



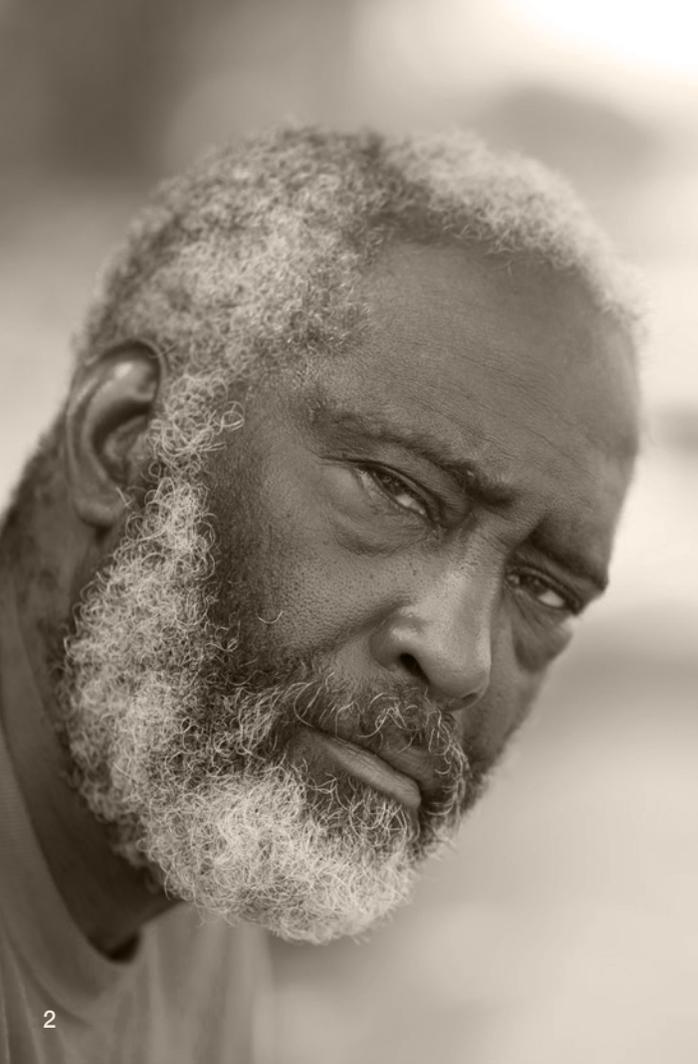
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DURHAM

RESCUE

MISSION

2015 ANNUAL
REPORT



OUR MISSION

Together, through the power of Jesus Christ, we will meet the needs of the whole person—spiritual, educational, emotional, physical, vocational, and social—so that those who are hurting may become fully functioning members of society.

OUR CITY

Together, we can revitalize a three-block area in Northeast Central Durham to create an efficient campus to meet current and projected needs of helping the homeless and the hurting in our community for years to come.

OUR VISION

Together, we can strive for everyone in the Triangle to have a home—both on earth and in heaven.

A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear Caring Neighbor,

Through help from friends like you we're able to empower people in need in the Triangle Community. The Durham Rescue Mission offers spiritual care, educational opportunities, and employment so that in return those in need are able to return to society as fully functioning members.

2015 has been a year of tremendous growth! WE'RE #1...“Charity Navigator ranked the Durham Rescue Mission the #1 Homeless Services Provider in the NC, SC, GA, TN and VA. Charity Navigator is the nation’s largest and most utilized evaluator of charities.” Also, the 2015 Durham County Point in Time Count revealed 64% of the homeless choose to come to the Durham Rescue Mission for help.

Another milestone in 2015: 251 people got jobs and payroll was almost

\$1 million, through our partnership with Temps to the Rescue! (Temporary employment service)

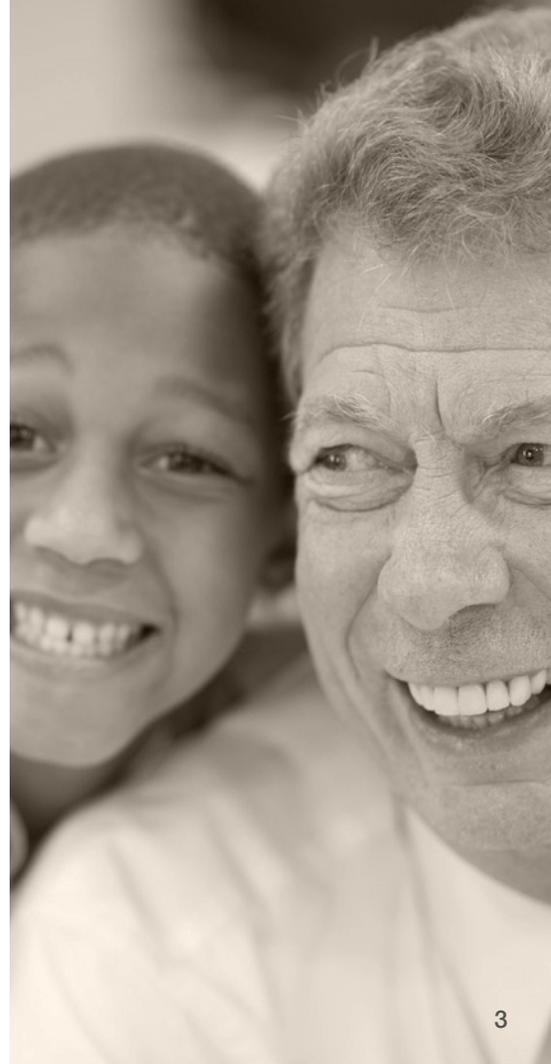
To continue our effective programming we need to build educational dormitories to house those in our training programs. During the next several years we are raising the capital to construct these much needed educational dormitories. (Expected cost around \$7 million)

We hope you enjoy reading about other updates and testimonies from our 2015 Annual Report!

Sincerely,



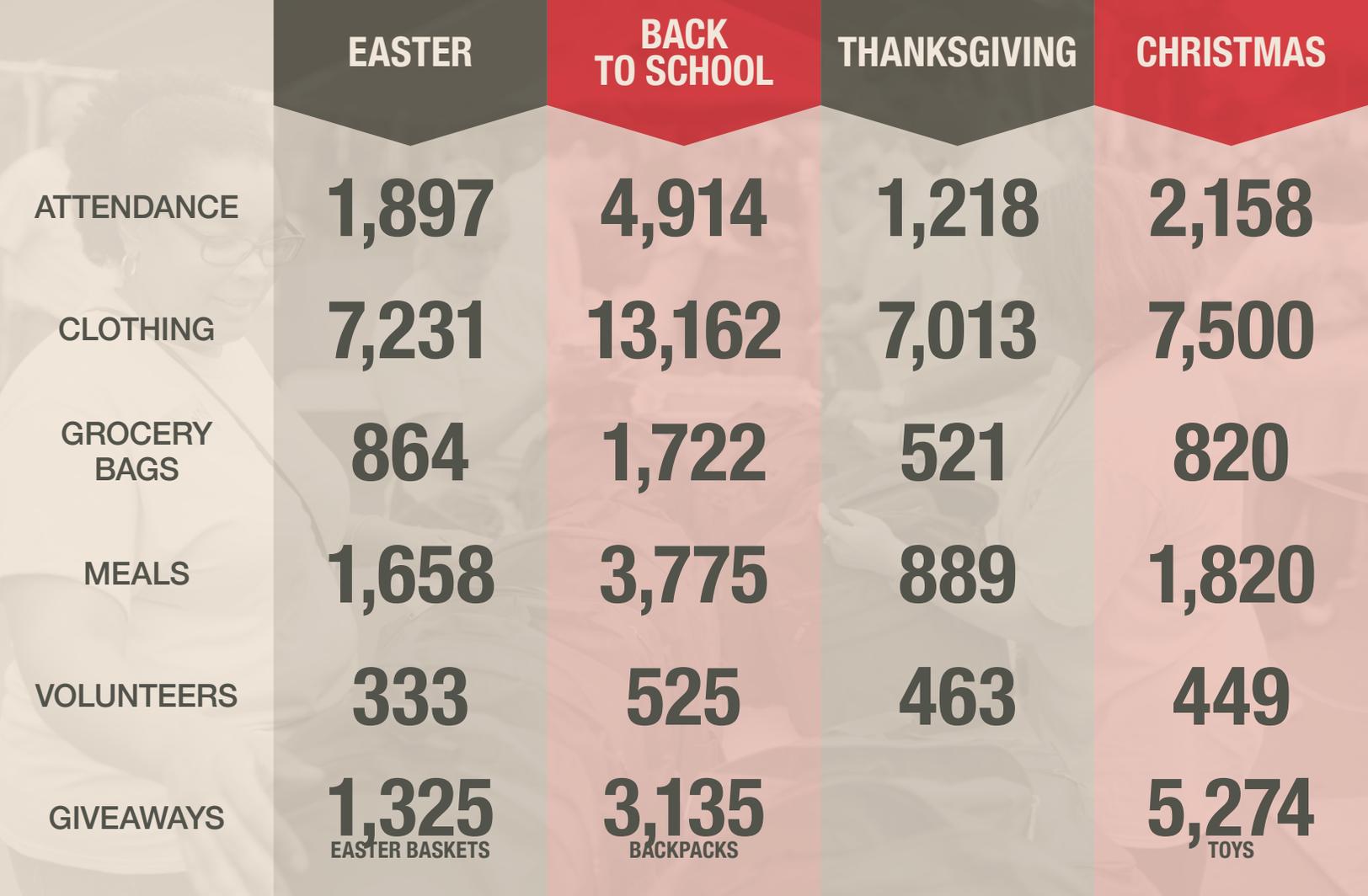
Dr. Ernie Mills
Founder



The Durham Rescue Mission hosts four annual events to give back to the community. Each event has the specific purpose of extending opportunities to those who are homeless, the working poor, and at-risk children. They are able to hear the Good News of the love of God, have a good meal, receive clothing, groceries, and have fun playing games and interacting with our staff, clients, and wonderful volunteers!



COMMUNITY EVENTS





Nutritious meals served to the hungry:

434,218



Counseling hours provided to clients:

20,290+



Nights safe lodging for the weary:

142,032



Per month average number of clients:

389



Articles of gently used clothing to the needy:

61,683



Per month average of Phase 1 Victory Students:

131



Hours of vocational on-the-job training:

791,321

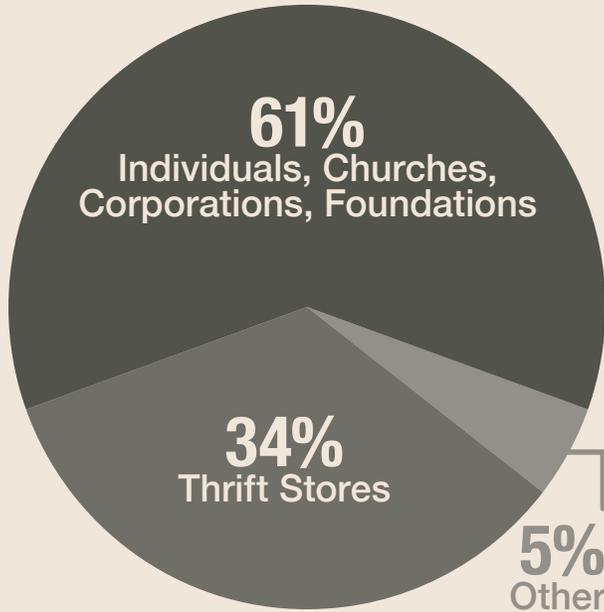


Per month average number of veterans served:

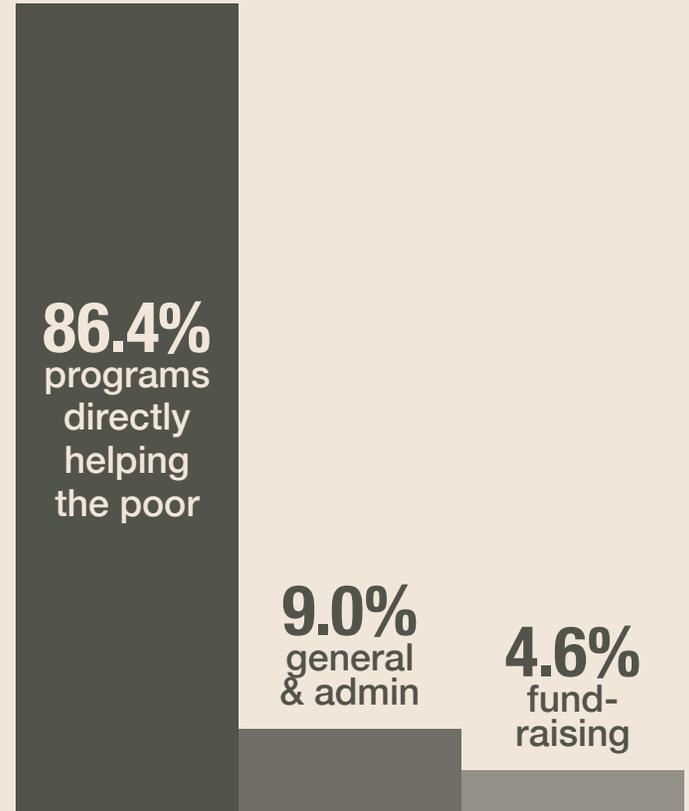
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Where does our support come from?



Where does your support go?



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TRAINING CENTER

The Durham Rescue Mission Job Training Center continues to be a success! For over a year now, our Training Center has provided vocational training for our clients, as well as jobs for the homeless and hurting in our community. Our Training Center works as a centralized location for the donations we receive, which helps us manage our thrift store pricing more effectively. Our training center also works to free up more floor space in our thrift stores, since sorting and pricing take place at the Center. We even have a “Green Industry,” putting a strong emphasis on recycling, and sending clothing items we don’t use to third-world countries. In the words of our founder, Ernie Mills, “we are always looking for ways to strengthen and improve! And we are thankful for the many ways God has allowed us to do just that through our Job Training Center.”



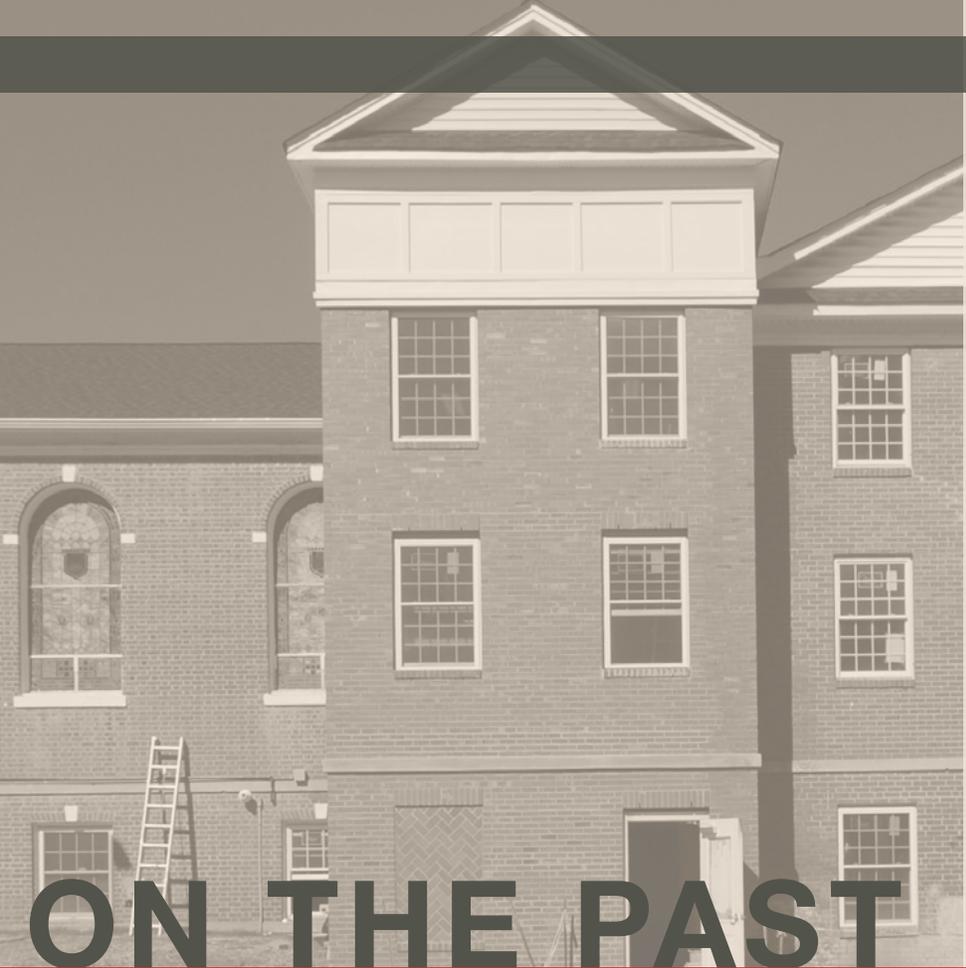
REFLECTING

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Durham Rescue Mission is excited to share that the renovations to our beautiful New Beginnings Building have been completed. The renovations included a 40-bed dormitory for emergency men's shelter, bathrooms and showers, a recreation room, a laundry room, office spaces, and a chapel as well as the addition of an elevator in the 3-story educational wing of the church building.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held November 18, 2015, at 1201 E Main Street in Durham, NC. After a few remarks and thanks, tours of the newly renovated building were given.

Following the ceremony, friends, staff, and clients gathered for cake and light refreshments in the Clegg Dining Hall of the Center for Hope located adjacent to the New Beginnings Building.



ON THE PAST

SEIZING THE MOMENT



We are excited to announce that we have already raised the necessary funds for one of the three buildings in our new expansion! With more and more people coming to us every day for help, we continue to see a need for this project. These new buildings will give us enough bedroom and bathroom space for 204 students in our Victory Program

Funds are currently being raised for the other two buildings, and we won't begin working on them until we have the money. We appreciate your prayers as we move forward with our capital campaign!

NEW LIFE CAMPAIGN

LOOKING FORWARD

The Durham Rescue Mission hosts four events for the community every year: Easter, Back-to-School Pep Rally, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. During these events, the Durham Rescue Mission is able to reach out to the community in an impactful and exciting way! Sometimes, though, the volunteers who help at these events get more than they bargained for.

During the 2015 Christmas event, we were hit with a flash flood. Over 2,000 people gathered in the pouring rain to attend the event. Although volunteers were still met with grateful smiles, it quite literally dampened the spirit of the event. Volunteers continued to hand out thousands of toys and articles of clothing, in spite

of the fact that they themselves were soaked—along with the toys and winter clothes they gave away.

It was during this event that our founder, Dr. Ernie Mills, got the idea for a community center. Although plans for the building's size and shape, as well as the activities within, are still in early planning stages, we are optimistic about the concept! The community center will be a great place to host events, and will give the men on campus a place to spend their downtime. "We don't have a lot of them [the men] to do in their downtime now, so this would be a tremendous help," says Dr. Mills.

On September 6th, 2016, we hope to gain approval for the building!

Shannon Butler loves to help people.

“I’m just a people-person. I was a women’s supervisor at the Durham Rescue Mission for a year and a half before I became paid staff, and I loved it because I got to help. I could tell the ladies, ‘You know, it can be done. I’ve done it. I’ve been there.’”

When Shannon came to the Durham Rescue Mission in 2014, she was provided with an opportunity to not only help people, but also to be helped.

“My husband and I lost our jobs and had nowhere to go. I didn’t realize that, at the time, the Mission took in married couples, so I came by myself.”

Shannon’s husband, who was residing at a court-ordered facility, joined Shannon at the Mission just four short months after she checked in.

“Once the court found out that my husband checked in at the Mission, they took him off probation. They knew about the program and had faith that staying here would be enough to help him.”

Once Shannon and her husband were able to stay at the Mission together, the couple began to see significant changes in their lives. Shannon enrolled in the Victory Program shortly after coming to the Mission, while her husband began to work for the Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store. She recalls that learning about the Bible in the Victory Program helped her in a number of ways, but most significantly in her marriage.

“I didn’t grow up in a Christian home, so I knew next to nothing about the Bible. The studies in the Victory Program taught me a lot about how to be a good wife to my husband!”

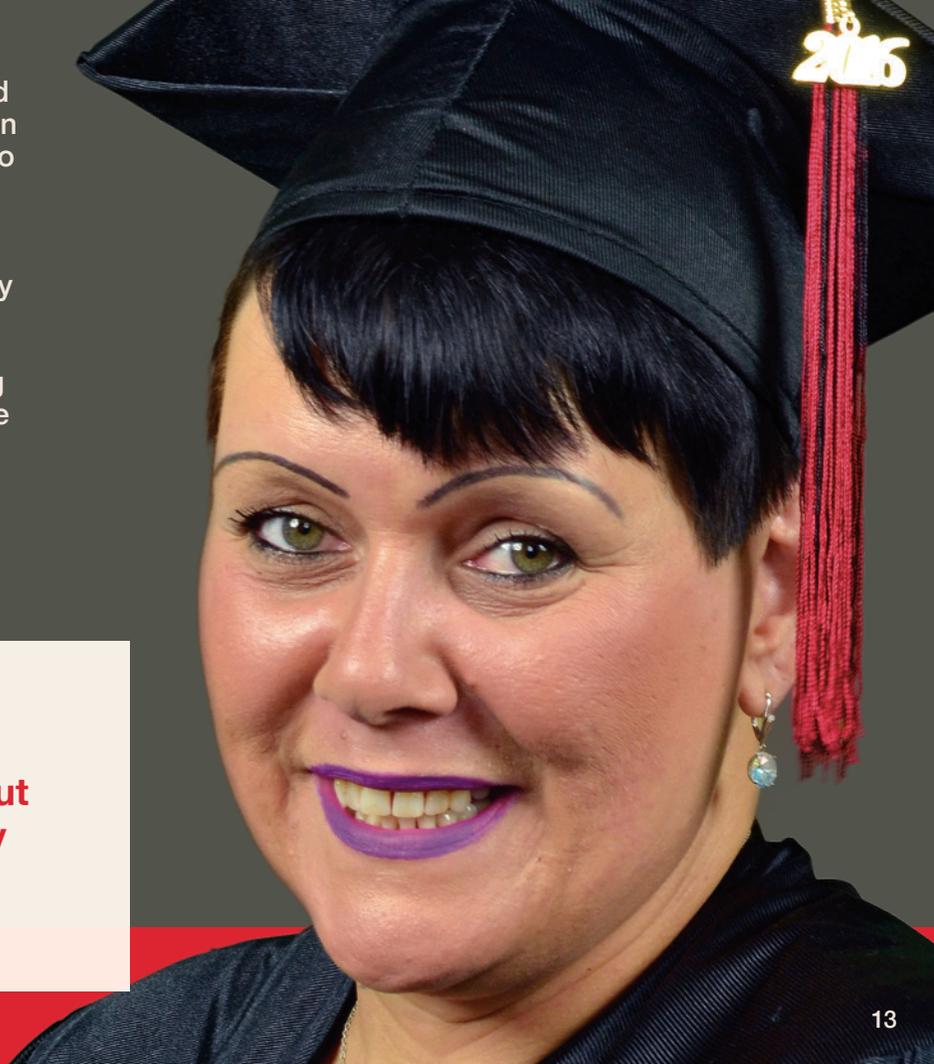
Although Shannon’s husband did not enroll in the Victory Program, choosing instead to work, the education that Shannon received was passed on to her husband as well. “I liked the fact that my husband could grow with me,” she says.

Now, almost two years later, both Shannon and her husband are employed full-time by the Mission. Shannon works as the kitchen manager at the Good Samaritan Inn, the women and children’s division of

the Durham Rescue Mission, and her husband continues to work for the Thrift Store. Shannon enjoys the opportunity to meet new ladies who enter the Mission, teaching them how to cook and taking the time to get to know each of them on a more personal level. Since she and her husband have had their lives mended, they have expressed a desire to “stay connected” and are currently on the list for Mission transitional housing. Shannon will be enrolling in a culinary class through Durham Tech in the fall.

The couple will celebrate their anniversary on July 7th of this year.

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Sometimes, help comes in the form of a friend, family member, or co-worker. Other times, it comes from being in the right place at the right time.

“I had heard of the Mission before, but didn’t really feel a need for it. Then one night I was just walking down Main Street when a guy at a booth asked me if I needed a place to stay. I said I did, and he pointed me toward the Mission.”

James Davis came to the Mission for the first time in 2009. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, James admits that Durham, North Carolina, was just “one of my stops.” The first time James decided to stay at the Mission, a place to eat and sleep was his main concern. The Mission became a stepping stone for him as he began the interviewing process and eventually began working at two different jobs.

Once he found himself employed again, James left the Mission.

“When I came to the Mission in 2009, I was saved. But my Christian walk wasn’t stable. The director of

the Mission tried to get me involved in the Victory Program, but that wasn’t what I was looking for at the time.”

Although James wasn’t looking for the Mission, or God, God was looking for him.

“I struggled with drugs, then I lost both of my jobs and my car. Finally, I dropped it all. I came to the Mission with the determination to finish the Victory Program. Yes, the Mission helped with my housing, but it also helped me spiritually—it got me grounded.”

After that second trip to the Mission in October of 2014, James began the journey that would transform him into the man he is today. He completed the Victory Program and now has a steady job as the Assistant Manager at a Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store.

Being in the right place at the right time can mean different things for different people. For James, it meant being right where God wanted him . . . taking a walk down Main Street.

VICTORY PROGRAM
GRADUATE

JAMES DAVIS

James Davis was in the right place at the right time when God brought him to the Durham Rescue Mission in 2009. He was taking a walk down Main Street when someone recognized his need for a home and pointed him in the direction of the Mission.

Durham, North Carolina, was supposed to just be a brief stop for the native New Yorker, but James would eventually come to call this state, this city, and the Mission, home.

Although James did not stay long in 2009, he returned in October of 2014 with a determination to finish the Victory Program. After completing the program, James was offered a job as the Assistant Manager at a Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store—a position he still enjoys.

To a lot of people, that walk down Main Street was a coincidence. To James, and those of us at the Mission, it was the hand of God.

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