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**FREDERICK RESCUE MISSION • Partnership Letter**

*"...But The Greatest Of These Is Love."*

February... the month of Valentine's Day. One of the origins of this celebrated day can be traced back to Saint Valentine around 268 A.D. His love for The Lord prevented him from renouncing his faith, thus he was executed on February 14th. Then in 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as "Valentine's Day" in honor of Saint Valentine and his love for The Lord.

The whole ministry at the Frederick Rescue Mission is based on loving The Lord Jesus Christ. "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" is the greatest commandment of the Scriptures. At the Mission, we offer more than food, emergency assistance, and addiction recovery; we offer something eternal and powerful: the love of Jesus Christ.

The Bible has many passages on love, yet one that significantly impacts the Mission is 1 Peter 4:8, "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins." We all are sinners, some of us more than others, but it is His love through His death on the cross that sets us free. When we are set free, we are free to love others fervently, regardless of their messes. Christ's love is not a love of enabling, but a love of change.



In this letter we have examples of this love of change. One of our residents, John Pedrick, tells how Christ's love has forever changed his life. Our volunteers and those who give to this ministry give away abundantly what they have freely received.

1 John 3:16, 17, "We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?"

The Frederick Rescue Mission is thankful for the love of those who have seen the need and have had the vision of making a difference. We look forward in 2006 to partnering with you in forever changing lives through the love of Christ.

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

*"I started out with a good life. Then at the age of 17 I started to get high. It was fun at first. I had children, a wife, a house, and a good job. Then the drugs took over and I lost my family, my job, all the ones I loved. I ended up in and out of jail, living in an abandoned house, and no where to go. I lived on the streets for five years other than when I was in jail. I didn't shower for days at a time. I thought my life was over, but God gave me another chance and I am so happy to be where I am now. My life is getting better now that I live it for God. I believe in God and try to do the purpose that God put me here for." - John*

*John (center) is pictured with his Beacon House brothers George (left) and Ritchie (right)*

## Special Thanks To...

**SAIC - NCI FREDERICK** for choosing the Frederick Rescue Mission as the beneficiary for their 14th Annual Holiday Food Drive. Sponsored by the FME Department, the large amount of money raised is credited to the Mission's account at a local food distributor. This donation is truly the life-blood for the Bread of Life Community Kitchen. Without their gift and all the other generous gifts and food drives held throughout the year, we would not be able to feed the hungry and homeless each day.



**FOR EYES OPTICAL, DR. GILLIGAN, ASHLEY, CAROL, LINDY, AND TODD** for giving us one of the best gifts we received this Christmas. What a gift God has given us to be involved in their annual "Gift of Sight." The care and concern they provide our men are appreciated more than words can express. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our residents.

**THE FREDERICK WAL-MART OPTICAL DEPARTMENT** for being such a vital supporter. For years now, they have faithfully provided eye care to our residents. We thank Dr. Milton Gertner and his great staff for providing such awesome service in such caring ways. What a difference you are making in our residents' lives by your generous service and love. Please support For Eyes Optical and Wal-Mart for their great service and love to those we serve.

**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH** for their participation in the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program. This very generous, faithfully involved church helped filled the needs and wishes of many of our residents' and their families. We appreciate their help and are grateful to have such a giving church as part of the Mission family.

**SANBOWER BUILDERS** for the gift of food this holiday season. Sanbower Builders gave lots of turkeys and hams, allowing us to provide especially yummy and nutritious dinners to the community on Christmas and New Year's Days.



**MIDDLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** and a generous 2-1 matching donor, helping raise well over \$4,000 towards the Beacon House's emergency building needs.

**THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AND PROFESSIONALS** who donated hundreds of hours, thousands of dollars in services, and countless supplies to help us make it through the building crisis that began last October. Without your help, we very possibly may have had to close our doors. We thank The Lord for your dedication, generosity, and service to this ministry.

**THE MANY OTHER SUPPORTERS** who gave from their hearts this past Christmas season. Though the need for support is ongoing as we continue each day to provide services to Frederick's poor and hurting community, we are exceedingly blessed and appreciate all you did to help us celebrate 41 years of service! We hope you will continue being our partner in times ahead.

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**Save  
The  
Date**

Frederick Rescue Mission's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual  
"HELP FOR THE HOMELESS"  
Banquet

Friday, May 5, 2006  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Watch Your Mailbox - More Details to Come!

## Living Tributes

### Gifts Given In Memory Of...

- Mrs. Louise Betteridge by ... Mr. W. E. Owens
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- Jim MacGillivray by ... Ms. Betty P. Cannon and Mark and Anita Ebinger
- Tod and Barry Salisbury by ... An Anonymous Donor
- Mildred H. Yeagle by ... Mr. Merv H. Yeagle

## Faces of Joy...



You have to see it to believe it! Every Friday before Christmas the Chapel at Beacon House becomes a very special place. Men, many who have not experienced the joy of Christmas for many years, receive gifts of new shoes, pants, shirts, and special little items from a caring community of folks like you.

It is through your giving that these men come to experience the love of Jesus in a new way. Many are overwhelmed as tears of joy run down their faces. To know that they are valued and loved by people they have never met becomes a life-changing moment. It's a moment when they come to believe they are all Jesus tells them they are: loved, valued, and created on purpose for a purpose.

## Volunteer Corner

Volunteer of the Month  
**Terri Brown**



The Mission wishes to congratulate Terri Brown for being chosen as the Volunteer of the Month and thank her for her faithful service. Terri, a member of Frederick Christian Fellowship Church, works diligently helping recruit new volunteers and educating them on what we do at the Mission.

Tracy Vagrin, who serves on the Mission's Board of Directors and herself a recent Volunteer of the Month, says, "Terri's heart for the Mission can be seen in her eyes and the way her face lights up when she hears about a need the Mission has and how she can jump in to help. Terri's creativity is truly a gift from God as she was instrumental in decorating for the Gala, the Residents' Christmas Party, the Bread of Life Community Kitchen for the holidays as well as numerous bulletin boards throughout the Beacon House. Terri also joins Frederick Christian Fellowship's Middle School Youth Group to serve each month at the Bread of Life Community Kitchen. Ask Terri why she does it and she'll tell you that she feels so much love and warmth at the Mission that she just can't stay away." Her desire to spread the Christmas spirit to the residents as well as the needy population of our community was truly inspiring. Terri always looks for creative ways to serve the Mission and we are grateful to have her on board. We also would like to extend a heart-felt thanks to Terri's two children, Casey and Zack, who come in with their Mom to help out countless hours at the Mission.