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FROM THE CEO



THE WORD USED MOST OFTEN by the men and women we serve to describe themselves is, "HOPELESS". For some, it seems like a life sentence. But we know that God is about making people new. Change is possible.

The truth is, however, that change will only happen when staying then same is "off the table." Status quo is not an option. The Bible refers to this as repentance. Changing direction. Making new choices with a new mind.

Inside this newsletter, you will read the stories of two individuals who experienced this reality firsthand. They are walking, talking miracles.

It never gets old seeing God work in the lives of those we serve. And none of this would be possible without you. Your prayers and financial support keep this vital ministry going.

We are thankful for you and this generous community for coming alongside our homeless and addicted neighbors, offering them hope and a new life.

In the meantime, if you have questions about our programs and services, I would love to talk with you. Or call and schedule a tour. We would love to show you around.

Thank you for caring,

Steve Sparks
CEO



A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO ENSURE THE FUTURE

FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS, Wichita Falls Faith Mission has provided shelter, recovery, and Christ centered support to men, women, and children facing homelessness and addiction.

Now, we need your help.

We are launching a \$5.5 Million Capital Campaign to:

- Build a new wing for homeless mothers and children
- Renovate dormitories for safe, dignified living
- Replace aging HVAC systems
- Improve facilities so we can serve more people in need

This is not just construction. It is restoration. It is protection for families. It is hope.

Next Steps: How You Can Make a Difference

Your involvement can take many forms, each of which plays a vital role in changing lives:

- Make a Financial Contribution – Your donation directly funds the expansion and renovation projects outlined in this campaign.
- Become a Campaign Advocate – Share our mission with your network and encourage others to give.
- Volunteer Your Time – Help serve meals, mentor program participants, or contribute skills to our mission.
- Join Us in Prayer – Support those we serve, our staff, and the success of this campaign with your prayers.



STORIES FROM FAITH MISSION

TURNING BACK TO THE CROSS

WHEN A.J. FIRST ARRIVED AT FAITH MISSION, he wasn't looking for comfort. He was looking for survival. He had reached a breaking point. Years of substance abuse, broken relationships, emotional wounds from childhood, and deep depression had left him hopeless. He describes that season of life as one where he could only "blow things up further." Suicidal and exhausted, he cried out for help.

That cry led him to the New Beginnings Program.

At first, he wasn't sure he belonged. He struggled with faith and carried doubts shaped by past experiences. The structure was unfamiliar. The worship was different from anything he had known. For the first 30 days, he admits he wanted to leave.

But he stayed.

With nothing left to rely on, A.J. began to pray. What started as desperation slowly turned into surrender. He revisited a vow he had once made to God but never fulfilled. This time, he meant it.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10

That prayer became real in his life.

Through classes, accountability, counseling, and daily time in Scripture, A.J. began to see change. The anger softened. The chaos quieted. The cravings weakened. More importantly, his heart shifted. He moved from running from God to walking toward Him.

Today, A.J. speaks with clarity and hope. He feels closer to God than ever before. He understands that recovery is more than sobriety; it is transformation. It is learning to live differently, think differently, and trust differently.

As he prepares to complete the program, he looks ahead with faith instead of fear. He knows challenges will come, but he also knows he will not face them alone. A.J.'s story is not just about overcoming addiction. It is about redemption. It is about a God who meets us at our lowest point and offers a new beginning.

And that is exactly what he found.

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To donate or learn how to get involved, visit www.faithmissionwf.org, call **940-723-5663**, or email development@faithmissionwf.org.

Together, we can ensure Faith Mission continues changing lives for generations.



Every story matters. Every gift makes a difference.





WHEN TRUTH SILENCED THE LIES – CINDY’S STORY

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”— Deuteronomy 31:8

Before coming to the Refuge, Cindy’s life was shaped by abandonment, rejection, and addiction. She grew up without a foundation of faith and carried wounds that followed her into adulthood. For years, she battled substance abuse, cycling through sobriety and relapse. Even when she achieved a year of being clean, she found herself homeless. In that moment, hopelessness whispered that nothing would ever change.

But God was already at work.

When Cindy arrived at the Refuge, she was afraid and unsure of what to expect. She had never experienced a program centered so deeply on Scripture, structure, and community. At first, it felt overwhelming. Yet she knew she needed more than temporary change. She needed new coping skills, new thinking, and a new foundation.

Through daily Bible study, accountability, and the unwavering support of staff and other women, Cindy began

to see herself differently. The lies she once believed, that she was unworthy and unloved, started to fall away. In their place came truth. She learned she is worthy. She is loved. She is a child of God.

About two months into the program, something shifted. It was not one dramatic moment but a steady transformation of heart and mind. A women’s retreat refreshed her spirit and reignited her faith. She began to trust that God was truly going before her, preparing a future she could not yet see.

Today, Cindy stands stronger, confident in her identity in Christ. She has secured employment and is stepping into a new season of independence and stability. Doors she once thought were closed have opened again.

Cindy’s story is a powerful reminder that when faith takes root, lives are transformed. Through God’s grace and the Refuge’s Christ centered support, fear has been replaced with courage, and despair with hope.

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