility. We have seen supply chain issues that make it difficult to procure certain foods and products needed for shelter operations at Hope Rescue Mission.

The largest increase we faced was the cost of construction for the LightHouse Women & Children's Center. These construction costs have been supported tremendously by the generous outpouring from approximately 1,000 donors from across the community toward our largest ministry expansion in 128 years!

We acknowledge that everyone is experiencing the same burden of rising costs and investment downturns. For this reason, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for your generous support.

Hope has weathered the COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown of 2020, and the aftermath that has brought us to where we stand today. We press on solely because of generous donors like you.

Now more than ever, we want to continue to provide the shelter, food, clothing, and spiritual, vocational, and educational resources that allow men to get back on their feet. The programs and opportunities our guests are offered here are exactly what they need to experience restored lives physically and spiritually.

If you are able to give and God stirs your heart, we humbly ask for your continued support!

Together we can continue to help individuals like Blake and Jason (read their story at the link below) regain independence and renew their hope for a bright future.

Please use this QR Code to donate today and read about two men who are experiencing homelessness due to rising costs.



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LightHouse Groundbreaking

On Tuesday August 23rd we held a groundbreaking ceremony for LightHouse Women and Children's Shelter.

Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony pictured here are: Ethosource President John Gallen, Commissioner Christian Leinbach, Jean Heinly - L&H Signs, LightHouse Executive Director Kate Alley, Senator Judy Schwank, Mayor Eddie Moran, HRM Board Member Jim Smith, Esq.



Volunteer Spotlight – Caryn H.



Caryn connected with Hope through her church, and she has memories of the mission as a young child.

Wanting to 'give back,' Caryn started volunteering in our Kitchen Ministry, serving meals to our guests. Her interest grew as she learned about other needs of the mission. She started volunteering her time in the Hope Outlet Store.

Caryn enjoyed getting to know mission guests and hearing their life stories. Caryn says, "I like the interaction with the men. Everyone has a story." Caryn's compassion for the guests of Hope brings light and love to many souls.

Having worked in the medical field, Caryn is now helping our guests schedule doctor appointments, organize their medications, and schedule appointments with Tower Health's Street Medicine Team.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Volunteer@HopeForReading or scan the QR Code.



5K PATRIOT *Run*

Please save the date for our second annual 5K Patriot Run which will benefit Veterans recovering from homelessness. Join us to honor all active duty military, veterans, and first-responders in our community.

When: Saturday, November 12, 2022

Registration: @ 8am, Race begins @ 9am

Location: Gring's Mill Recreation Area

Find additional information on 5K sponsorships and runner registration by scanning this QR Code:



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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

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