
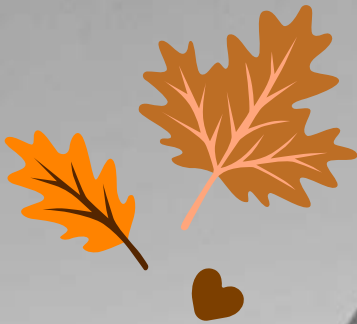


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A Heart of Thanksgiving

Ronnie wants to share how your support changed his life! 



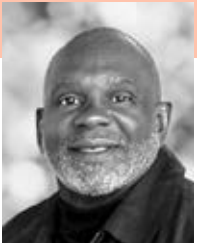
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Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



A Message from FREDRICK HENDERSON

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at Waterfront, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather will soon start to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many men, women, and children who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgiving.** It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to the Mission for help, their season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire –

and they **choose** a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 13,000 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling man and woman who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.

Fredrick Henderson
Director of Pensacola Mission

YOU'RE MAKING GOALS AND DREAMS POSSIBLE...



"You can think nobody understands, nobody's ever gonna get it. [At Waterfront], they will help you find the answer."

"I was going blind and couldn't work anymore. I thought I'd end up homeless, but God led me to Waterfront. I have a future again."



At Waterfront, hopes and dreams are born – because thanks to the support of friends like you, men and women in our recovery program can believe that a brighter future is possible.

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives and fulfill dreams, visit **waterfrontmission.org**.

Thank you for believing that everyone deserves the opportunity to build a better, more fulfilling life!

Join Our
2023 **Thanksgiving** CAMPAIGN

13,000
Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

For just \$2.17, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:

-  Safe, welcoming housing
-  Warm clothing, coats, & shoes
-  Classes & job training
-  God's life-changing love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at **waterfrontmission.org**.

Meet Ronnie – who is thankful for your support!



A Warrior for Christ



I was in my mid-40s, locked up in a psych ward for the third time in three months. Night and day, I was lost in visions of all the terrible things I'd done in my life – decades of alcohol and drug addiction, abusing women, running with gangs, and preaching white supremacy. I could smell death coming for me.

I was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. But I knew better. Like King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4, God had turned me over to madness so I could see the monster I'd become – and what I was doing to my young son.

Lost in my despair, I fell to the floor, cursing and wrestling with God – but for the first time in my life, it was a fight I couldn't win. I finally cried out, "God, I can't do this anymore! Help me!"

Emotionally and physically exhausted, I fell into a deep sleep. When I woke up, all the visions, burdens, and sins of my past were lifted. In my right mind, I was released from the hospital, but I had nowhere to go.

I prayed again, and God led me straight to Waterfront Mission.

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I not only received three meals a day and safe overnight housing, I gave myself over completely to the Lord, and to my chaplains, counselors, teachers, mentors, and accountability partners. It wasn't easy, but like a child, I slowly learned how to live a new life in Christ. **As Christ promised, I became a new person, a new creation.**

Today, I'm five years sober, remarried, a committed family man, a successful businessman, but most of all, a man of faith.

All my life, I was a fighter and a warrior for myself. Now, I'm a strong warrior in Christ. I hope you'll continue to support Waterfront Mission, because God is using you to help transform lives like mine.





Shop With a Purpose

Shopping at Waterfront Mission's Thrift Stores helps the Mission fulfill its goal: to demonstrate God's goodness by providing rescue and recovery services in Jesus' name.

Our customers have come to expect fun and surprise with every

visit to Waterfront Thrift Stores. **We make it easy to find bargains in every aisle!** Our stores are filled with current looks, authentic vintage treasures, housewares, collectibles, furniture, and unexpected finds at every turn.

Our dedicated and enthusiastic retail teams are passionate about making customers smile – and they work hard to see that thousands of fresh items are stocked every day.

For hours and locations of our three stores, visit waterfrontmission.org/thrift-stores/.

For donation drop-off information or to schedule a donation pick-up, visit waterfrontmission.org/thrift-stores/donate/

Thank you!

Join an extraordinary group of people!

Most men walk into Waterfront Mission here in Pensacola with just the clothes on their backs. Many have been abandoned by friends and family, and they have no place to live and nowhere else to turn.

There's a very special group of people who care deeply for these men, and who are committed to making a life-transforming difference on their behalf every month. It's a commitment that says, *"I'll be there for you... I want to make sure you get the help you need!"*

These Monthly Miracle Partners provide the regular support needed to feed and house men who are lost and destitute, to share the love of Christ, and to help reconcile them with loved ones and return to the community.

You're invited to become a member of this extraordinary group.

To learn more about becoming a member of this extraordinary group, contact our Development Director Mark Isbell at (850) 478-4027 or email misbell@waterfrontmission.org.

To join now, visit waterfrontmission.org/monthly.

