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From Homeless to Hopeful: A Mother's Journey

When Latedra and her three young children found themselves living in their car in Florida, she never imagined that a leap of faith would lead them to Wichita Falls. After six months of homelessness – three months in their car and three months hopping between hotels – Latedra made the brave decision to drive 17 hours to Texas based on a friend's recommendation.

Though she initially found housing and work in Wichita Falls, unexpected circumstances left her family facing homelessness once again. That's when she discovered Faith Refuge through a 211 call. From her very first interaction with the staff, Latedra found the support her family desperately needed.



"The staff here is just awesome. Some of them really uplift you," Latedra shares. During her seven-month stay, Faith Refuge provided not only shelter but also helped enroll her children in school, arranged transportation, and assisted with clothing needs. The shelter's Christmas program even ensured her children had a joyful holiday.

A leap of faith led me to a place where hope was restored, and without their help, I have no idea where we would be.

Today, Latedra is preparing to move into her own home and has secured a work-from-home position that will allow her to care for her children. "Without Faith Refuge, I have no idea where we would be," she reflects. "I'm so used to doing things on my own, but for them to help us in this way – it's awesome."

Finding Peace Through Faith: Chandler's Journey

At age 12, Chandler's path to addiction began with what seemed like harmless experimentation. Despite excelling in high school sports, which temporarily kept him away from hard drugs, graduation left him without direction. Success at work brought money but led back to substance abuse and eventually prison.

The turning point came after losing his brother to violence. Consumed by thoughts of revenge and anger toward God,

Chandler isolated himself, falling deeper into addiction. One night at his brother's grave, in a moment of raw emotion, he found himself simultaneously cursing God and begging for help.

Within a week, a probation violation became God's unexpected answer. Though initially resistant to entering Wichita Falls Faith Mission's addiction recovery program, Chandler decided to "fake it till I make it," attending morning worship and Bible studies with a determination to change.

"I was amazed by how much time and care the staff invested in helping us. Their dedication went far beyond just doing a job," Chandler reflects. "Here I am, 36 years old, a grown man who's messed up. Why are you taking time out of your life to help me?"

Today, Chandler embraces his daily walk with Christ, although he acknowledges it's complicated. He's chosen to stay in Faith Mission's transition house, recognizing the importance of community in his recovery journey.

"If you want to change," he tells others struggling with addiction, "please come to this program. It will help if you give it a chance."



YOUR *Impact* IN 2024



134,762

Nutritious Meals Served

Faith Mission 112,057

Faith Refuge 22,705



38,398

Nights of Shelter

For Men at Faith Mission 22,128

For Women at Faith Refuge 13,085

For Children at Faith Refuge 3,185



10,845

Volunteers Hours

Faith Mission 4,784

Faith Refuge 6,061



973

**Hours of Bible Study
Classes attended**



517

**Medical, Dental, Eye
Appointments**



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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Through its two shelters, Faith Mission for Men and Faith Refuge for Women and Children, the Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Inc. helps individuals and families struggling with homelessness and addiction. Both shelters are open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and all our programs and services are free of charge.

EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Emergency Shelter Services are provided to individuals daily. Beds, food, clothing, showers, and health clinics 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.

Mobile Case Management Services

The Mobile Outreach program is designed to help individuals committed to leaving the streets and becoming self-sufficient. It provides essential services such as offering shelter at Faith Mission or Faith Refuge and facilitating transportation from outreach sites to these shelters.

Clothing Ministry

The Clothing Ministry provides essential support to individuals in need by offering access to free clothing, shoes, bedding, and household items.

Chapel Services

At Wichita Falls Faith Mission, our chapel services provide a welcoming and compassionate space where our guests can find spiritual support and encouragement.

ADDICTION RECOVERY/JOB READINESS PROGRAM - "NEW BEGINNINGS"

A thirteen-month residential program that helps men and women overcome addiction, homelessness, and joblessness.

Level 1 - Orientation

A 30-day orientation to the New Beginnings Program.

Level 2 - Addiction Recovery

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

Level 3 - Job Readiness

A six-month program that prepares the men and women for the workforce. This program helps hard-to-employ men develop a positive work history and gain marketable skills. It allows women to prepare for the workforce, including computer skills, Biblical Precepts for daily living, anger management, parenting, money management, and GED prep and testing.

Transitional Supportive Housing

This program is for New Beginnings Program graduates and offers short-term shelter for independent living. Graduates live in a sober living environment, a supportive house with other program graduates, with a resident manager at a reduced rate for up to one year.



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