



*Changing lives now, and for eternity*

### The Journey to “Better”

In 2005, I began a journey at the Frederick Rescue Mission. My vision all along has been simple – “better.” For me, the Mission was already doing the right things: offering hope to the addicted, food to the hungry, clothes as well as household items and hygiene products to the poor, the Gospel to the lost, and an opportunity to serve for those who want to make a difference. How can you improve on that?

Despite these great ministries, the Mission was really lacking. My goal became seeing the Mission become “better.” This immediately started with improving the building and the Changed Life Recovery Program. Later in 2011, the Mission opened its new dining hall and classrooms. We went from a dining hall for 35 people to one for 130 people. The increased capacity made it possible to go from serving around 60,000 meals in 2008 to 160,000 meals in 2014.

We have seen “better” with a new Food Distribution Center, Carlton Hill leading the men’s Changed Life Recovery Program, Faith House for women and children, over 700 volunteers a month, and simply offering the encouragement of Jesus to those who are served and serve. Yet one major piece was missing and is next on the journey of “better.”

One of the most needed projects the Mission has encountered is replacing its 1925 kitchen. While the capacity to serve people increased in 2011, the environment in which to prepare meals has remained the same. Additionally, the Mission’s volunteer force has reached over 700 people a month, with the majority serving in the inferior conditions of the Bread of Life kitchen.

The project cost is estimated to be \$875,093:

- 1) Construction price \$616,093
- 2) Kitchen equipment \$159,000
- 3) Temporary kitchen \$100,000 (purchase and anticipated operating costs)

The Mission has been blessed. When a need arises, God provides. The George L. Shields Foundation has generously committed to \$600,000. The Ausherman Family Foundation and other faithful financial partners have given \$92,329. Thus, the Mission needs to raise \$182,764. Be on the lookout; a matching funds challenge may be ahead.

We at the Frederick Rescue Mission count it a privilege to fill in the gap for those who do not have the means to provide for their every meal. Be a part of something great in helping those who are hurting and hungry, your donation will make a difference and be used to change lives now and for eternity. Please consider joining the journey of “better.”

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