

# Mission Moments



## More Than Help ...*Hope*

As Food Program Coordinator at Westminster Rescue Mission, one of the greatest blessings of my role is serving alongside volunteers whose compassion makes a real difference week after week. This month, in honor of **National Volunteer Month**, I'm especially honored to highlight Stephanie and Ally — a mother and daughter team who have become a treasured part of our volunteer family.

Their passion for service has deep roots. Years ago, Stephanie's mother-in-law introduced them to volunteering at local soup kitchens and food pantries in Florida. That early

example planted something lasting, and today their service continues to reflect that same spirit of compassion and generosity.

At WRM, Stephanie and Ally can be found sorting donations, packing food boxes, and serving at distribution sites — jumping in wherever they're needed with kindness, humility, and purpose. Stephanie is retired after more than 20 years owning and operating a local business, and also volunteers with Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen and A Little Love Food Pantry. Ally works full-time as a Registered EEG

Technologist, remotely monitoring electroencephalograms for hospitals across the country — and still finds time to show up for her community every week.

What I appreciate most about them is how they understand that every task matters. Every box packed, every donation sorted, every distribution served is part of something much bigger — extending care, dignity, and hope to our neighbors in need.

We are so grateful for Stephanie and Ally. Their faithful, behind-the-scenes service is a reminder that ministry often happens in the quiet, consistent acts of love — and that is something worth celebrating.

BY TRACY HUMPHRIES, Food Program Coordinator

# CEO Letter



**STEPHANIE HALLEY**, Chief Executive Officer

***Come and see what God  
(and YOU) have done!***

*Come and see what God has done,  
his awesome deeds for mankind!  
He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the waters on foot—  
come, let us rejoice in him.*

*Come and hear, all you who fear God;  
let me tell you what he has done for me.*

*...but God has surely listened  
and has heard my prayer.  
Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me!*

***(Psalm 66:5-6, 16, 19-20)***

Just as the Psalmist proclaims the amazing power of the Lord, I write to you today to share how God is moving – through YOU and the Mission – to do awesome works, right before our eyes. I hope you'll take a few moments to read our stories of transformation and growth. In the baptism celebrations, and the tables being filled with food, we are blessed to see how God provides through our community supporters.

So come and see... call us today for a tour, to sign up to volunteer with friends and family, or just to chat with one of us about what is happening on campus and in the hearts of the men, women, and families we're serving. We can't wait to see you!

Come and see!

## Stay Connected with Us!

Thank you for being part of the Mission community — our work is not possible without *you*. To make sure you continue receiving updates, our newsletter, and our **new digital newsletter (coming soon)**, please take a moment to confirm or update your information below. Simply complete and tear off this form and return it to us, **or visit [WestminsterRescueMission.org/stay-connected](https://WestminsterRescueMission.org/stay-connected) to fill it out online.** Staying connected means staying at the heart of our community — and we don't want you to miss a thing!

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### Mission Program Interests *(Check all that apply)*

Mission Food Program  AHC - Men's Residential

Addiction Healing Center (AHC) - General  AHC - Women's Recovery

# Steps Forward, Grace Received



Every month at Westminster Rescue Mission, our chapel fills with the full arc of recovery — and everyone celebrates together.

Progression celebrations mark the milestones of our program — men moving from Foundations to Bridge, Bridge to Transitions, or completing all three program levels. One of the most meaningful parts of these gatherings is the introduction of new patients. Whether someone is one day into their journey or several months in, they stand before the community and hear the same thing: **you are worth celebrating!** One day counts. Three days count. Three weeks, three years — **every step forward is worthy of celebration!**

Each person is welcomed. Around them stands the full picture of what recovery can become: program staff, family and friends, current patients, alumni, and graduates now living in WRM’s Recovery Housing — men who return not because they have to, but to show those just starting out what’s possible.

“This is the hardest thing I’ve ever done. The hardest — and nothing else has worked. But here, in this place, I found Him. In the staff. In the view out the window. He is constantly working and He is listening. And I believe, whole-heartedly.”— *Addiction Healing Center (AHC) Program Patient, Foundation to Bridge*



## A Different Kind of Celebration: Baptism

Baptisms are kept purposely separate from progression ceremonies — they deserve their own moment. While the Gospel and spiritual wellbeing are woven into the WRM journey, proclaiming Christian faith is not a requirement for inclusion. Baptisms happen organically: one man reaches a point when he is ready to proclaim his belief and make a decision to turn his life and will over to the Lord. Others, watching, find themselves exploring their faith.

The preparation is part of the joy. The chapel transforms — an inflatable pool, hoses, buckets, towels, all a joint effort of staff and patients. Some men arrive with court-ordered

monitoring electronics that can’t get wet. The team finds a way — carefully wrapping, protecting, someone holding a leg above the water. Because for that man, something has shifted: the court may have directed me here. But Jesus is my guide now.

Pastor Floyd meets individually with each man who expresses interest — counseling them, walking through what baptism truly means. And without fail, there is always someone who waits, wrestles with it, can’t quite commit — until the last moment, when it becomes an unmistakable yes. “It always comes back to trusting Jesus to be part of their walk. And when that moment arrives — when someone who wasn’t sure suddenly is — there is nothing quite like it.” — *Floyd Westbrook, Spiritual Director and Senior Pastor*

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# A Home is Coming

## Recovery Housing for Women with Children

Now that we're officially celebrating the start of spring, there's more than just seasonal change in the air. The Women's Program is steadily moving forward; we are filled with gratitude for the teamwork and incredible community support that have carried us to this point. We are working toward an opening this summer.

### Meet the Team

We'd like to welcome Quida to our team as the new Recovery Housing Coordinator for the Women's Program. She brings a caring heart and a passionate drive for helping women in recovery discover their true potential. Quida works closely with Jaime, our Director of Workforce and Operations who has taken on the role of overseeing our Women's Program.



### House Renovation Updates

What may look like a simple home renovation has been a lengthy process. Since purchasing the house in January 2025, we have navigated grants, permitting, and significant infrastructure work — a new septic field, sprinkler system, and driveway improvements — before a single interior wall could be touched.

We are finally in the remodeling phase, focused on creating a safe and welcoming space for the women and children we serve — ADA accessibility upgrades, updated bathrooms, and refreshed living spaces. Every step has been guided by Maryland Department of Health standards and made possible through our partnerships and generous funding.

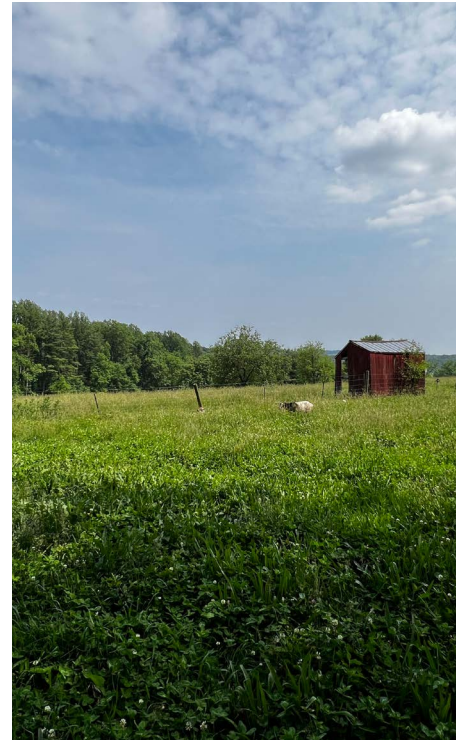
Every woman and child who walks through our doors deserves a place to heal and call home. We are almost there.

### Moving Forward

Quida and Jaime are actively developing connections to the resources our women and children will need when they arrive — summer camps, day care, transportation, and more. Through partnerships with the Carroll County Health Department and many others, collaborative work will continue long after our doors open. Every detail matters. Every need is considered. We can't wait to welcome these families and walk alongside them as they rebuild their lives.

We're thrilled to see the Women's Program coming together, and we're incredibly grateful to the many churches, organizations, and individuals who have donated money, women's care items, and other services toward this cause. None of this would be possible without your support — and we give all the glory to God!

The best way to support the program right now is to stay connected so you know exactly what we need when we need it.



### How to Help

- » **STAY INFORMED**  
Sign up for our email updates and digital newsletter. [[Link](#)]
- » **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**  
[Westminster Rescue Mission](#) on Facebook, [@WRMorg](#) on Instagram.
- » **MAKE A MONETARY DONATION**  
Your financial gift goes directly to the areas of greatest need across all of our programs, making an immediate and lasting difference. Use the enclosed envelope or give online. [[Link](#)]
- » **SHOP OUR WALMART WISH LIST**  
Pick up items that directly support women and children. [[Link](#)]
- » **SHARE HOW YOU'D LIKE TO HELP**  
Fill out our volunteer interest form to share your skills and availability. Whether you have a professional skill to share, a practical talent like cooking or gardening, experience working with women or children, or simply a heart to serve — there is a place for you here.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.westminsterrescuemission.org/helpingwomen/> to share how you'd like to help!



# When the Church Comes Together

Church partnerships have been part of Westminster Rescue Mission's foundation from the very beginning. Through shared values and a heart for service, local congregations help us serve not only individuals in our programs, but our broader community. This is faith in action — the kind that transforms lives.

Church involvement can look many different ways — cooking Sunday meals, packing food boxes, hands-on maintenance, or meaningfully showing up in prayer. Evening chapel services open the door for joint worship, Bible study, and music. Throughout the year, congregations send cards and notes of support to the men in our program.

We're grateful to spotlight three of our faithful church partners.

## Clearfield Bible Church

Pastor Ray and his congregation have served alongside us for years — serving monthly meals, offering prayer, and sending encouraging cards and notes to men in hard seasons. This isn't a once-a-year gesture; Clearfield shows up consistently, year-round. They've provided volunteers and steadfast support even during times of hardship within their own church walls — a living example of what it means to love your neighbor well.

## Faith Family Church

Faith Family is one of the Mission's most steadfast supporters. They are long-standing champions of the WRM Ladies Auxiliary and among the primary supporters of the Ladies Tea — the annual spring gathering celebrating the women who surround and sustain this Mission. Their generosity helps make the Tea possible each year.

That same spirit of commitment drives others in the church to connect in a different way. A dedicated group of Faith Family volunteers visit weekly to lead our residents through an enriching Bible study program — a highlight the men look forward to as a meaningful part of their ongoing journey.



LifePoint Loves volunteer group building a patio space for Addiction Healing patients.



Finished LifePoint Loves patio space.



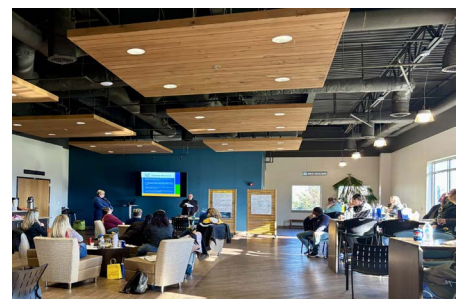
Ladies Tea in 2025, supported by Faith Family Church.

**"To see God change the life of someone we know and to work with them in rebuilding their life and their home is such a blessing!" — Judy Andrews, Former Ladies Auxiliary President, Faith Family Church**

## LifePoint Church

LifePoint has made their presence felt in every corner of this Mission. Through the work of LifePoint Loves they transformed our campus with a new outdoor gathering space for the men to enjoy. Their weekly Celebrate Recovery meeting provides a refuge for residents and staff alike. From generous financial investment to hands-on volunteering and consistent presence, their dedication to our community is unwavering.

These three represent just a fraction of the congregations who pour into this Mission.



Westminster Rescue Mission staff retreat at LifePoint Church.

If your church would like to get involved, please contact:

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# Upcoming at WRM

## Digital Newsletter

It's coming — we promise! Our digital newsletter is in the works, and we want to make sure you're on the list. If you haven't already updated your contact information, now is the time. Visit [www.westminsterrescuemission.org/stay-connected](http://www.westminsterrescuemission.org/stay-connected) to confirm your email address and stay connected.



## Ladies Tea - May 16

Our Ladies Tea is just around the corner — and by the time this newsletter reaches you, seats may already be gone. If you missed out, check for any last-minute availability or make a donation in the spirit of the Tea at <https://westminsterrescue.givevirtuous.org/Event/2026-ladies-tea>. Your support goes directly toward the women and families we serve.



## OkSOBERfest - Oct 3

OkSOBERfest will be back, featuring good clean fall family fun! Games, pumpkins, craft fair, and the INFLATABLE RACE! We need your help to make it the best day possible – if your church, civic organization, or business can help organize a station, please contact Trish St Michel at [tstmichel@WestminsterRescueMission.org](mailto:tstmichel@WestminsterRescueMission.org).

## Follow us on Social Media

Between newsletters, our social media pages are where the story keeps going. Follow us at [facebook.com/westminsterrescuemission](https://facebook.com/westminsterrescuemission) and on Instagram at [@WRMorg](https://www.instagram.com/WRMorg) — and look for our special Mental Health Awareness Campaign coming in May. It's a conversation worth following.

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## Volunteer with us

Your time, talent, and dedication are what make a difference. Whether you're looking to give back to the community, learn new skills, or complete service hours, we welcome you to join our team of volunteers. We need your help!

Fill out the Volunteer Application on our website or below to get started.



## Plates of Plenty - July

Mark your calendars — Plates of Plenty is back! All month long in July, support the Mission Food Program simply by supporting local businesses. A portion of every purchase comes back to your neighbors in need. This year, you can increase the impact by becoming a sponsor.

Interested? Visit [platesofplenty.org](http://platesofplenty.org), email Mark Punchard at [mpunchard@WestminsterRescueMission.org](mailto:mpunchard@WestminsterRescueMission.org) or call 717-309-6066 to learn how to get involved.

Watch our socials in June for opportunities to participate.

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