2021

IMPACT REPORT

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

























- WICHITA FALLS FAITH MISSION
EVERY STORY MATTERS

Daylon's Story

When Daylon was 9, he saw his adopted father go to jail for statutory rape. This was the pivotal point in Daylon's life where he began his journey of addiction. All he wanted to do was "make it go away...get out of my reality," and he began to use drugs and alcohol.



Reflecting on his addiction, Daylon

says, "I fell in love as the devil put a false sense of comfort over me through drugs," and he did anything to continue that feeling. At 16, Daylon was kicked out of school for using drugs and was placed on juvenile probation but continued to run from his past addiction. He was introduced to "a whole new form of false comfort" with pills and meth. Daylon began to steal from stores and businesses to support the addiction.

These actions led Daylon to jail and other rehab programs that simply weren't helping. He continued to commit crimes until he was caught in a burglary and faced serious jail time. "Looking back, I think it was a cry for help," and God directed Daylon to Faith Mission to answer that cry.

After coming to Faith Mission, Daylon attended his court hearing where the reputation of success at Faith Mission convinced the judge to give Daylon a second chance at life rather than jail time.

Since coming to Faith Mission Daylon has begun to reaffirm his relationship with God. He said, "it's got to be God" that makes Faith Mission successful when others have failed him.

After he successfully completes the program, Daylon would like to start a house cleaning company and provide for his wife and 3-year-old daughter. He wants to be able to give his daughter the foundation he never had and stay connected to the Mission while continuing to find his clean path with God.

Chelsey's Story

Chelsey Cherry grew up as a country girl in South Texas, complete with rice fields and 4-Wheelers. She and her brother had a good, stable home until Chelsey entered the 3rd grade. Her parents started fighting, and the household became unstable, ending in her parents' divorce. By 6th grade she moved with her mom to San Antonio and spent summers with her father.



The instability of going back and forth created a depression that led to suicidal thoughts. Her dad tried to help her by giving her Xanax and Valium, to which she quickly became addicted. She soon was in and out of hospitals. During Chelsey's Sophomore year, she decided to share the pills with three of her friends. One of the girls became sick, and Chelsey was caught. She received a year of felony probation and was sent to a Juvenile Justice Facility.

The family moved to Wichita Falls in 2010. Chelsey dropped out of school and soon became pregnant with her first son, but she managed to get her GED. In 2017 Chelsea was married with three children when the temptation to use drugs became too much. Her lowest point came when, after doing drugs, she fell asleep in the car at a convenience store with her two youngest children in their car seats. People noticed and tried to wake her. When she did wake up, she was in jail, and CPS had taken her children. Her parents were granted custody of her children, and after a time of being clean, Chelsey moved in with them as well.

She knew eventually that living with her parents and kids was no way for her to live, so she sought help. That is when she found Faith Refuge.

"I decided to come here and get into the program where I have a chance and a good foundation under my feet that I know won't fail me."

She is starting the Career Academy so she can make a life for herself and her children. She says she will go wherever God takes her. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," and she truly believes it.

THE **IMPACT** YOU MADE IN 2021

MEALS 94,014 Faith Mission 71,924 Faith Refuge 22,090

16,043 NIGHTS OF SHELTER AT FAITH MISSION
For Men 15,714 / For Women 69 / Children 260

NIGHTS OF SHELTER 9,872 AT FAITH REFUGE 7,872 For Women 8,371 / Children 1,501

6,944 VOLUNTEER HOURS
Faith Mission 2,771 / Faith Refuge 4,173

Statistical Information (numbers are down from previous year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Through its two shelters Faith Mission for men and families and Faith Refuge for women and children, Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. provides Christ-centered programs and services that lead the homeless and addicted toward self-sufficiency.

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 trains 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.



IT'S ABOUT LIFE CHANGE

Every year we prepare this report so you can know how your donation was used. We want you to know that you didn't just support an organization or a cause, but you changed lives.

Eighty-four cents of every dollar is used to provide Christ-centered programs and services that lead the homeless and addicted toward self-sufficiency. On behalf of the men, women, and children we serve every day at our shelters, "Thank You" for making it all possible.

I hope you enjoy reading these success stories that you had a part in writing.

Every Story Matters.

Steve Sparks

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