

2019 IMPACT REPORT



- WICHITA FALLS -
FAITH MISSION
EVERY STORY MATTERS

Ashley's Story

Ashley came from an abusive household. She left home at 15, she quickly got into trouble and spent 18 months in county jail. By the time she was 19, she was pregnant, gave birth to a son and gave up custody of her son to the father.

Last year she was arrested twice, the first arrest was for possession of meth. The second arrest was by the same officer. He said to her "Ashley you are NEVER going to get it right are you?".

She heard about Faith Refuge while in jail and wrote to Janet, the Program Director to see if she could get some help. Janet wrote her back and said there is a bed waiting on her.

When the arresting office found out that Ashley was going to rehab, he volunteered to drive her to Faith Refuge.

Ashley entered the New Beginnings addiction recovery program. She worked hard to complete the New Beginnings addiction recovery program and completed her 180 hours of community service by working at Faith Resale store and working in the kitchen.

Today, Ashley has a plan for life and knows who she is in Christ. She shares, "I want to go to church, stay sober, stay plugged in and go to work."

When Ashley graduated from the "New Beginnings addiction recovery program, the Federal Investigator, the K-9 officer and the jail nurse showed up to support her at graduation. Currently she is living in the Wichita Falls Faith Mission transition house for women.

Your gifts changed Ashley's life.



"I am grateful to have this opportunity, because there was no hope where I was at, I don't think it was coincidence, how everything happened, it was just meant to be, and I am now glad that I have a second chance at a real life, I never thought that sober would look like this"

THE **IMPACT** YOU MADE IN 2019

MEALS
SERVED 123,362

16,432 NIGHTS OF SHELTER
FOR MEN

NIGHTS OF SHELTER
FOR WOMEN 13,988

5,675 NIGHTS OF SHELTER
FOR CHILDREN

TOTAL NIGHTS
OF SHELTER 36,095

Men clients 1,021

Women clients 1,063

Children clients 432

Total clients 2,516

Obtained housing 181

Found employment 106

Volunteer hours 17,663

of volunteers 4,944

vouchers given out

for clothing 2,728

Mary's Story

Mary's brother, John started drinking at an early age and fought the addiction of alcohol and drugs for years. John would have good spells where he could fight his demons, have a job and maintain family life, but something would happen, he would lose his job, end up back on the streets and end up at the Faith Mission. Three years was the longest that he could remain sober.

John had four brothers and sisters and most of the family members tried to reach out at one time or another and stay in contact with him. But John struggled with his demons.

Once when John ended up at Faith Mission, he was sick, with the mission's help he ended up at the hospital in San Antonio. He was in the hospital for over four months. While in San Antonio he was offered a place to stay but he wanted to come back to Wichita Falls and the Faith Mission because that is where his friends were, and he felt at home.

It had been seven years since Mary had spoken with John. Her individual support group urged her to reach out to him. She met John over lunch at the Faith Mission along with his friends. Mary wanted to do something to help somehow. Once when she was visiting with John it was wintertime. She noticed that his friends did not have hats, gloves or socks. She said that they had too much pride to ask for them. Over the next year, she collected hats, gloves, socks and razors. She gave

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away 50 care packages at the Faith Mission. That was five years ago, this year she gave away over 100 care packages.

"So, my hope is that every time one of these men put on a hat or a pair of gloves that I have provided to them, ... that they will know that they're loved, and they're cared for no matter what. We're all God's children and we all are loved, and I don't want anybody whether it's a fault of their own or just have a run of bad luck, to not know that they're not loved because Jesus loves us all. And I want them to feel that love too." .. Mary

John passed away July 29, 2017.



Life Changing Programs and Services

Through its two shelters Faith Mission for men and families and Faith Refuge for women and children, the Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. helps individuals and families who are struggling with homelessness. Both shelters are open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and all our programs and services are free of charge.

Emergency Shelter Services

Emergency Shelter Services are provided to individuals on a daily basis. Beds, food, clothing, showers, clinic and chapel services are available.

Case Management Services

Case Managers are available by appointment to help each client develop an individual service plan that is customized just for them. This may include help in securing I.D., medical services, legal aid, employment, transportation and housing.

Addiction Recovery Program - "New Beginnings"

A seven to nine-month residential program that provides addiction recovery classes, Bible studies, anger management coaching, life coaching, counseling, and work therapy.

Job Readiness Programs

Career Academy - for women at the Faith Refuge

A twelve-week program which prepares women for the workforce, including computer skills, Biblical Precepts for daily living, anger management, parenting, money management, and GED prep and testing.

Faith Enterprises - for men at the Faith Mission

A six-month residential program that helps hard-to-employ men develop a positive work history and gain marketable skills.

Transitional Supportive Housing

In Transitional Supportive Housing the qualifying program graduate will reside in a house, with other program graduates in order to transition from shelter living to independent living.

GIVING HOPE

BECAUSE OF YOU

Because of you, many of the men, women and children we have served this past year are writing new chapters to their stories ... this time they are stories of hope and victory. Thank you for sharing in this life-changing ministry. It is my honor every day to serve our homeless neighbors. I am humbled by the generosity and love shown by this community.

Simple stated, "We just couldn't do this without you. Thank you"

Every Story Matters,



Steve Sparks
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