



Mission Moments

Westminster Rescue Mission
ADDICTION HEALING CENTER | MISSION FOOD PROGRAM



Neighbors in the Storm

It's 3 p.m. on a heavy summer afternoon, the sky darkening with a coming storm. Inside a church social hall, **Mission Food Program** staff and volunteers prepare for the evening's mobile food distribution. Just one of the ways we share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Although it won't begin for two more hours, community members begin to arrive.

One by one, people check in, receive a numbered card to hold their place in line, and a milk voucher. Many come alone, carrying reusable grocery bags.

Gradually, small groups form—strangers **connected by shared struggle and quiet strength**. There's comfort here, and a sense of being seen.

As I introduce myself to three women gathered together, a volunteer announces a severe weather warning and points out the safest part of the building. A quick breath passes through the room—worry that the food truck might not make it.

At a mobile food distribution, strangers find strength, dignity, and community in the face of everyday struggle.

One retiree on a fixed income told me, **"Before I found out about this place, I was depressed. I didn't know how I was going to make it. Now I get excited when it's the day to come. It's like a pick-me-up."**

Robert and his wife are raising their two granddaughters. **"I worked my whole life, but my wife had to stop early due to dementia. Medicare doesn't cover everything—we pay out of pocket for her prescriptions."**

"
If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry...then your light will rise in the darkness.
— Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)
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Brandy, a mother of two, is an educational instructor for individuals with disabilities. **"I work full-time, but it's still not enough. Food and gas got expensive, and my old car finally died. I had to get a new one to keep working and get the kids to school. We had to get help."**

"Thankfully, family watches them during the summer—feeds them breakfast, lunch, sometimes dinner. I can't imagine covering all those meals."

As the rain eases, a volunteer calls out, "The truck's here!" A quiet cheer ripples through the room. I ask Brandy if there's anything else she wants people to know.

She says, "When I got my new—well, new-to-me—car, people thought everything was fine. But what you see on the outside isn't what's going on. You don't know someone's story from their car or their clothes. I try to tell people, this resource is here. Use it."

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Fill A Plate. Feed A Neighbor.

All month long, you can help fill plates across Carroll County—just by eating out or picking up groceries.

Our *Plates of Plenty* campaign brings together local restaurants and stores who've pledged a portion of proceeds to support the **Mission Food Program** in the month of July.

That means when you buy a sandwich, pick up

produce, or treat your family to dinner—you're helping your neighbors get the food they need.

Each participating business has chosen a specific day (or days!) to give back. At select locations, you can also make a direct donation — just ask your server or cashier.

**New Partners
Joining Weekly!**
See the full list at
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WHO BENEFITS:

Local kids
and families!



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WHO HELPS:

You and partner
businesses!



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HOW IT WORKS:

Shop, Eat, Feed!



Plates of Plenty Highlights

Dining Days

July 1 - Blaze Pizza,
Westminster

July 8 & 29 - Honeygrow,
Westminster

July 14 - Texas Roadhouse,
Westminster

July 17 - Bistro 91,
Finksburg

**Trivia
Night!**

All Month Long!

Greenmount Station,
Hampstead

Ledo Pizza, Hampstead

Spargos, Manchester



Stratosphere Social

Eat, Play and Drink

10% of all purchases -
food, drinks, bowling,
axethrowing AND the
arcade **donated to**
feed local families!

SHOP TO BEAT HUNGER

June 25 - July 31
Grocery Outlet
Westminster

Please Note... special flyers or codes may be required for your purchase to qualify for the fundraiser. Information will be posted on social media and PlatesofPlenty.org.

How You Can Help:

SHOP OR DINE ...

at any business listed on the enclosed July calendar. Tell them you are shopping to support the **Mission Food Program**.

MAKE A DIRECT DONATION ...

at platesofplenty.org

TELL A FRIEND ...

and spread the word!

We're grateful to all the local businesses who've stepped up to join this effort—

With Special Thanks to our Sponsors!

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Every Step Matters:

A New Way of Celebrating Progress In Recovery

Inside the chapel at our **Addiction Healing Center**, something sacred happens each month as we gather—not to mark an ending, but to honor a step forward.

These are our **Progression Celebrations**—a chance to reflect, give thanks, and recognize the miraculous transformation unfolding right before our eyes.

In the past, many patients arrived with a “graduate and move on” mindset. But recovery is not about finishing.

It's about growing, staying open, and showing up each day with willingness - a life-long journey.

These milestones are celebrated not in

isolation, but in community. Friends, family, and WRM staff fill the chapel—offering encouragement rooted in faith, gratitude, and grace. Each is reminded that even if much has been lost, there is still so much left to build upon.

Today our **Progression Celebrations** reflect that deeper journey. As each person reaches a new level of care—whether transitioning from Foundations to Bridge or from Bridge to Transitions—we pause together to recognize the courage it takes to keep going.

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11 (NIV)

“This moment isn’t about leaving something behind,” says our Residential Program Manager Carolyn, “it’s about learning to live in the moment, to notice what’s growing within.”

Understanding the Levels of Care

Our residential program uses a step-down model to guide men through their recovery:

- **Foundations** - Includes 24/7 structured care and support at the beginning of the journey.
- **Bridge** - Focus shifts to building daily structure and personal responsibility.
- **Transitions** - Men live onsite but have greater autonomy--and the opportunity to work up to 32 hours per week.

More and more, our patients in the residential program are choosing to stay even after they require less intensive care. Nearly half are now in Transitions (the lowest level of residential support). They’re trusting the process, allowing God to guide them, and building the daily habits that support lasting sobriety.

“The longer you stay, the stronger your foundation becomes. Each step forward is a beginning, not an end.”

—Ryan, Alumni Patient

Volunteer Opportunities

Always Needed

- Donate gift cards to local restaurants or activities for patient outings.
- Notes of encouragement and prayer for the Addiction Healing Center patients.
- Volunteers in the food program. (Individuals or Small Groups, ages 12+)
- Administrative, office and reception support

Seasonal Needs

- Lawn mowing/trimming.
- Gardening (weeding, dividing plants, mulching, etc.)
- Support our Recovery Month activities in September (variety of “jobs” available)

Contact Trish St. Michel at 410-848-2222 or volunteer@westminsterrescuemission.org.



One of the most joyful parts of the service is the music—from the **Crosswind Church Praise Band**, a beloved partner in our mission.

Behind the Mission: Westminster Rescue Mission Ladies Auxiliary

In the spring, a beloved tradition brings together supporters and neighbors for a purpose far beyond tea and treats. The **2025 WRM Ladies Auxiliary Tea** offered guests a time of fellowship and fundraising — complete with a silent auction, handmade crafts, and a love offering to support the Mission.

The event also marked a powerful moment of encouragement. **WRM CEO Stephanie Halley** shared updates on the upcoming **Women & Children's Recovery Home**—a new program that will allow women in recovery to heal while living with their children. This compassionate, family-focused model is rare—and deeply needed.



Thanks to the efforts of many—including members of the Ladies Auxiliary—preparations for the home are well underway, from brush cleanup and septic upgrades to creating ADA accessibility and getting ready to welcome the first families.

Throughout the year, the **Ladies Auxiliary raises funds and offers support** for a range of WRM programs. The Tea remains a signature gathering, but the impact of this group extends far beyond a single afternoon.

If you'd like to learn more or come to one of our meetings, contact Judy Andrews (WRMLA President) at jamusic53@yahoo.com or 410-299-1251.



Check out the photo gallery from the 2025 WRM Ladies Auxiliary Tea

Relive the special moments and smiling faces from this beautiful day of fellowship and fundraising.

westminsterrescuemission.org/2025teagallery

A Message from our CEO

Dear Friends, I've been reading about "bum lambs." It is a phenomenon I didn't know about until we started birthing lambs on our new farm. Every now and then, a mama sheep rejects one of her own babies. We saw this firsthand this spring. It is heartbreaking. For whatever reason, the mama is hostile – kicking and shoving her baby, not feeding her little one. The poor lamb, dejected, hangs its head low. It is heartbreaking to watch.

So, the shepherd steps in (in our case, this is our dear Hannah), separating mama shepherd cares for the lamb like it is her own – bottle feeding it, holding it close, sometimes even sleeping with it in the barn! After the lamb is strong enough and goes back into the field with the others, it continues to have an incredible bond with its shepherd. It responds to the Shepherd in a special way.

How blessed are we to have a Good Shepherd who cares for us when we are rejected? And how blessed are we to be in ministry to share that good news with those who are in such need of a loving Shepherd?

Thank you God for showing us how to love and care for others!

Together in service,

Stephanie M. Halley



"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

(John 10:27)

Want to Get Involved?

Your support makes these programs possible. Whether through volunteering, donations, or spreading awareness, you can help change lives. Visit our website & stay connected on our social media!



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