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FROM THE CEO



CHANGE AND GROWTH ALWAYS START with a decision. We either decide to be different or stay the same.

Insanity has been defined as, "Doing the same thing over & over and expecting different results."

Those "same things" typically involve destructive behaviors, toxic relationships, poor choices or even doing nothing.

If we do nothing over & over, it's true, the results will likely remain the same.

In the stories in this newsletter, you will read about individuals who decided to do something. Doing nothing was no longer an option. And wow, did it ever change their outcomes.

This reality is just another reminder of how God uses the wise and compassionate men and women at our two shelters to "lead the homeless and addicted toward self-sufficiency." That's our mission.

And when a person has decided that enough is enough and it's time to do something different, we are standing by prayerfully and lovingly ready to lead.

Your support makes all this possible. Thank you for standing with us as we provide Christ-centered programs and services that lead the homeless and addicted toward self-sufficiency.

Steve Sparks
CEO

THE RIDE THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

KELLIN'S STORY

KELLIN NEVER IMAGINED his life would end up where it did.

Raised in a loving Christian family in a small Texas town, Kellin grew up surrounded by support, sports, and faith. But as a teenager, he began chasing the excitement of partying and the escape that drugs seemed to offer. "I always just kind of liked to live in the moment," Kellin shared. "I liked anything that made me not feel like myself."

What started with marijuana and alcohol slowly turned into more than a decade of addiction involving methamphetamine, prescription drugs, and PCP. By the age of 33, Kellin was homeless, riding trains across the Dallas area, sleeping on the streets, and living in complete hopelessness.

Even while sitting in jail, Kellin admits he still did not truly believe his life could change. But his family never stopped fighting for him. After countless phone calls encouraging him to seek help, Kellin finally agreed to enter the New Beginnings Addiction Recovery Program at Wichita Falls Faith Mission.

At first, he thought the program would simply be another stop along the way. "Getting sober was never going to be an option for me," he admitted. "I thought I could still come here and use drugs."

But something changed during the drive to Wichita Falls.

"From being picked up, and just the love I was shown on that car ride up, from that point on, I never thought about getting high again."



STORIES FROM FAITH MISSION

HENRY'S JOURNEY

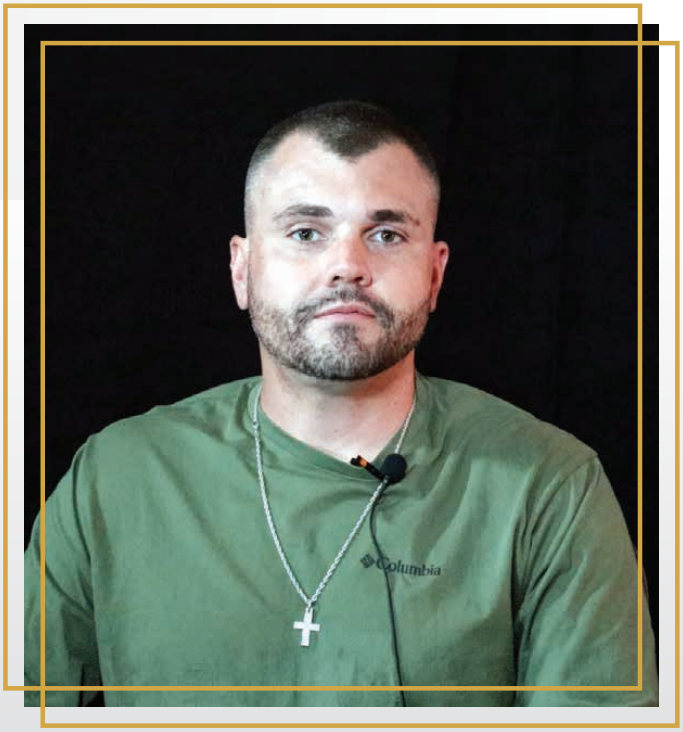
WHEN HENRY ARRIVED at Wichita Falls Faith Mission in July 2025, he was looking for more than just a place to stay. He was searching for a new beginning. With determination and a willingness to put in the work, Henry partnered closely with our case management team to create a plan for a better future. Over time, he secured steady employment, began saving his money, and worked hard toward becoming independent again.

Through his perseverance and commitment, Henry was able to purchase a reliable vehicle and eventually move into his own apartment. Today, Henry is living self-sufficiently and building a brighter future for himself. His story is a powerful reminder that with support, opportunity, and hard work, lasting transformation is possible. Congratulations, Henry, on a job well done!

Through Bible studies, mentorship, and daily encouragement, Kellin began rebuilding both his life and his relationship with Christ.

"I know who I am now," he said. "I didn't before. It's just an awesome feeling."

Today, Kellin is living sober and walking forward with faith, hope, and purpose, proof that no life is beyond the redeeming grace of God.



STORIES FROM FAITH REFUGE

CARLA'S JOURNEY



CARLA NEVER IMAGINED she would experience homelessness. After years of living in her childhood home, the worsening structural damage made it impossible to stay any longer. Feeling overwhelmed and unsure of where to turn, she came to us searching for guidance and hope.

At first, Carla felt out of place and uncertain about how to begin rebuilding her life. With encouragement and support, she was connected to housing resources and placed on apartment waiting lists. Before long, Carla moved into a place of her own, something she once thought was out of reach.

Today, Carla is living independently and embracing a new chapter of self-sufficiency. She looks forward to turning her apartment into a true home and building a brighter future for herself.



EBONY'S JOURNEY

WHEN EBONY ARRIVED in Wichita Falls with her children, she was searching for a fresh start and a safe, stable future for her family. Leaving behind difficult circumstances, she stepped into an unfamiliar city with determination and hope, despite having very little support along the way. Through resilience and a desire to build a better life for her children, Ebony began taking steps toward independence and stability.

At Wichita Falls Faith Mission, Ebony found encouragement, support, and a community that walked alongside her during a challenging season of life. As she worked toward rebuilding, she remained focused on creating a brighter future for her family and providing her children with the stability they deserved. Ebony's story is a powerful reminder that even in life's hardest moments, courage and hope can open the door to a new beginning.

CURRENT NEEDS



BASIC ESSENTIALS
(men's & women's underwear and sleepwear)



PAPER GOODS
(paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, diapers size 5 & 6)



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

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