

homewardbound

Your support helps guide lost souls home.



If we were to write
a letter to God, we
would simply thank
Him for our salvation

by Jahan and Chandra

"We will always remember
everything you are doing for us."

We are Jahan and Chandra . . . we are so grateful for the help we found at the Durham Rescue Mission. Money struggles brought us to the Mission, where we received so much more than guidance with our finances. As a new couple, we were struggling, blaming, and pointing a finger at one another . . . and we were always angry. The things we learned while at the Mission were a great help. I am becoming a better wife because of what I have learned from God's Word. Jahan is becoming a better husband. Both of us say we have all we need now. We are especially grateful for our salvation.

Thank you for your kindness and friendship

Before coming to the Durham Rescue Mission we were

led to believe that more was better. But, we learned, the more you have the more you have to fight to keep it. All that has changed now. It's great to see my husband putting God before anything. I'm so proud of all he is accomplishing. We both are changed and we are grateful to God, the Durham Rescue Mission, and to you who donate so much of your money and time to help people like us.

Today, we have moved into our own apartment. I am in my sophomore year at NCCU, thanks to help from the Durham Rescue Mission Scholarship Fund. We will always treasure the things we learned and the friendships we made at the Mission. Thank you for your love, your kindness, and your friendship. We will always remember everything you did for us!

Mission Statement of Durham Rescue Mission

"Our mission is to meet, through the power of Jesus Christ, the needs of the whole person — spiritual, educational, emotional, physical, vocational and social — so those who are hurting may become fully functioning members of society."

Shop, Eat, and Help Homeless People

On Thursday, June 25, at Streets of Southpoint Mall in Durham, you can help homeless people when you:

- Eat at **California Pizza Kitchen** . . . 20% of your bill will go to the Durham Rescue Mission (REMEMBER TO BRING THIS NEWSLETTER).
- Shop at **Kendra Scott Jewelers** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. . . . 20% of all sales will go to the Durham Rescue Mission.

So enjoy a meal, shop for yourself or gifts, and help provide safe shelter for the Triangle's neediest neighbors! Hope to see you on June 25!



An Encouraging Word from the Founders

Dear Friend of the Durham Rescue Mission, Without a generous person like you, there would be no Durham Rescue Mission. God bless you for helping to keep our doors open to those in need. *Now we have three questions for you.* How would you like to do even more to help reduce the number of high school dropouts . . . reduce poverty in families . . . and reduce gang activity in our community? We agree that's a tall order, but we have a big God who inspires a friend like you to help make our community a better place. The event is still two months away, but it is the most important happening of the year at the Mission. It's our *Back to School Party* on August 19 that encourages our children to stay in school and get a good education, which is one of the keys to be successful in life.

Please put August 19 on your calendar

At this event we will give away thousands of backpacks, more than 10,000 pieces of clothing, school supplies and words of encouragement to children to stay in school, study hard and prepare themselves for their futures. When boys and girls go to school with ragged backpacks and tattered clothing, they often become targets of ridicule by other children. We don't want that to happen to any child, and our *Back to School Party* gives children what they need to begin a new school year. Perhaps you will consider an extra donation of \$20 to \$30 — or more — to help offset the expense of this great event. God bless you for loving our boys and girls and for making our community a safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Ernie & Gail Mills, Founders

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I praise God He never gave up on me . . . and neither did the Mission

by Joseph

"The good news is I am learning I don't need to fight this battle with alcohol on my own."

My name is Joseph. I came to the Durham Rescue Mission because I needed shelter. But even more than shelter *I needed victory in my life.* For too many years I did more than my share of drinking. The trouble was my addiction kept taking me down lower than I wanted to go. But then God directed my steps to the Mission. I've been in other missions along the eastern seaboard, but there's no place like the Durham Rescue Mission. This Mission is unique. No one writes me off here. Every day I feel the love of God. The

good news is I am learning I don't need to fight this battle with alcohol on my own. God is my strength and my power. I am standing on God's Word, and as an encourager to others I am exposed to the Bible every day. Because of that exposure, I am learning the real truth about life. In the past, I was misguided and was a slave to my addiction. *Today I'm addicted to what God wants for my life.*

God has put me in a place where I can become the person He wants me to be

As a teenager I knew about God. I just didn't know how much He loved me. Over the years, I kept thwarting His plans for me. But I'm so grateful a loving God doesn't give up on anyone. He has stayed with me, loved me and put me in a place where I can grow into becoming the person He wants me to be. Thank you for your part in my recovery. Your donations tell me how much you love God and how much you care about us who are putting our lives back together. God bless you during these summer months and every day of the year.

Thank you for your generosity in the past . . . and thank you in advance for your continued support

A guest from India was walking along with his friend in New York City, when he suddenly said, "I hear a cricket." His friend asked, "How could you possibly hear a cricket with all these people bustling around, horns honking and taxis squealing?" Quietly, the Indian gentleman crossed the street and began digging beneath some shrubs in a large planter until he found the cricket.

He then said to his amazed friend, "My ears are no different from yours. It simply depends on what you are listening to." And like the preacher said, *there has to be a message in that story.* Well, we at the Mission believe our message is this: in the

midst of the noise and pain of life we listen to *and respond with God's love* to those in physical and spiritual need. But we cannot carry out this ministry of compassion alone.

That's why we continue to seek your generous support during these critical summer months. To send your donation today, please use the remit slip enclosed, or make your donation online at www.DurhamRescueMission.org. God bless you for caring . . . *and for helping us listen.*

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Annual Back to School Party and Cookout

Wednesday, August 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Help at-risk children in the Triangle prepare to start a new school year.

Donations Needed:

You may share a gift online at our secure website www.DurhamRescueMission.org or use the enclosed envelope.

Volunteers Needed to Help:

- Set up
- Serve
- Clean up

Call (919) 688-9641 ext. 5025 to register or visit www.DurhamRescueMission.org for more details.



January – March 2015 Stats

Nights lodging	37,655
Meals served	112,695
Clothing items	8,868
Counseling hours	5,379
Vocational hours	209,792

Legacy Giving

Today's news seems to be consistently filled with stories of families who are in need . . . most because of economic issues or natural disasters. While this reminds many of us of the blessings we have, it is also a time to reach out and show our gratitude by helping others.

The Durham Rescue Mission is now home to an increasing number of families who need our help. Please remember to include the Durham Rescue Mission in your legacy planning.

Your remembrance can provide help and hope for the future. Please contact Gail Mills at (919) 688-9641 ext 5028 or Mills@DurhamRescueMission.com to explore our planned giving options.

chaplain's corner

James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?"

Genuine spiritual life and faithful Christian living involve separation from the world and all its contaminations. Adultery is the sin of violating a marriage covenant and James uses the term metaphorically. In the Old Testament, God referred to Israel as an adulterous nation because she constantly went after other gods. The same can be said of those who claim to be Christians and attach themselves to the church, but they have no saving relationship to God, nor do they have love for Him or His Word. James uses *philia* to describe intense and deep affection for the evil world system. Whether one recognizes it in his own mind or not, a person who wishes to be a friend of the world has chosen to make himself an enemy of God.

Charity Navigator Ranks the Durham Rescue Mission the #1 Homeless Services Provider in the Carolinas.

"I started the Durham Rescue Mission because there was no one to help my addicted dad. It has always been my goal to run an efficient, accountable and transparent program that would have made my dad proud." — Ernie Mills, CEO

Charity Navigator is America's premier independent charity evaluator. They help charitable givers make intelligent giving decisions by providing in-depth, objective ratings and analysis of the financial health, accountability, and transparency of America's largest charities.

