Adam knew he was blessed: he’d grown up in a loving home and stable family. In fact, the love and caring they shared with each other and for him were the center of his world . . .

Then his parents divorced, and everything Adam knew about love and life fell apart.

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“I wouldn’t be where I am today without you.”
—Adam

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
—Galatians 6:2 NIV
Soon alcohol, then drugs, were the only things holding Adam together. Adam worked two jobs to feed his deepening despair and addiction; it finally cost him not only his livelihood, but nearly his life. Out on the street, homeless and alone with no place left to go, he ended up in jail.

Then God brought him here . . .

We welcomed Adam into our life-changing men’s rehabilitation program, and his heart turned toward the Lord, even when years of hurt and homelessness drew him away. “God kept me here,” he shakes his head, smiling. “I wouldn’t have stayed if it was up to me.”

Today, he’s well on his way to a positive, productive life again, knowing he can do all things through Christ—the hope he finds in his favorite verse Philippians 4:13. Adam is looking forward to one day working with others who have experienced loss . . . and lost it all.

As Adam continues to turn his life around, working in our busy kitchen providing meals and encouragement to everyone here, he expresses his gratitude to friends like you: “I wouldn’t be where I am today without you.”

Your prayers and gifts ensure broken people get the help and hope they need to endure, and the opportunity to experience and enjoy the life God planned for them.

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Join us in Celebration of 125 Years of Service in Springfield

Golf Tournament

Where: Crestview Country Club
281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA
When: Friday, October 13, 2017
Cost: $125 per person

Join us for a great day including green fees, golf cart, driving range, pro tip session, hole-in-one car prize, and other hole prizes, as well as lunch, refreshments, and social hour benefitting the landmark Men’s New Life Rehabilitation Program at the Springfield Rescue Mission, changing lives for 125 years—for good! Please make your plans early for this great opportunity to meet, mingle, and benefit those who need you most in our community. See you there!

Register online at springfieldrescuemission.org or call 413-732-0808 ext. 219

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION
11:30–12:30 p.m. LUNCH
California Grill
12:30–6:00 p.m. TOURNAMENT
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125 ANNIVERSARY

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Men’s New Life Rehabilitation Program Expansion

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Crestview Country Club
281 Shoemaker Lane • Agawam, Massachusetts

Social Hour & Dinner  $60.00 per person

REGISTER
by September 1, 2017 to Lenore at 413-732-0808 x220
or online at springfieldrescuemission.org
Throughout our 125-year history, the Springfield Rescue Mission and our city have been privileged to be home to remarkable staff members and volunteers. People like Pastor John Ruland, who served as superintendent at the Rescue Mission from May 1979 to September 1984.

“Pastor PJ,” as he was affectionately known by all who came through our doors for restoration and renewal, was not only responsible for ministering to the spiritual needs of his flock, but for physical operations as well. And that was a monumental task, as during winter, we were filling all 50 beds nightly, with 15 – 20 additional “street people” sleeping in the chapel.

Pastor John’s own family also lived with us during those days, on the 3rd floor of the Bliss Street facility, and their ongoing commitment to this ministry is an example of “serving above self,” following our Galatians 6:2 calling to, “carry each other’s burdens.” Thanks for being a proud part of that!

**September 15, 1892**
Springfield Rescue Mission founded by Julius Cummings, a former Salvation Army Captain . . . above a Sanford Street laundry

**1900s**
Spiritual giants like the hymnist, Fanny Crosby, ministered here

**1930s & 1940s**
The ministry was joined by Cummings Memorial to work with the growing homeless population during the Great Depression and World War II

**1951**
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**1962**
God opened the door to a new facility at the historic former YWCA building at 19 Bliss Street

**1988**
Opened the door to transforming more lives—for good—by founding our Men’s New Rehabilitation Program

**1988**
Expanded our city ministry with the Operation SONshine mobile feeding program for housebound seniors and families

**1989**
Began our Children’s Summer Ministry to the community’s disadvantaged boys and girls

**1989**
Launched our Give-Away Center to provide and other necessary things in need

Together we’ve helped those in need for 125 years. Let’s continue for 125 more!
The Springfield Rescue Mission’s 125-year commitment to Greater Springfield is a matter of historical record, and yet looks ahead to the next century of service! That’s because we’ve never veered from our mission as a Christ-centered ministry, reaching out and touching lives with the Gospel and helping meet basic human needs. With support like yours, we’re proud to have remained true to seeking God’s will for the men, women, and children He leads our way!

Our Mission
The goal of the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892 is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.

1994
Awarded the AGRM’s Growing Together Toward Excellence Certification

1995
Established the Rescue Mission’s Learning Center

1997
Opened the Taylor Street Cummings Memorial Building as a Men’s Emergency Shelter Program

2002
Expanded and enhanced our Emergency Shelter

2002
Opened the Transitional Living Program at Taylor Street

2017 forward
Expansion of ministry to include women and children’s shelter and rehabilitation program

2015 – 2016
Completed the move to 10 Mill Street to allow for greater ministry growth

1989
Began our Children’s Summer Ministry to the community’s disadvantaged boys and girls

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Created the life-changing “Detox Bible Study”

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Henry came to the Springfield Rescue Mission a broken man, as so many have throughout our 125-year history of repairing and restoring lives in Christ’s name.

Henry had disappeared into a world of hurt and confusion. A friend who knew him says that all his former choices seemed to lead directly “to destruction.”

But as soon as Henry stepped through the Rescue Mission doors, he felt welcomed and secure. God began working on his heart—and his commitment and kindness were clear to all. Soon, Henry was not only clean and sober, he was working with us as a general handyman, skilled in many trades. And eventually, after graduation from our proven year-long rehabilitation program, he served as our first Facility Maintenance Coordinator.

Henry built and repaired many physical things around the Rescue Mission, but his greatest gift was helping rebuild the lives of others. In fact, he often said that God allowed him to come here to help him learn the Lord’s will for his life.

Henry wanted every homeless person to succeed, as he did, going on to 20 faithful years of marriage to his wife Dianne, and raising a daughter to be a strong, loving college graduate and professional.

A life changed is Henry’s legacy, as he’s now been welcomed into the presence of his Savior. A friend’s testimony at his passing says, “You could not have a better friend or brother in Christ.”

Your support and care are helping to save and change the lives of more people like Henry each day as we head into our next 125 years of service!

Dianne and “Socket” Grosz stand next to the lighthouse Henry and Dianne built, now honoring the memory of Henry Grosz. The lighthouse is on display in the development office at Springfield Rescue Mission.
MINISTRY REPORT

2016: Transforming Lives Together

Through the support and prayers of ministry partners like you, the Springfield Rescue Mission was privileged to serve more than 7,500 people in the past year through our Men’s Emergency Shelter, Rehabilitation Program, and Emergency Service Programs for men, women, and children, including . . .

BEDS
12,336 beds at the Emergency Shelter for Men
9,071 beds at the Men’s New Life Rehabilitation Program

96,066 MEALS
• 9,248 Public Breakfasts
• 685 Easter Meals
• 772 at Thanksgiving
• 528 Christmas Dinners
• 19,808 Operation SONshine mobile meals

776 FOOD BOXES
—for families

1,000+ TOILETRY BAGS
—for individuals in need

1,747 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN SERVED
—at our Give Away Center

None of our support comes from direct government funding, while 92% is from individual and local business donations, 4% from grants, and 4% from local church support, with 25,875 hours of care provided by volunteers at an annual savings of $750,375.

Fiscal Year Expense Distribution

11% Administration
10% Fundraising
79% Services Provided (Program)

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

JUNE 1st DEADLINE

Generous friends have issued an exciting $45,000 Matching Challenge to friends like you, effectively DOUBLING the value—dollar for dollar—of your special gift today. So please help unlock the full value of the Match for our neighbors in need. But we must hear from you by June 1 to instantly DOUBLE THE IMPACT of your generosity for key services this summer to . . .

1. SERVE 46,875 meals to desperately hungry men and women
2. PROVIDE 5,294 or more nights of safe emergency shelter to those on the streets
3. OFFER 12 MONTHS of life-transforming Christ-centered life change through our proven New Life Rehabilitation Program
4. HELP HUNDREDS rebuild their lives through training, education, and counseling

But remember: our deadline is JUNE 1 to DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT through the power of the Matching Challenge. So please respond today by using the reply attached to your cover letter for this special Anniversary Issue of EXPECTATIONS. Thank you!

Thank You for Giving Hope to the Hopeless through Your Investment in this Ministry Today—and in the Next 125 Years of Service!

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” —Galatians 6:2
Transforming Springfield Lives for 125 Years with Help Like Yours!

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Dear Friend,

Feed the hungry . . . Shelter the homeless . . . Provide care to those in need . . . Love the stranger. These words sound very much like those Christ said as He instructed His disciples on how best to show their love for Him.

And as a matter of fact, these acts are also the ones that the gifts and prayers of friends like you have made possible at the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892—125 years of help and hope!

For all that time, this ministry has opened its arms to our community, to the hungry, homeless, and those in crisis. We have been here through it all—world wars, depressions great and small, space walks and marches for rights, national sadness and loss, triumph and transformation—welcoming others in Jesus’ name, putting His compassion into action year in and year out.

As we look ahead to the next 125 years of committed caring, I’m especially grateful to be able to count on you in times of great need, like now . . .

You see, hundreds of hurting neighbors still turn to us each and every day. Despite all the progress we’ve witnessed as a community and a country for 125 years, the need continues to rise.

As those who require our help come through our doors, we must continue to respond as Christ calls us, generously and compassionately. That is why I pray you will consider a gift today to DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT through the power of the exciting Matching Challenge you read about in this issue. Your gift will be effectively DOUBLED today and will help meet the growing need for food, shelter, and other life-transforming services for those who are in great need.

Remember, for all these years, we’ve had “rescue” right in our name, and with support like yours, I guarantee we won’t ever turn anyone away—alone and empty-handed. Thank you for making that possible—for making the Springfield Rescue Mission a living, breathing example of the body of Christ in Springfield, Massachusetts. God bless!

Thanking God for you,

Ronald Willoughby

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No person is denied services based on race, creed, gender, or nationality.

MISSION STATEMENT
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Our newsletters are sent in appreciation to friends who have supported the Rescue Mission financially within the last 24 months.

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You can donate your used cell phone, ink, and laser cartridges to the Rescue Mission!