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Giving thanks for YOU this fall



A Message from FREDRICK HENDERSON

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors Waterfront Rescue Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Johnny, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help, and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing, and safe housing for overnight guests... to long-term healing and

stability through our recovery program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 13,000 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent, and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at Waterfront Rescue Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Fredrick Henderson
Director of Pensacola Mission



Leave a Lasting Legacy

Did you know that more than half of U.S. adults don't have a will?

Without one, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live. And the result may be very different from what you had wished – especially if your desire was not only to care for loved ones, but to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

Thanks to our friends at FreeWill – a free, online estate planning resource – you can create your legacy and make a legal will in as little as 20 minutes. And you'll have the option to make a planned gift to Waterfront, helping us continue our legacy of bringing healing and hope to those in need.

Here's how to set up your free will today!

Visit us online:

freewill.com/waterfrontmission

For more information about estate planning with Waterfront Rescue Mission, please contact Andrew Brantley

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Join Our

2024 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 just \$2.58, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:

Safe housing for overnight guests

Warm clothing, coats, & shoes

Classes & job training

God's unconditional love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at **waterfrontmission.org**.

Scan to see how you can help this fall!

“Waterfront gave me another chance at life.”

Johnny was raised in a loving home, and in his early years, it was enough to make him happy. But when he reached adolescence, he began longing for something more. “I felt like I wasn’t enough. I wanted to be accepted by the cool kids, so I started partying with them.”

It was the beginning of a struggle with addiction that escalated when Johnny went to college and after he went to work in the restaurant

industry. “No matter what group I was hanging out with, I wanted to be included,” he says.

Over the years, Johnny’s addiction damaged his relationships with the Lord and his family, cost him jobs, and landed him in jail. Eventually, he developed drug-induced psychosis. “I was paranoid and hallucinating. I’d lost all control.”

Thankfully, his best friend learned about Johnny’s struggle and bought him a bus ticket to Pensacola. “When I got here, he took me to Waterfront. I felt like it was God reaching out to me, saying ‘This is your shot. Take it and run with it.’”

Johnny did just that.

Through our LifeBuilder Recovery Program’s chapel services and Bible studies, his relationship with Jesus Christ was restored. “I

not only regained what I’d lost, but I built a stronger foundation,” he says.

His growing faith, counseling, and life skills classes helped Johnny learn to live his life in a new way, and when his best friend saw the change, he offered Johnny a job.

Today, he’s not only employed, but he has his own place and his relationships with his family have been restored. Wherever he goes, he serves as a walking testimony of God’s transforming power. “I was broken, but I’ve been rebuilt.”

This fall, Johnny gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life. “Waterfront believed in me and gave me the structure, tools, and resources I needed for another chance at life.”



“Now, I have a purpose.”



We Need Your Help!

It is only with the care and help of volunteers that Waterfront is able to serve all of the hurting men and women who come through our doors. Do you have a heart to share your God-given gifts, time, and talents with those in need? Then volunteering at the Mission may be for you! To learn all the ways you can serve:

- Go to [🖥️ waterfrontmission.org/volunteer](https://waterfrontmission.org/volunteer)
- Click “Sign Up as a Volunteer”
- Select “Florida” and the city where you want to volunteer
- When you’ve found the opportunity that’s right for you, sign up!

Whether you serve a meal, work at one of our Thrift Stores, or lead a chapel service, you’ll be bringing Christ’s love to the lost and lonely, encouraging them on their journey from despair to hope.

For more information, please email [✉️ volunteer@waterfrontmission.org](mailto:volunteer@waterfrontmission.org).

Thank you!



CURRENT NEEDS *Donate essential items this fall!*

During the busy fall season, the number of guests we welcome at Waterfront Rescue Mission steadily increases! And with more people to care for, our needs also increase.

Imagine trying to get by even a single day without these essential items! Sadly, the struggling neighbors we serve often arrive

at our doors with little but the clothes on their backs.

This fall, you’re invited to give thanks by giving back! Help us meet these and other immediate needs of our neighbors. Visit waterfrontmission.org to see our current needs list.

There are 3 key items that consistently appear on our list of needs:

- Underwear
- Belts
- Pants (30-38 inch waist)