

Insights from other Rescue Mission Leaders...

Donovan Coley/President & CEO, The Rescue Mission, Fort Wayne, IN

"...we provide through the power of Jesus Christ a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future. And I feel that captures what rescue missions do."

Eric Burger/Executive Director, Shelter KC, Kansas City, MO

"Not everyone is the same, some people just need a temporary hand up, some people need to have victory from addictions, or help in mental health...meet people where they are at."

Jeremy Montgomery/President & CEO, Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, Philadelphia, PA

"How we treat the homeless, the hungry, the hurting is actually worship...and ministry to Jesus himself."

Rich Trickel/CEO, The City Mission, Cleveland, OH

"I understand the impact that Bridge Street Mission can have. I know the tremendous life changing ministry that can flow from that organization."



FACES OF HOPE



Virtual Fundraiser 02.23.2021

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Join us in offering hope...

- ♦ By providing a warm place, hot meals and fellowship for those experiencing homelessness, hunger and addiction.
- ♦ By providing transformational support, accountability and skills needed to live sober, stable and productive lives.

When you invest in those who live at the fringes of society, you are investing in the future health of our community. Join us in offering hope.....

Bridge Street Mission's Journey

- ♦ The mission was born the Summer of 2015 when Heath Tappe and his family began holding "Gazebo Grill Outs" on Saturdays: meeting, serving, and learning about the homeless population of Wausau.
- ♦ In July of 2016, the Outreach Center at 115 W Bridge Street was purchased, and at this location lunch and snacks were served to the homeless or anyone struggling and needing care.
- ♦ In December of that same year Bridge Street Mission incorporated as a church (non-stock corporation) and a board was formed.
- ♦ In July of 2017, the former Annabelle Apartments property at 1140 W. Bridge Street was acquired to become a Sober Living Program.
- ♦ In 2019 Bridge Street Mission became a 501c3 charity with a policy board.

Currently, the Outreach Center provides a warm location, food, fellowship, practical help and spiritual encouragement for those experiencing homelessness and hunger. It also hosts Celebrate Recovery meetings (similar to AA) and other special events. Our Sober Living Center is a Christian discipleship program providing the support, accountability and skills needed to live addiction free and establish stable and productive lives.

The Process of Life Transformation

There are basically four ways compassionate people attempt to move individuals in need from human suffering to human flourishing:

1. Humanitarian aid
2. Disaster relief
3. Community development
4. Life Transformation



Welcome to gospel-powered life transformation

The last one, **life transformation**, is the primary undertaking of rescue missions like Bridge Street Mission. Our work focuses on breaking the bonds of destructive habits and bad decisions (made by or forced upon the person). The breadth-of-life transformation work can be described with 8 "S" words...

Saved Sober Stable Schooled Skilled Secure Settled Serving

Every one of these "S" words needs to happen in the context of community—surrounded by a group of caring individuals. And this is what happens every time a rescue mission is the facilitator of life transformation. Most importantly, spiritual regeneration-entering into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ-is the key to success.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

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Thank you for having dinner with us! Next year we will plan on meeting together in person at...

The Rothschild Pavilion on Tuesday, February 22, 2022!

A special thanks to Lamb's Fresh Market for the awesome job in providing, preparing and distributing the meals.

We appreciate the staff, volunteer and resident team which provided the curbside delivery.

We would also like to thank Josiah Winterhoff for production of the history interview and to each mission director who took the time to do a video and send us their greetings.

And one more shout out to the team at Highland Community Church for the overall video production.



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Welcome to Bridge Street Mission's Virtual Banquet! I trust picking up your meal (or meals) was an easy process, and you can now settle down and enjoy your dinner and view the online program.

Wausau, like many other communities throughout the US, has some individuals who, for a variety of reasons, have lost the ability to live a "normal" functioning life. Many individuals are barely hanging on by utilizing their safety nets, while others have completely fallen through the holes and find themselves desperate and struggling to survive. Unfortunately, there are even more being released from jail or rehab, who will soon find themselves in need as well.

Over the next few minutes you will hear how others throughout the country have met the urgent needs of their communities by the establishment and support of their local rescue mission. You will learn how Bridge Street Mission came to be through one family's desire to reach out to people in need. You will learn how lives are already being transformed through Christ-Centered programming and you will be given the opportunity to support this vital ministry as a patron of Mission Grounds Espresso and through providing scholarships for men in our Sober Living Program. I trust you will be inspired by what you are about to see and hear.

Raj A Vincent



The Outreach Center, located at 115 W. Bridge Street, offers free lunches, a safe and warm place to rest, and special events such as Celebrate Recovery Meetings.



The Sober Living Center, located at 1140 W. Bridge St., offers short term and extended stay programming for men in various stages of recovery. This Christian discipleship program provides the support, accountability and skills needed to live addiction free and establish stable and productive lives. The Sober Living Center is open to any man who is willing to participate in programming and abide by program policies.

Mission Grounds is a drive through expresso house that offers coffee, lattes, cappuccinos, bubble tea, smoothies and more! All proceeds go to support Bridge Street Mission.



Your chance to give....

Our Scholarship program supplements program costs for individuals unable to pay program fees. Our goal for this banquet event is to provide 3 full scholarships for the 8 month program which totals **\$7,200.00**.

It has been found that if stable housing is not found within 3-5 weeks after release from jail or rehab that relapse, reincarceration or long-term homelessness often occurs. (National Library of Medicine). Your gift can provide immediate housing for those at risk. It is worth our effort and expense to help support individuals in learning how to live a clean, stable life.

Be part of someone's life transformation. Return this sheet to:
Bridge Street Mission, 1140 W Bridge Street, Wausau, WI 54401

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