

DURHAM

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VICTORY PROGRAM SPRING GRADUATION



THE GRADUATES





Congratulations Graduates!

You truly are our joy and crown. Graduating from the Victory Program is a tremendous accomplishment! Over one year of your life has been dedicated to learning biblical principles, educational advancement, job training and placement, and so much more. We are so proud of you for reaching this incredible milestone.

Please remember that although you have completed the Victory Program, true Victory is a life-long journey. What you have learned at the Durham Rescue Mission is only the beginning. Our prayer is that you will continue in this journey and allow Christ to be your guide and companion ... **II Timothy 3:14 "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned."**

Your success is what motivates us each and every day. We are so thankful for all of you.

May God continue to bless you,

Ernie & Gail Mills

Ernie & Gail Mills
Co-Founders

THE WOMEN GRADUATES





Congratulations Ladies!

It has been quite a journey from the moment you came through the gates of the Durham Rescue Mission to your walk down the aisle today. We, the staff, are proud of the way you have "stayed the course" and finished this phase of your race.

Remember, victory is not just the classes but a life long course! The biblical lessons you've learned must be applied to all aspects of your life from this day forward.

We pray you understand that the steps you take now will have an impact on the rest of your life and encourage you to consider all of your options prayerfully. Whether you choose to continue your education or to go straight to work is a major life decision. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as you embark on the next phase of your life.

Sincerely,

Lois Cooper

Mrs. Lois Cooper
Director, Women's Ministry



Francine Burnett

Before I came to the Durham Rescue Mission I never thought I could finish anything in my life. But God saw fit to aid me in winning victory over my sin and gave me the opportunity to complete the program. This makes me very grateful! **I now have a job at Royal Threads.**



Crystal Carroll

I came to the Durham Rescue Mission on Dec. 12, 2013. This was also the day I was released from prison. I am grateful to the Durham Rescue Mission because God chose to use it and the staff to finally get through to me. **I now have a job at Royal Threads** and I'm building a relationship with my two sons.



Trina Maples

It's difficult for me to express the depth and positive transformation I've seen in myself while staying at the Durham Rescue Mission. The guidance provided at the Durham Rescue Mission teaches us the way of our Heavenly Father, and with that you can't go wrong! Vocational Rehab is helping me look for work.



Christine Moore

When I came to the Durham Rescue Mission I was mentally and spiritually broken. I've now learned as long as you trust the Lord anything is possible. I would like to thank the Women's Division staff for their hard work and patience with me. **I now have a job at Royal Threads!**



Louise Sharp

My husband and I came to the Durham Rescue Mission to get closer to God and to change our lives. We joined the Victory Program and accomplished both! Now **I am employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store.**



Wanda Stuart

I became addicted to drugs in my teens. I was continually losing good jobs. My pastor referred me to the Durham Rescue Mission. **Here I am today, a Victory Program Graduate, with a good job at Royal Threads.** I am rebuilding my life a day at a time with the Bible and the Holy Spirit guiding me.



Krystal Thornton

With the help of God, The Mills and the Durham Rescue Mission's Victory Program I have regained everything I had lost before coming here. I have been blessed with far more than I could have ever imagined.

I now have a job at Sokal Media Group as an administrative assistant.



Kendal Todd

Before I joined the Victory Program I had no sense of stability and I never paid attention to the morals the Bible teaches. Now I am a new person. I have a better attitude and I put my son and others before myself.

I also have a job at Royal Threads!

THE MEN GRADUATES





Congratulations Men!

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on this great accomplishment. It was no simple task to finish this phase of your life. For many of you the amount of studying you have completed was daunting and seemingly insurmountable. But you have completed it.

You have finished what you started. You have shown yourselves to be worthy of honor today. It is my prayer for you that you would continue to examine yourselves as you walk in the light of God's truth long after you leave this place (1 John 1:5-9).

As you consider your future service to the Lord, remember that God calls every Christian man to two purposes in life: 1) Religious purpose and 2) Vocational purpose. Remember that Adam ruined his vocational purpose after he failed in his religious purpose. God has a purpose for your life. Don't neglect the things of the Lord. Build the rest of your life on God's purpose for your existence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "D. Robert Tart". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rev D. Robert Tart
Chief Operating Officer



Matthew Anderson

When I was a teenager I started hanging around kids that were doing drugs and drinking. This led to 50 days in jail. After being released, my mom helped me find the Durham Rescue Mission. Since then I have **completed the Victory Program, I completed my GED, and I have a job at the Marriott Hotel in RTP.**



Barry Brantley

I came to the Durham Rescue Mission after losing my job due to excessive alcohol and drug use. I was referred to the Durham Rescue Mission by a friend. Now I **have a job at DC Movers and I plan to enroll at Durham Tech in the Fall for the Industrial System Technology Program.**



Douglas Farror

My life has gotten much better since I have given it to Jesus Christ! The Victory Program helped me realize that Christ should be first. I **currently have a job at Southern Express.** I hope within the next year to move into my own place and build a new relationship with my son. To God be all the glory, honor, and praise.



Oliver Harris Jr

For over 20 years I struggled with an addiction to crack cocaine. I came to the Durham Rescue Mission in November 2013. This is when my life began to change. **After completing the Victory Program I was able to move back home with my wife. I now have a job at Georgia Regents University.**



Bryce Harvey

Bryce has a job with Kodak. He's also the president of the Durham Rescue Mission Toastmasters Club and assists the Durham Rescue Mission IT Department part time.



Anthony Jackson

I came to the Durham Rescue Mission because I was suffering from a drug and alcohol problem. I wanted to change the way my life was going, before I ended up in prison, or worse – dead. I would like to thank the staff for making all this possible. **I'm now employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store.**



Chad Jackson

I've learned a lot from the Victory Program that's drawn me closer to the Lord. I would like to thank all of the staff at the Durham Rescue Mission for what they've done for me and my family. **I'm currently working on getting my GED.**



Clanton Jones

The Victory Program has helped me get my life back on the right path. **God has blessed me with a job at PBM Graphics and with a car!** Thank you to the Durham Rescue Mission for all you have done for me!



Ryan Mason

I came to the Durham Rescue Mission due to my alcohol and general addictive behavior. I started the Victory Program in December of 2013. I've learned about God's love for me and how He died on the cross for my sins. **I am currently looking for employment and would like to go to Durham Tech.**



Ronald Mundy

When I first came to the Durham Rescue Mission in January of 2014 it didn't take long for me to realize I was in the right place. Now I am the vice president of education in the Durham Rescue Mission Toastmasters Club and I'm enrolled in Durham Tech for Business Administration.



Kristefur Norton

First I would like to give thanks to God for everything that He has blessed me with. Prior to coming to the Durham Rescue Mission I was lost and stuck in the sin of my addiction. But now I am employed as a cashier at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store and going to school for my GED.



James Odom

I came to the Durham Rescue Mission in March of 2014. I've completed the Victory Program and I have a job at PBM Graphics. Since working at PBM I've been offered a permanent position as a material handler. I would like to thank God first, Rev. & Mrs. Mills, and the staff for all they have done to help me.



Donnie Owens

My life was going nowhere and I had lost all hope. Then I heard about the Durham Rescue Mission and the Victory Program from a friend. Since coming to the Mission **I got my GED and a full time job at Royal Threads.** Since completing the Victory Program I now have a closer relationship with the Lord.



Walter Rainey

I came to the Durham Rescue Mission because my use of drugs and alcohol caused me to lose everything, including my wife and kids. I decided I didn't want to live without my family so I checked into the Mission. **Now I have a job at Greenscape** and a renewed relationship with my family!



Terry Sharp

I've been in and out of jail and prison. My wife told me in order for us to stay together we needed to make a change. So we decided to come to the Durham Rescue Mission. It has made me a stronger person than who I was before. It also made my marriage stronger. I thank everyone for believing in me including my wife.



Andre Smith

Prior to coming to the Durham Rescue Mission I was lost, I didn't know what I wanted to do. Eventually I enrolled in the Victory Program and became more humble. My goals are to attend college and find my own place to live. **I am currently employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store as a cashier.**



Kevin Smith

I came to the Durham Rescue Mission in October 2014. **I'm enrolled at Durham Tech and I work in the Durham Tech Computer Library. I'm now in my third semester seeking a degree in Computer Information Technology.**



Michael Smith

At first I didn't want to come to the Durham Rescue Mission, but after talking with a resident he convinced me to come. Since then **I have received a scholarship to attend the Durham Tech Automotive classes.** I would like to thank the Mills; also David Cash for taking me under his wing.



Leonard Sutherland

Due to my abuse of alcohol and drugs I lost my career, home, family and served a two year sentence in prison. By the grace of God and the help of the Durham Rescue Mission my life has been radically changed. **I am now employed at the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store.** 2014 was the best year I have had in decades!



Dallas Terry

I have lived most of my life in sin. I found out about the Durham Rescue Mission in January 2014. I am now living by applying God's Word to my life on a daily basis. **I have a full time job at PBM Graphics and a part time job on the weekends.** I hope to reunite with my wife and daughter. I am very grateful to the staff and the Mills.



Iain Woodward

I lost everything and ended up homeless living in a shelter I made in the woods. That's when I heard about the Durham Rescue Mission. I'm very thankful for the roof over my head, the hot meals, and friendly staff. I hope to find work in the culinary field. I'd like to thank God, the Mills, and the staff of the Durham Rescue Mission.



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