

RESCUE NEWS

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The love **YOU** share

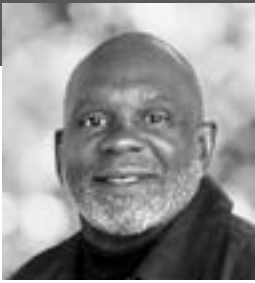
gives neighbors like
Darin hope for a
better life...



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A meal for \$2.58 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from FREDRICK HENDERSON

Thank you for **REMEMBERING** your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever..

Between work, family, and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at Waterfront Rescue Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the men, women, and children along the Gulf Coast who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Fredrick Henderson
Director of Pensacola Mission

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- John 13:34b-35

75 Years of Impact

When Rev. Vernon Hozey answered God's call to start Waterfront Rescue Mission 75 years ago, he never dreamed so many lives would be touched and changed in the name of Jesus.



Through the faithful support of friends like you and the commitment of Rev. Hozey and the godly men and women who've served here over the years, Waterfront has:

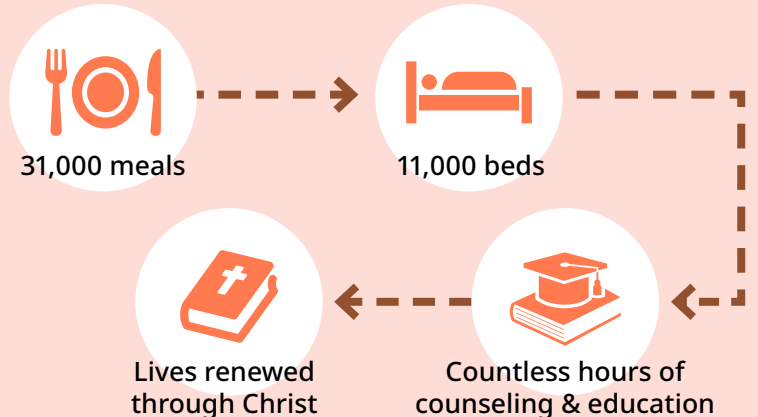
- Touched 85,000+ lives
- Served 5.8 million meals
- Provided 2.3 million nights of shelter
- Helped thousands of men transform their lives



Thank you for the part you've played in bringing healing and hope to the lost and broken!

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**

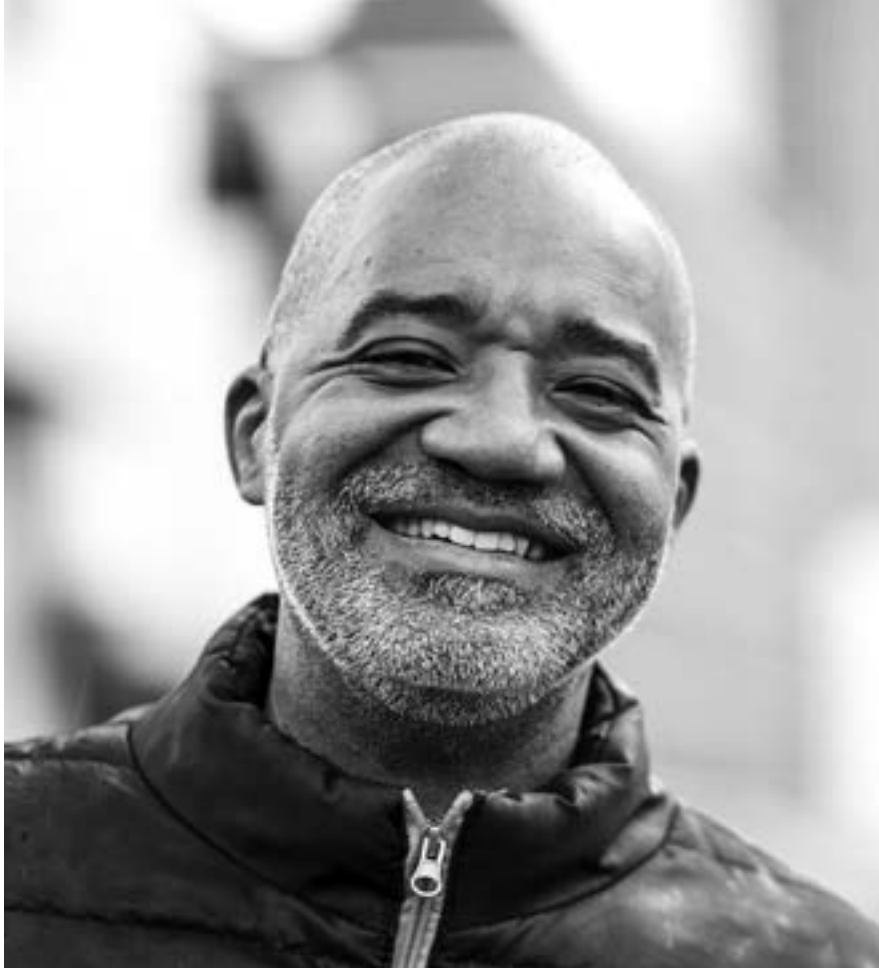


LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!

Give now! waterfrontmission.org



“The Mission gave me the tools to **rebuild my life.**”



Darin was heartbroken when his beloved father passed away, but there wasn't time to grieve. He had to be strong and provide care for his disabled mother. But when she died three years later, his grief sent him spiraling into a deep depression. “I wanted to leave this world and go be with my mom and dad.”

He began drinking to numb his pain and grew distant from the Lord and his family. “I was ashamed and tried to hide my addiction,” Darin says.

But eventually, he landed in trouble with the law and as he sat in his jail cell, he thought about his niece and nephews. It had broken their hearts when their grandparents died, but Darin had been too wrapped up in his own grief to help them heal. Now, he wanted to become the kind of man they could look up to and lean on. “They really needed me and I wanted to be there.”

When he was released, Darin came to Waterfront and, through our LifeBuilder Recovery Program, his faith in God was restored. “I not only found my way back to Him, but the Mission helped me trust Him even more than I did before,” he says.

Through one-on-one counseling and life skills classes, Darin also processed his grief and developed healthy coping skills. “It made me appreciate life more than ever and filled me with joy.”

Darin graduated from the program, got married and has been working at the same job for six years now. He's become the godly role model he hoped to be. “The Mission helped me become a good man who takes care of responsibilities, someone people can count on,” he says. “My niece and nephews are proud of me.”



Now, I'm walking with Christ.



Darin now has strength for his future because of your heart of compassion for him and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God's love, he has a path forward in life. “The Mission gave me the tools to rebuild my life.”

Sponsor our **LifeBuilder** graduation



The men in our LifeBuilder Recovery Program spend nine months addressing the root causes of their addictions and developing vocational and life skills. It's hard work, but when they're ready to graduate, they're fully equipped to live the productive, joy-filled lives God intends.

That's something to celebrate!

We're hosting a graduation event so family and friends can honor these men's accomplishments. The evening will include a

catered meal, live worship music, a motivational speaker, a video highlighting the graduates' journeys, framed certificates, and personalized gifts.

Will you help give our graduates a memory that will last a lifetime by sponsoring the event? We're expecting 100 guests and your gift of up to \$3,000 will help cover the cost of the venue, catering, decorations, and gifts.

When you become a sponsor, your organization's logo will be listed in the event program and on all social media

posts and, if you can attend, you will be recognized at the event.

To become a sponsor and help give our graduates a send-off they'll always remember, go to [✉ misbell@waterfrontmission.org](mailto:misbell@waterfrontmission.org). Thank you!



WHAT: LifeBuilder Graduation
WHEN: October 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Bayview Community Center
2000 E Lloyd St., Pensacola, FL 32503



Make This the Month YOU Make a Difference!

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Waterfront is always in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to lend a hand in all areas:

- Serve a meal
- Lead a chapel service
- Work at our Thrift Store
- Teach a class
- Pick up donations

To sign up, go to [☞ waterfrontmission.org/volunteer-florida](https://www.waterfrontmission.org/volunteer-florida), select a location, and view the available opportunities. If you have any questions, please email [✉ volunteer@waterfrontmission.org](mailto:volunteer@waterfrontmission.org).

Thank you for sharing your heart, time, and talents to help those in need along the Gulf Coast!