

2016 Impact Report Data

RUTH'S REFUGE

Women Sheltered: **34**

Permanent housing placement: **4**

NEW LIFE CENTER

Total Graduates: **52**

HOMELESS SHELTER

Men who stayed in shelter: **537**

MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteers: **580**

Meals Served: **136,461**

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Gateway Rescue Mission is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit and a religious organization. Gateway is registered with the State of Mississippi Secretary of State's Office as a charitable organization, and is also a member in good standing of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions.

Our Mission

MEETING THE NEED:

Practically every night, about 100 people sleep at Gateway Rescue Mission facilities. About 40 sleep in our emergency overnight shelter. Another 50 or more will be in one of our New Life Program locations. And up to 12 women will have safe shelter at Ruth's Refuge. We serve about 300 meals each day to hungry people. Gateway clients receive a mixed dose of physical and spiritual nourishment. Our chapel services offer a message of hope brought by volunteers who demonstrate a love of Jesus Christ.

NEW LIFE PROGRAM:

Our New Life Program offers Christian hope to men in bondage to addiction. Many come to us who are addicted and have no other place to go. Our New Life Program offers these men the opportunity to recover through Jesus Christ. About 50 men reside in this program.

RUTH'S REFUGE:

Ruth's Refuge offers women in need a safe and loving environment to rebuild their lives. The small but cozy environment offers women a chance to heal through the love and power of Jesus.



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Gateway Rescue Mission opened its doors in 1948. It exists then and now to meet the needs of the homeless through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The various programs offered at Gateway Rescue Mission include emergency short term shelter for men in need, and emergency short term and long term shelter to women through Ruth's Refuge.

Also, alcohol rehabilitation is offered through the New Life Program and meals are provided to the homeless 7 days a week.



YOUR IMPACT

Beverly is a miracle in progress. At a very young age, she was violated by someone close to her, leaving her in a state of emotional and mental collapse. Unable to process it as a child, she struggled into adulthood. This led her to a series of bad decisions.

Beverly spent her life revisiting that same moment as if it happened today. God however had different plans, leading Beverly to Ruth's Refuge.

These days she repeatedly says, "This place has more people that hug than any other place I have ever seen." For Beverly, the ability to hug again is huge. She is slowly healing from her childhood scars.

Beverly, currently works at Jackson State University where she is making friends every day and learning to trust.

She wants to personally thank you for supporting her through Gateway Rescue Mission and allowing her to experience the love of Christ in her life.



BEVERLY NUNIS



EDWARD STEMLEY

When I was fourteen, I was playing with a gun that accidentally went off and killed my sister, shared Edward. I fell on bad times and was strung out on drugs." Edward wound up serving hard time in prison. Upon release in 2000, he came to Gateway and stayed cleaned for 14 years.

Sometimes our graduates relapse and this happened to Edward. "I wound up messing up again. So I came back into the program for help. Now, I have graduated and been out of the program for 4 months working. God has blessed me with a job and things are going great."

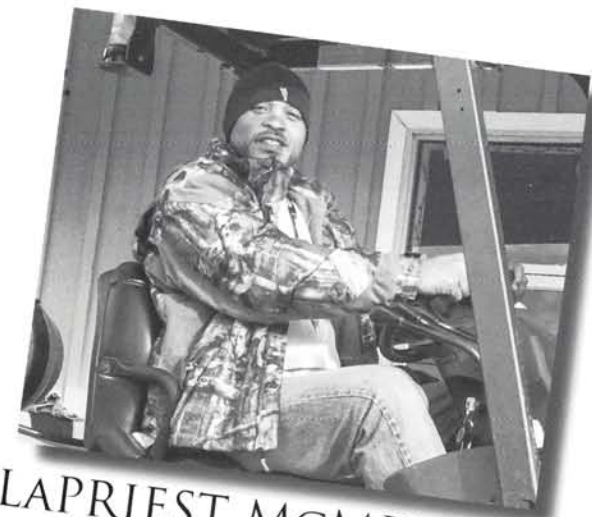
Edward is employed at Sal & Mookies where he dreams of being a cook. When Edward talks about it, his face lights up with the possibility.



My Dad killed a guy, so I was raised by a single parent," says LaPriest. "Without a father in my life, I rebelled and chose a different direction in life. I thought drugs and alcohol would relieve the pain and abandonment I felt. Instead it led to being incarcerated for several years."

Upon leaving prison, LaPriest was referred to Gateway Rescue Mission. "Throughout the last 11 months at the Mission, I have grown closer to God and have been surrounded by wonderful people. Today, I sit here thanking God for another day and a new beginning He's given me. I've been through a lot, but have learned to thank God for today."

He says his biggest blessing from Gateway has been "my faith base." "I didn't have any foundation. I didn't know God. Coming to Gateway has opened my eyes and my foundation is now Jesus Christ."



LAPRIEST MCMILLIAN

LaPriest is our Warehouse Manager and Dock Foreman for our Thrift Store in Pearl. He developed a system for making sure all inventory coming on the dock is placed into certain categories and distributed throughout the store. He is doing an incredible job and the warehouse has never looked so good. This is the impact you are having.