Wichita Falls Faith Mission's history was rewritten by a few individuals who read the book *Same Kind of Different As Me*. Faith Refuge, our women's and children's shelter, is a result of this. We invite you to join us in attending this movie premiere event on October 18.

The story is of two worlds colliding. A dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. A lost, upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream of a poor, wise man who changes his city. A story of grit, pain, and betrayal with an unexpected, life-changing love so incredible no novelist would dare dream it. Yet, it's true. For more details about the event or how to reserve your tickets, please call 940-723-5663 or visit www.FaithMissionWF.org.
Special Thanks
Stories from Volunteers

The Mike Oliver Life Group of FBC Wichita Falls, formerly named Byron Jackson Life Group, is celebrating five years of faithfully hosting chapel and serving meals at Faith Refuge. When Peggy Mathews was asked why she keeps returning, she responded, “Children are my soft spot. It was evident from the beginning that there is a need for help at Faith Refuge.” Steve Haerry teaches chapel every month, displaying a passion for sharing God’s truth. “People need truth. People are starved for it,” stated Steve.

It is obvious Mike Oliver’s Life Group enjoy volunteering and being around each other. Steve Gifford shared that the class desires is to give the programmers a break from kitchen duties, so they bring in all the food, plastic plates, and disposable silverware. Group members also volunteer to bring items for the chicken alfredo meal, which they are now well-known for by the residents and staff of Faith Refuge.

This group, along with many other groups, donate the food for different meals every month. These food donations result in tremendous savings for Wichita Falls Faith Mission, which serves three meals a day, seven days a week at two locations. Mike Oliver’s class finishes out their night by wiping down the tables, cleaning dishes, sweeping and mopping.

Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. is so thankful this Life Group, and many other volunteer groups, choose to share their lives with the clients of Faith Refuge.

This North Texas heat we are experiencing is only made worse by the blast furnace winds and swampy humidity. In fact, it can be deadly. It doesn’t take a meteorologist to know that exposure to our summer conditions can have serious consequences.

At Wichita Falls Faith Mission, we are thankful this community helps us provide a safe and healthy environment for our guests. This happens daily with donations of water, popsicles, clothing, hygiene items, and so forth. Your financial gifts enable us to keep the showers on and the a/c running.

However, our shelters exist for much more than protection from the elements. As important as these things are, they are a means to an end. Our end goal is to help every person that enters our doors be able to provide these things for themselves someday. Our programs and services are all designed to lead them toward self-sufficiency.

Because of your support, many will come in for a cold drink of water and find much more. Some will find the hope and provision that only Christ can give. Others will be guided by a case manager towards skills and resources so they can remake their life. Still, others will enter programs that will lead them toward victory over destructive behaviors and opportunities for employment and housing. Thank you for making it possible for us to extend the help and grace that can lead to new life. As Jesus says in Matthew 25:40, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

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The greatest among you will be your servant.”

Matthew 23:11
Upcoming Events

**Bass Tournament**

Wichita Falls Faith Mission, in association with American Bass Anglers District 112, is hosting Faith Bass Tournament on August 5, 2017. All proceeds raised from the tournament go toward our job readiness program for men, which is called Faith Enterprises. Many of the graduates of this program become successful in reconciling with their families and holding down full-time jobs. The tournament starts at Hippy Beach, Lake Arrowhead. Visit www.FaithMissionWF.org to register or call 940-723-5663, for more details.

**Texoma Gives**

Join us at our Resale Shop on September 7 for Texoma Gives. Texoma Gives is a social media giving campaign in our community from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. There are many worthy nonprofits in our area. Please consider supporting us on Texoma Gives Day. You can do this on September 7 by visiting www.TexomaGives.org to donate.

**Fashion Night Out**

For the fifth time, Tangles Salon and Wichita Falls merchants are bringing this amazing event to our community to benefit the Faith Refuge Career Academy and Scholarship Fund. This event will feature a runway fashion show with several local boutiques highlighting the latest fashion trends, a live auction with designer handbags, and much, much more! It truly is a night of fashion, fun, and community. Visit www.FaithMissionWF.org or call 940-723-5663, for more details.

**Team Faith Spokesman**

For the past several years, Wichita Falls Faith Mission has had a team ride in the HH100, which is one of the oldest and largest cycling events in the nation. Our Team Faith Spokesmen members ride to raise awareness and funds for the homeless of Wichita Falls and the surrounding areas.

We would like to increase our team to make a bigger impact on alleviating homelessness and help restore our clients to successful lives. You do not need to ride 100 miles to make a difference. Any distance you cycle helps reach our goals.

We ask every cyclist to make a personal donation to Faith Mission of $100.00, which covers the jersey. Every cyclist needs to register online at HH100.org and list Team Faith Spokesmen as your team. We will provide you with sponsorship/donation letters and emails to send out to your family and friends to support you raising funds for Wichita Falls Faith Mission. If you are interested in riding in HH100 for Team Faith Spokesmen, please email Frances Anne Manning at francesanne.manning@FaithMissionWF.org or call her at 940-723-5663.
Faith Resale and Donation Center

Faith Resale and Donation Center is an integral part of Wichita Falls Faith Mission. Not only does it provide our organization with much-needed funds from the resale of goods, but it also provides an opportunity for our programmers to receive on-the-job training. The general public does not see all the sorting of merchandise and organization of resale items that goes on behind the scenes of the store. Our female programmers work at the store on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our male programmers work at the store on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays because of all the heavy lifting that is required. Some of the most valuable work skills our programmers learn are:

1. Punctuality
2. How to work with others, even if you do not want to
3. Completing difficult jobs
4. Getting oneself accustomed to work again

When you think of what Faith Resale and Donation Center does for our programmers, it truly is an amazing place. If you have any items to donate, please remember that your donation has a two-fold blessing to Wichita Falls Faith Mission. To schedule a pickup call 940-766-0705.

Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday-Saturday
10% off for active firefighters, police officers and EMTs.

Tributes for April – June

In Honor Of
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Banda
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Jack Hill
Jan & Vern Huffines
Jesus
Cedric Johnson, Sr.
Becky Pfeiffer

In Memory Of
Terry Aaron
Wesley E. Bartlett
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Robert Gohlke
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Danny Hickey
Gary Horn
Betty Sue Johnson
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Fred Lowder
Francis Mackey
Mom & Dad of Cary McNew
Patrick Newell
Bobby Joe Ritchie
Tommy Waggoner

Because of you, we are able to help rewrite the stories of the homeless.
Statistics provided are for April through June 2017.
7. Do you like and/or read our hard-copy newsletter?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes I read your newsletter
   - Most of the time I do not read your hard-copy newsletter
   - What would you like to see in our newsletter?__________________________

8. Would you prefer to receive a newsletter by email?
   - No
   - Yes, please email me at ________________________________
   - I would not like to receive either a hard-copy or an email newsletter

9. How satisfied are you with our overall communications?
   - Very satisfied
   - Somewhat satisfied
   - Somewhat dissatisfied ________________________________
   - Very dissatisfied ________________________________
   - What would you like to see more of or less of? ________________________________

10. Do you feel like you know your donations are making an impact?
    - Yes
    - No
    - Sometimes

11. If you answered “No” or “Sometimes” to question 10, would you give examples of how we can better communicate to you and others about what your donations are accomplishing?
    ________________________________

12. Do you have a personal story you would like to share with us in regard to homelessness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, or something that relates to our organization’s mission?
    ________________________________

13. How would you like to be addressed in our communications to you? Examples of the different ways people have requested in the past are, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sparks, Steve and Pam Sparks.
    ________________________________

14. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?
    ________________________________

Please complete the below information so we might know how we are reaching our different donor demographics. When the survey is completed, please use the envelope included in this mail out and send it back to Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc.

Name: ________________________________ Phone Number: ________________________________
Date of Birth: __________________________ Gender: ________ Occupation: ________________________________
Do you have children?  ◯ Yes  ◯ No
☐ Check here if you would like to be added to our email communications.
Email Address: ________________________________
Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc.  
(Faith Refuge and Faith Mission)

As we strive to provide Christ-centered programs and services to the homeless of Texoma, your input is vital to us as we make plans for our future. Please complete the survey located on this page and on the reverse side. When finished, please place it in the envelope provided and send it back to us. Thank you in advance for your help.

1. Why do you give to Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc.?
   - It gives me a tax write off
   - My faith inspires me to give
   - I like helping people, but it is not my faith that inspires me to give
   - I have a family member or friend who experienced homelessness
   - I was once homeless
   - ______________________________________________________________________

2. Are you aware that we do not receive any federal, state or local government funds?
   - No
   - Yes

3. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with our communication of the success stories at Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. (Faith Refuge and Faith Mission)?
   - Very satisfied
   - Somewhat satisfied
   - Somewhat dissatisfied
   - Very dissatisfied

4. Do we do a good job communicating that we are ONE organization with three (3) locations? (Faith Mission for men and families, Faith Refuge for women and single women with children, and Faith Resale and Donation Center)
   - Excellent
   - Above Average
   - Average
   - Below average
   - Poor “Unreliable”

5. Have you volunteered with our organization? If so, at which location?
   - Faith Mission
   - Faith Refuge
   - Faith Resale and Donation Center
   - At an event ______________________________________________________________________

6. How did you become involved with us?
   - From a mailing
   - From a TV advertisement
   - From a radio advertisement
   - Word of Mouth
   - I sought out Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. because of a personal story relating to your cause or felt led to give for other reasons
   - None of the above
Stories from The Refuge

“"I need to see your face. I don't care what kind of mess you are in" is the message Kelly Smith received from Diane Siegler, Chief Operations Officer of Wichita Falls Faith Mission. Thankfully, Kelly's mess was knee deep in working at her current job of nine months. However, Kelly's former life created many ugly and dark messes for herself. Kelly described herself as “the little round girl” who began taking Meth to help her feel beautiful on the outside. The drugs brought a slew of problems far worse than a few extra pounds. Kelly lived terror at her house, causing her to sleep with her gun and purse beneath her pillow. Formerly, she lived with a boyfriend who abused her and allowed other men to abuse her while she was under the influence.

In September 2014, Kelly wanted to die. The mess she was in seemed impossible to escape. In desperation, she prayed to God asking for help. Not too long after that her aunt asked her, “Do you want to go to Faith Refuge?” Kelly, a resident of Oklahoma, asked what is Faith Refuge and found the answer to her prayer.

Kelly is now a graduate of the New Beginnings drug and alcohol recovery program and a graduate of the Career Academy at Faith Refuge. When asked about her experience at Faith Refuge, she replied, “I have never been around so many people who cared about what happened to me.” Kelly shared a verse that resonated with her while at Faith Refuge and in her new life, “He rescued me because he delighted in me” (Psalm 18:19b).

Stories from The Mission

Frying his brother’s camera in the microwave finally prompted Alan Treviño to get help from Wichita Falls Faith Mission. Alan struggled with alcohol and prescription drug abuse for years. Eventually, he moved in with his brother due to a disability, but Alan kept getting high from his medications and his drinking was severely out of control. After many arguments with his brother, Alan moved out and became homeless. He came to Faith Mission in 2013 and joined the Recovery Program.

Over the years, Alan tried many recovery programs with no success. A thought finally crossed his mind while at Faith Mission, “I don't have to drink. I don't need to drink.” He gives all the credit to God for taking away the need for alcohol. Since entering the program Alan has not relapsed into alcoholism.

During the year of the recovery program, Alan learned many valuable lessons, especially in the job training program. When working at the mission’s thrift store, which was managed by women, he said he learned “to keep quiet.” All jokes aside, Alan shared that the program taught him how to treat a woman in the correct way. The work side of the program also reacquainted him with the value of work.

There were many times when Alan wanted to quit the recovery program, but he stuck it out. It is not an easy program to complete. Not only do the programmers attend classes and Bible studies, but they also work around the mission. Work is an integral part of the program. Alan consistently encourages the men to keep with the program. Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. is proud to report that we hired Alan after he graduated the program. Alan works at the front desk in our downtown location during the weekdays from 5:00 am to 8:00 am. He has not missed a day of work for three years and is never late!
In 1958...

and Faith Mission was born!!!

That’s right!

In 2018 we will celebrate our 60th anniversary. Over the years, Wichita Falls Faith Mission has provided shelter for tens of thousands of men, women and children and served millions of meals. We want you to join us as we celebrate 60 years of ministry and service.

Be watching for more to come!

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