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FROM THE CEO



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IT'S TRUE. Every member of our team realizes that when it comes to helping individuals overcome homelessness or have victory over addiction, there are no MVP's (Most Valuable Players). It takes everyone doing their part and bringing their skills, talents and resources to the table.

This goes for our community as well. There are numerous agencies and organizations that partner together to give our homeless and addicted neighbors the opportunities they need to succeed.

Inside this edition, you will hear from those who benefitted from this kind of collaboration. These joined efforts are a testament of the generosity and compassion that defines our community.

Your support either financially, prayerfully or by volunteering make this all possible. Thank you for being a part of our team.

Steve Sparks
CEO



"I GOT TO BE *HERE*"

WHEN RICHARD ARRIVED at Wichita Falls Faith Mission, he was carrying more than the weight of addiction. Fresh out of prison and far from anyone he knew, he admits he wasn't ready for the life that was waiting for him.

"I probably should have been kicked out 30 times in the first 30 days," he says. "I still had a prison mentality."

Angry, confrontational, and holding on to his past; Richard struggled through those first months. But as he watched other men graduate and rebuild their lives, hope began to replace hopelessness. For the first time in a long time, he started believing his story could change too.

The turning point came when Richard surrendered his life to Christ and was baptized.

"I stopped beating myself up about the things I'd done," he says. "I realized I had already been forgiven."

That truth transformed everything.

Richard embraced the Bible studies, found purpose in serving others, and discovered that freedom wasn't just leaving addiction behind. It was becoming a new creation in Christ.

"The biggest difference is I'm a Christian now," Richard says. "Everything I do, I want to glorify His name."

Today, Richard has a job he loves, a place to call home, and is actively involved in church and ministry. More importantly, he has a new purpose: sharing the hope he found through Jesus.

COMMUNITY STORIES OF STRENGTH AND STABILITY



JERRY'S JOURNEY TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

WHEN JERRY, A UNITED STATES VETERAN, came to Wichita Falls Faith Mission, he needed more than a temporary place to stay. He needed a path forward and a place to call home.

Jerry began working with our case management team, who connected him with community partners to help navigate the next steps toward permanent housing.

It took cooperation, planning, and people willing to come alongside him. Together, a plan began to take shape. Within just a few weeks, Jerry received the news he had been working toward: a VA home was ready for him.

Soon, he packed his belongings and left Wichita Falls Faith Mission, not for another temporary stop, but for his own home and a new chapter of self-sufficiency.

Jerry's story is a reminder of what can happen when a community works together to meet someone where they are and help them take the next step forward. We are proud to celebrate this new beginning with Jerry, and we thank him for his service to our country.

At Wichita Falls Faith Mission, **Every Story Matters**.

RICHARD'S STORY

Looking back, the 13 months that once seemed impossible have become one of God's greatest blessings.

"When you first get here, you think, 'I have to be here for 13 months.' But now I realize I got to be here. I gained biblical knowledge, learned how to stand on God's Word, and found a relationship with Christ."

His advice to every man who enters the program is simple:

"Just stay with it. It's worth it."

Richard's story is a powerful reminder that when lives are surrendered to Christ, hope is restored, hearts are transformed, and every story can become a testimony of God's redeeming grace.

"I realized I had already been forgiven."

RICHARD'S JOURNEY

- ADDICTION
- PRISON
- FAITH MISSION
- BAPTISM
- NEW CREATION
- PURPOSE

HOPE RESTORED. HEARTS TRASFORMED. GOD REDEEMS

STORIES FROM FAITH REFUGE

WHEN GOD CALLED OUT, SHE LISTENED



MARSHA'S JOURNEY

WHEN MARSHA came to Wichita Falls Faith Mission, she was tired of fighting.

Addiction, homelessness, trauma, and years of unresolved grief had hardened her heart. She was angry, defensive, and, in her own words, "hard to love." After years of trying to survive on her own, Marsha finally reached a point where she knew she couldn't anymore.

She cried out to God, and He led her to Faith Refuge. But walking through those doors didn't make everything easy.

Living alongside others forced Marsha to confront the anger, hurt, and unforgiveness she had carried for years. There were difficult days, but staff continued to encourage her, believe in her, and point her toward Christ. Slowly, her understanding of God began to change. During one class, Marsha heard Scripture spoken with the tenderness of a loving Father. "I found myself weeping," she remembers. The Bible began coming alive, and she discovered the freedom of truly believing she was forgiven by God.

Today, the woman who once wanted to shut people out wants something entirely different.

"I just want to love people now. I want them to see my gentleness, my kindness, and the light of God in me."

For Marsha, that change can be summed up simply: "I'm joyful. I know God's got me."

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BASIC ESSENTIALS
(heavy duty blankets)



HYGIENE & PERSONAL CARE
(toothbrushes & toothpaste, hand sanitizer, deodorant, towels & washcloths, soap, shampoo)



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(coats and jackets)

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