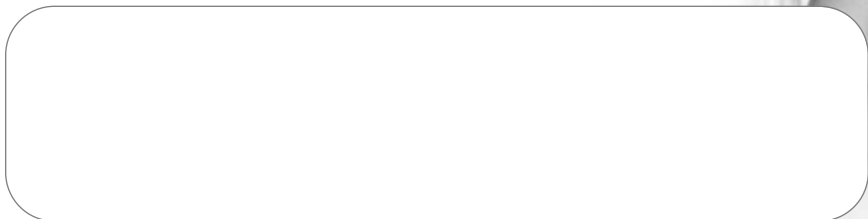




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**Thank you
for being there
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*Your generosity supports men and women through
the whole journey from homelessness to independence!*

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The Whole Journey



Patrick H. Vanderburgh
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

I know many people in our community think of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission as a “soup kitchen.” Feeding people and giving them a safe place to spend the night is certainly a big part of what we do.

But you know there’s so much more. With your generous support, we help meet every level of need—from the tiniest child who comes in with her mother (see Latoya’s story on page 8) to the man who needs to rebuild his life from the ground up (see John’s story on page 3).

Through your gifts, you’re in step with each of our residents on their journey from homelessness to independence. Of course we meet their physical needs—people in extreme physical need can’t concentrate on solving their other problems. But then we go on to address issues of education, spiritual emptiness, emotional scars underlying addiction, and more.

Every day at MRM truly is a day of hope because guests have the opportunity to take another step toward a more stable, more productive, and more fulfilling life. And it all happens because you and others reach out with the hands of love.

This program works! It should—we’ve had 115 years to practice. Nothing makes me happier than when graduates write or drop by to tell us about their new lives. Their gratitude is almost overwhelming. They know that without the care provided by friends like you, they would still be trapped in the cycle of pain and poverty. They understand to the fullest the verse, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV).

Thank you for the part you play in their journey. And please, continue to support MRM in the coming months, during our busiest ministry season of the year. Your generosity will help many more people take their first steps to hope!

Thanking God for you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Vanderburgh', written in a cursive style.

Nine years later, he's still **LIVING FOR GOD!**

In January of 1997, John came to the Mission in search of a respite from the troubles he had brought upon himself. He'd had many advantages in life—a good family, a chance at an education, a steady job. His work as an EMT for the City of Chicago brought him face to face with many tragic situations and the stress of his job, along with other pressures in his life took its toll. John found it difficult to cope emotionally. After he lost his job, John felt immobilized and alone. "I didn't know how to change," he recalls.

"He had a plan for my life..."

"The Lord used Safe Harbor to give me refuge," John says. "I heard the Gospel, the Good News, that despite my sin, failures, and the willful rejection of Jesus, that God really did love me! He had a plan for my life, and I could trust Him."

A strong foundation in Christ!

With the help of friends like you, John had the chance to enroll in the LifeSkills and Focus programs. "They gave me a Biblical framework to learn how to face and solve problems without running away or making excuses. I learned the discipline of honesty, integrity, and responsibility."

Today, nine years after his graduation, John is still living for the Lord! In May of this year, he graduated from Maranatha Baptist Bible College with a degree in nursing. Along with a new career path, John also has a new family. God has blessed him with a wife whom he loves dearly.

The programs you help support at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission offer so much more

than a handout: they're a chance at permanent life change! Your partnership is what made it possible for John—and so many others like him—to change his life forever.

Set free by the Truth!

To you, John wants to say, "Thank you so much for giving to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, for making it a place where the least, the last, and above all, the lost, can be challenged with the truth of Jesus Christ to set them free."



Thank you for being part of

The journey from homelessness to independence can be a long one. Thank you for making sure our residents have the help they need each step of the way! Here are just a few of the “steps” you support that fill every day at MRM with hope.



▲ Education is one of the keys to breaking the cycle of poverty. Here at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, these children have access to the programs and support they need to succeed in school. Thanks to you, kids in Joy House and CrossTrainers Academy look forward to so much!



◀ Your generosity allows us to provide a childcare program for kids at the Mission, giving their moms time to attend classes, go to Bible studies, and start putting their lives back together.



of their journey

FALL Wish List

Some of our most urgent needs are listed below. If you can help, please drop off your donation Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance. Thank you!



▲ Poverty and addiction mean isolation. At MRM, many men and women find the first healthy “family” they’ve ever known. This sense of community increases their self-worth and self-confidence.



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▲ Lack of some necessary skills keeps many residents from achieving their full potential. Through classes and counseling you support, guests learn to identify old patterns and replace them with new behaviors that will lead to success.

◀ Graduates of our 12-month *LifeSkills* program have the option to enter the 6-month FOCUS transitional living program as the next step to becoming self-supporting. Then, we encourage FOCUS graduates to mentor men still in the programs. This is an important way to leverage the experience and skills of our graduates who are often the best people to encourage men dealing with exactly the issues they’ve overcome.

CLOTHING

- Sport socks
- Underwear (all sizes, especially children sizes 2–6, men’s & women’s large sizes)
- Fall & winter jackets (adults & children)
- Boots & shoes (adults & children)

KITCHEN NEEDS

- Lunch bags
- Fold-over sandwich bags
- Juice
- Juice boxes
- Fruit
- Lysol spray
- Individual snacks
- Plastic silverware
- Paper plates
- Dixie cups, disposable cups

PERSONAL & BABY CARE

- Kleenex (box & pocket size)
- Detergent, stain remover, dryer sheets
- Liquid bleach
- Spill-proof sippy cups
- Baby bottles
- Baby oil, lotion, powder, & wash
- Pull-ups (sizes 3–4 and 5–6)
- Baby wipes
- Infant/children’s Tylenol
- Pedialyte (individual servings)
- Cold & Flu medicine (non-alcoholic)
- Pain relievers
- Tums
- Thermometers (digital preferred)
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Hair gel & grease
- Hair brushes
- Razors
- Lotion, Vaseline
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Travel soap & toothbrush holders

A Legacy of Service and Compassion



Robert Courtney has been helping the poor through rescue missions almost as long as he's been a Christian. In 1961, a few months after accepting Christ, Robert toured Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago and was so inspired that he supports them to this day.

But Robert also wanted to support homeless men, women, and children in his own community of Milwaukee, so he and his wife Eunice got involved at MRM. Today, Robert is on the Mission's Board of Directors! He and Eunice live in a retirement community and encourage their neighbors to donate and volunteer at MRM.

Their motivation is simple: "It's amazing to see people's lives change—it's a miracle!" Robert says.

So it's no surprise that as they considered what kind of legacy they wanted to leave, ministering to the less fortunate was a high priority. They took advantage of MRM's Charitable Gift Annuity option to create a generous gift that also guarantees them income for life. Not only that, but after caring for their family in their will, they made provisions for MRM.

Robert and Eunice demonstrate beautifully how careful planning allows you to support ministries even after you've gone to be with the Lord. If you'd like to learn more about leaving a legacy of compassion, call Tom Griffey at (414) 935-0219 today!

The Sweet Taste of Generosity

On a trip to Memphis, TN, a young girl named Sarah witnessed a homeless man eating food out of a garbage can.

When she got home she decided to do something about homelessness in her area. Sarah rallied her friends and family and on Saturday, April 20, they held a bake sale to benefit the Milwaukee

Rescue Mission outside Sam's Club in Waukesha. They made signs, played live music, handed out MRM literature, and offered treats galore. All in all, they raised over \$500! Sarah's enthusiasm for helping those in need was infectious. She said after the event that many people were excited to help, and that she now knows anyone can make a difference if they try.



eBay Giving Works!

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission is now part of an innovative new program by eBay that allows us to list items for sale with 100% of the purchase price going to help less fortunate men, women, and children here at MRM!

If you're listing items on eBay, you can choose MRM in the Giving Works list and designate a portion of the sale

to be sent to us. Or, donate items you want to sell and we'll place them on eBay ourselves! Call Diana at (414) 344-2211 ext. 303 to learn what items are suitable for eBay donation, then drop off your items Monday–Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in our visitor's lobby at 19th and Kilbourn.

memorial & in honor of gifts

In memory of:

(gifts received from April 3–June 26, 2008)

Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones.

A memorial gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member.

Eugene Bartman

Diane Seiden

Lloyd Bedore

Lois Clementi
Ruby Bedore
Peter Roidt

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Friends at Computer
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In honor of:

(gifts received from April 1–June 26, 2008)

A gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a great way both to provide hope and to remember a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion!

Christopher Armbrust

Charles & Susan Brennan

Marsha Bolan

Stanley & Lavon Olander

Sam Domjen's Confirmation

John & Mary Domjen

Ryan Erdmann

Henry & Lynne Reed

Marriage of Corener Hines & Timothy Herring

The Ugent Family

Matthew Kowalsky's Confirmation

John & Mary Domjen

Dan & Jenny Kvistad's Wedding

Kenneth & Judy Schiller

My Father, Raymond E. Lewin's Birthday

Patricia Daron

Jeff Minger

Henry & Lynne Reed

Daughter, Julia Roden's Birthday

Linda Roden

Ryan's Birthday

Sandra Lardinois

Ellen Sestak's Birthday

Joanne Garner

Linda Backhaus & Warren

Simmons Wedding

Phil & Inna Turner

Mr. & Mrs. Torchia's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Carol Drillsam

Dr. Lee Tyne's 70th Birthday

Mary Jurczyk

Tom & Pam Wieland's Wedding

David & Anne Grotkin
Michael & Sally Penner

Caleb Zehnder's High School Graduation

Joshua Zehnder's College Graduation

Joyce V. Kasten

If you would like to give a gift in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in honor of a special occasion, please mail your gift and the name of the person(s) being remembered or honored to:

Milwaukee Rescue Mission
830 N. 19th St.
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We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card. Please be sure to include their address.

Compassion is a Picnic!

On June 22, MGS Manufacturing Group showed its appreciation for its employees with a family-friendly picnic. Live music, dancing, great food, even a sand pile and face-painting for the kids ensured a good time would be had by all. But CEO Mark Sellers and the staff decided this would also be the perfect opportunity to do something to benefit our community. A live auction,

raffle, and tip jars at the event raised money for local charities.

The weather was unpredictable, with sunshine and heavy downpours, but the enthusiastic crowd didn't let a little rain dampen their generous spirits. Thank you, MGS Manufacturing Group, for making compassion a part of your celebration!



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Out on Her Own

Being a single mother with three young kids wasn't easy, but Latoya was determined to provide everything they needed—no matter how many hours she had to work or how carefully she had to manage her finances.

Latoya never expected to need a shelter—until she lost her job, and her unemployment benefits ran out before she could find another. She went to a temp agency, but there wasn't enough work. The family lost their apartment.

For a while, Latoya and her children stayed with friends and relatives. But she knew it wasn't a long-term solution, and Latoya decided to seek help at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. What she found surprised her!

“Being at Joy House has been a learning experience. I came in with my own struggles and I met so many single mothers with similar struggles. I realized I was not alone. Joy House has met every one of our needs from food, clothing, and a warm bed, to counseling and Bible study.”

Closer Together

Latoya's eyes light up as she talks about the impact Joy House has had on her family. “My youngest daughter has really come out of her shell and become a social butterfly. My son has grown so much and has learned to walk! The Lord has brought me and my kids closer together. Before I came to Joy House I was wrapped up in work and making sure my kids' physical

needs were being met. I had put God on the back burner, but since coming here my faith level has gone through the roof.”

“Now I play with my kids and realize it is not such a bad thing to be a single parent.”

Latoya takes advantage of every educational opportunity she's offered. She's already earned her GED while here at MRM, and she dreams of becoming an LPN—maybe someday an RN. Most of all, she wants a home of her own where she can raise her children.



We asked Latoya if she had any words for you, as someone who made her stay at Joy House possible. “Thank you so much for allowing a place like Joy House to exist. I really appreciate all the material goods as well as the classes, advice, and one-on-one time. My mother appreciates what you have done for my family and has started donating herself.”

We couldn't say it better ourselves! Your generosity keeps families together in hard times and helps them find lasting hope for the future. Thank you!

I'll help close the gap!

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