

2023 IMPACT REPORT



GATEWAY
RESCUE MISSION

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13*



Charles' Story

I had been struggling with addiction for a long time and after a series of bad decisions, I ended up spending time in prison. After I was released, while still on probation, I found myself falling back into my addictions. Even though I knew who God was and had seen Him working in my life, I was still not surrendered to Him and I was trying to stay sober on my own. This ultimately didn't work and things got worse. I just gave up. Literally. I stopped reporting to my parole officer and it was only a matter of time before I got picked up and sent back to prison, but like I said, I didn't even care at this point. I ended up spending the next four years in prison. This was when God really started to work on me.

After I was released, the rehab I was supposed to go to ended up being shutdown due to COVID, so I ended up coming to Gateway Rescue Mission. That was definitely a God thing because Gateway became a place where I could not only grow spiritually, but also give back by helping those whose struggles were similar to mine.

Now, all I can see are the blessings that God has placed on my life. I have so much to be thankful for and it gets better and better every single day. God is good!

- Charles is now a graduate of our New Life Program and has joined the Gateway staff. He is a supervisor in our kitchen and gets to live out his calling every single day.



James' Journey

I was part of the Aryan brotherhood for almost 35 years. I was a career criminal. I started out with the White Supremacist group in North Carolina, moved to DC, and from there I went out to California. I was heavily involved in a culture of violence and drugs. I even had the nickname of Bear due to my violent nature as an enforcer in the Brotherhood. I did several stints in prison and eventually God got a hold of me. I covered up all the connections I had with this group and started to live a life devoted to Jesus.

After release from prison, I came to stay at Gateway Rescue Mission while I got on my feet. They met me with open arms and helped me have stability while I transitioned to a life outside of prison.

Today, I go wherever the Lord leads me and tell my story to whoever will listen. My mess is my message and I will continue to share it until the Lord brings me home.

**If God can
change me,
He can change
anybody.**

- James Harris now has a restored life outside of prison with a place to stay, a car and finances to support him. He goes from prison to prison preaching a message of deliverance to all those who will hear the message and accept the call.

YOUR IMPACT IN 2023



77,094

Nutritious
Meals Served



17,975

Nights of Shelter



22

Men Graduated from
the New Life Program





Godfrey's Journey

When I first came to Gateway, I really didn't even want to be at Gateway. I was fresh out of prison. I was trying to see my kids and stuff like that. I was actually signed up at another place but I ended up walking to Gateway. They said they had a six month program that I could be in, so I stayed overnight in the shelter. I think I had my first experience with Jesus that night. The staff kept coming to me and encouraging me to stay, so I did. Through the program, I learned more about God and I learned more about myself.

While at Gateway, I continued to work hard towards the new life that God had given me. I found employment, got a car, and I reunited with my kids. I know that when I start calling the shots, my life is a mess, so I let God lead and He hasn't let me down yet. He's created a whole new me. I have confidence in where He is leading me and peace about it. When I go back out there, I'm not taking the same guy back out into the world. I don't have that guy anymore. I've still got my humor, you know? But I don't have the anger, I don't have the addiction, I don't have the "not caring."

I don't know what's coming after Gateway, or what's next. I know what I want to do, but I don't know what God has planned for me. But I know this, whatever it is, is all going to work out just fine. I now have a purpose, a plan, and a future, and for that I am truly grateful.

- Godfrey Powell now has two jobs and gets to see his children on a regular basis. The future is bright for Godfrey and we know God will do something wonderful through his life.



GIVING HOPE

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- Hungry people were fed.
- People seeking shelter found a warm, clean bed.
- People like James experienced a life-changing program.
- People who are hungry, homeless, and/or addicted know that somebody cares.



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