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Mason had seen it before. His mother said this time would be different, but this time was the same as last time and every time before. Mason's mother was addicted to alcohol and used men to get what she wanted.

"I knew the life I was living wasn't good for my son, but I couldn't get away. Every time I left, it seemed like everything was pulling me back in."

Mason had moved more times than he could remember and knew his mother wasn't happy.

"I just wanted her to be happy, but didn't know what I could do to help. My mom is so strong, but I knew she needed help."

Mason's mother, Vikki, came to The Rescue Mission after someone she worked with told

her about the programming offered at The Rescue Mission's Charis House.

"They said kids were welcome and I was blown away. I knew I needed help but wasn't about to give up my son to get it."

Mason and Vikki came to Charis House and both started getting the help they needed. Vikki started programming and knew Mason was taken care of while she was gone. She took courses for her rehab, financial literacy, job skills, and even received certifications to help her get a job.

Mason found a place that finally felt like home. He didn't have to worry about where they were staying each night and knew his mom was finally getting better.

"I was nervous when we came, but am so happy my mom brought us here. I finally have a mom and that's all I ever wanted."

Mason and Vikki now have: a house, a car, and Vikki has found steady employment. Mason is going to school and making friends. He is so excited to finally be able to invite his friends over to the house.

"I can't thank The Rescue Mission enough for everything they did for my son and me. You saved my life and gave my son a chance to have the life every little boy deserves. Thank you!"

GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON US

If you had seen Keyee years ago at The Rescue Mission you would have never guessed he would be where he is now. Previously, when Keyee was at The Mission, he would get easily agitated, confused, upset, and even aggressive toward others. Today, Keyee is thriving and even leading other men to join The Mission's long-term programming.

Keyee's journey started years ago, but real change began last year when he decided to ask for help from Rescue Mission program staff. The team was overjoyed when Keyee came to them for help but had no idea just how much help he would need. From a state ID to a birth certificate, Keyee did not have a single piece of identification to begin his new journey. One of the most important items he needed was his green card. So, Outreach Coordinator, Jay Evans, started working with Keyee on what felt like an endless cycle.

"We would be in my office for hours working with local and state offices, the courthouse, immigration, and even some of his past employers. We continued to hit roadblocks and were given the run around more times than I can count."

Keyee was unable to do anything without his green card. He couldn't apply for any assistance programs or even get a job. Door after door continued being shut, and Jay and Keyee weren't making any traction on getting what was needed.

"It was discouraging. We spent so much time doing what we thought was the right thing only to find out we needed something else. We had sent in three different applications for his green card and I was ready to give up."

Right when Jay had lost his hope, he could feel God telling him to keep going.

"I remember the night vividly. I went home discouraged from a day without progress and I was thinking in my head, it's over. I went to God and immediately felt Him telling me 'Keep going, you're almost there.'"

The next day when Jay arrived at The Mission, he had an overjoyed Keyee meet him in the cafeteria. In Keyee's hand was a letter telling him that he would be receiving his green card in the mail within the next few weeks.



"I was screaming for joy in the cafeteria, literally screaming. I couldn't have been happier and knowing that Keyee would finally be able to start his life made it that much better."

Keyee has since obtained his state identification, social security card, and copies of his green card. Because of these things, he was able to apply and start receiving social security income and start applying for apartments.

"Keyee is exactly why I love what I do at The Rescue Mission. No other organization or group was able to help him the way he needed, and we found a way. God found a way to help this man get back on his feet. God finally gave Keyee the confidence to ask for help from us, and we showed him the amazing work God can do if you let Him. Keyee renewed my spirit and reminded me that God never gives up, even when we might."

ONLY THROUGH HIS WILL

Since July 2020 when we moved into our new home at 404 E. Washington Blvd. so much has happened in our world. We have gone through a pandemic, a recession, experienced “The Great Resignation,” and now are possibly seeing another World War.

If you had told me all of these things would happen within two years of our move, I would have stopped everything. I would have questioned how we could make this new building work with all of those world events happening. But God knew better. He knew people would come to The Rescue Mission for safety and hope during one of the most hopeless times in recent history.

Since we have moved, our numbers have more than doubled. God knew what an extreme need these events would put on the community and positioned The Rescue Mission to be prepared to fill that need. He knew that we needed this new building to provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future.

If we had remained at our old building during these unprecedented times, there is no way we could have assisted all of the individuals we see daily. We are serving nearly 300 individuals each night in our shelter alone, a number that never would have been possible at our old facility. But God knew, and He prepared a place.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I Am.

- John 14:3

The Rescue Mission is that place for the many men, women, and children in our community facing a homeless crisis right now!

With double the number of individuals served, the need has never been greater for our community to come alongside The Rescue Mission and provide for the least of these. Your gift today provides someone with more than just a hot meal and warm bed but a chance for real change: a chance to experience the life intended for all of us when He gave His life on the cross.

Please consider giving your best gift today!

God Bless,

Rev. Donovan A. Coley Sr., MA
CEO | Senior Pastor



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