

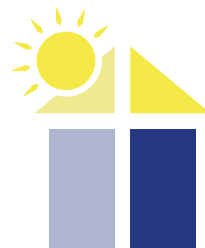
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Giovanni's Story: From Desperation to GED Completion

21-year-old Giovanni C. shares, "Before my coming to The Mission, I did not have a safe and stable place where I could sleep. I only had a single set of clothes to sleep in, and I had no place to shower. I saw a pamphlet telling people about different resources for the homeless. I had to try something, and the Hope Rescue Mission stood out to me. Coming here has helped me find direction and make a better life for myself. I am proud of my accomplishment of working hard to get my GED. I also worked with CareerLink to get a paid internship at Berks Encore. My plan is to find full-time employment and move on and have stability in my life. To everyone who supports this special place, I would like to say thank you for providing a place that helps people be safe and make their lives better."

Giovanni's Life Coach, Jerry Broskey, shares, "Giovanni is an active participant in the Life Coaching program. He has been committed to CareerLink and the collaborative arrangement Hope has with the Young Adult program there. I could see his self-assurance grow as he spent time in the programs he was involved in while here. His next goal to achieve is gainful employment, and he is actively working to meet that goal. I am very proud of Giovanni's hard work while here at The Mission."

As we celebrate graduations this season, we thank you for supporting young lives, like Giovanni, in finding stability and confidence to walk a healthy and productive path!



Volunteer Spotlight: Trinity Lutheran Church, Tipton - Four Years of Tuesday Nights at Hope Rescue Mission

In April 2021, eight members of our church toured the Hope Rescue Mission facility and served dinner for the first time. What we expected to be a meaningful evening turned out to be something far more powerful. Every person in the group left feeling uplifted and deeply encouraged. It didn't take long for us to agree—unanimously—that this should become a regular volunteer opportunity for our church family.

For us, volunteering is rooted in our faith. Each week, we have the privilege of interacting with the men and staff, sharing meals, conversations, and moments of connection. We always feel welcomed, and we look forward to seeing familiar faces week after week.

Volunteering at Hope Rescue Mission is not a one-sided act of giving. In fact, we often feel that we receive far more than we give. You form real connections with the residents, and like anything important in life, you find yourself praying for them—hoping that whatever burdens they carry will be lifted, and that in some small way, your presence helps.



Welcome Home Party 2026

The 2026 Welcome Home Party was a beautiful evening celebrating the lives being transformed every day through the LightHouse Women & Children's Center. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and community partners, the event raised critical support to help provide shelter, spiritual care, mentorship, workforce development, and hope to women and children right here in Berks County. We are deeply grateful for every person who joined us for a fun event for a great cause at Redner's Event Stadium.



A New Beginning: Celebrating a LightHouse Graduate

When Alice first arrived at LightHouse, she describes herself as “broken in every way.” Her family relationships were strained, her faith was shaken, and she was struggling to hold everything together for herself and her children.

Today, she leaves our Transitional Housing Program with renewed hope, restored faith, and a vision for a brighter future.

One of the most meaningful parts of her journey was reconnecting with her faith through Bible studies with Pastor Ed. She shared that those studies not only restored her faith, but also taught her how to apply Scripture to her daily life.

“Coming to LightHouse was scary,” she said, “but it ended up being one of the best things for our family.”

During her time in the program, she found more than employment — she discovered a career path and a renewed sense of purpose. Most importantly, her children were able to begin their own healing journey in a safe and supportive environment.

“LightHouse took stressors off my mind so I could concentrate on my children,” she shared. “They got the help they needed, and we stayed together as a family.”

As she graduates from the program, Alice says she is most excited about “a new journey” and is determined “to succeed this time.” She believes God had a purpose in bringing her family to LightHouse and now looks forward to a future marked by stability and independence.

We are incredibly proud of Alice's perseverance, courage, and growth. Stories like Alice's are possible because compassionate supporters make safe shelter, programming, and Christ-centered care available to families in crisis.





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