

# ANNUAL REPORT

2017



RESCUE • RECOVER • RESTORE

*Celebrating 45 years*

Restoring lives in our community  
since 1972



## Our Mission

To provide an environment where the compassion and love of Jesus Christ heals and equips people to be successful in overcoming life's adversities.



## Our Vision

People loving God and serving others.



## Our Goals

To provide a continuum of care for homeless and struggling individuals while providing ongoing assistance in a recovery-oriented environment through transitional housing.

Providing Addiction Recovery and  
Homeless Prevention Services.

Our formula is Rescue + Recovery = Restoration.

# Message from the CEO

## Panama City Rescue Mission



As we cross this milestone of 45 years of helping those in need, we reflect on the true value of a transformed

and restored life. For those plagued by life's adversities, your donations provide life-saving services akin to tossing someone a life preserver.

Your support provides that life preserver that helps our neighbors in need out of the turbulent waters and onto stable ground.

That respite, with the assurance of basic life essentials, gives a struggling individual the solid foundation they need to begin to rebuild their own life and restore their family.

You make that possible.

From temporary emergency shelter to long-term addiction rehabilitation, we are committed to transforming our homeless and hurting friends and neighbors into

productive, self-sufficient members of our community, with your ongoing support.

This report shows the great impact your financial investment makes in the lives of men, women, and children who seek help at the Panama City Rescue Mission.

Our formula is Rescue + Recovery = Restoration. Our clients emerge from our programs strong in Christian principles and prepared to live responsible lives. And we're proud of our success rate.

We're also grateful that our donors, such as you, understand the needs of others and the importance of helping us continue to offer these services.

An investment in the Panama City Rescue Mission is an investment in our community's future.

Rebuilding lives together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thurman".

*Thurman Chambers*  
President/CEO

# You Can Make a Difference

- **Pray**  
For the people served and the ministries provided.
- **Give**  
To meet financial needs.
- **Donate**  
Food, gently used clothing, furniture, or just about anything you no longer want or need.
- **Shop**  
Our thrift stores that help support us.
- **Volunteer**  
In any number of positions of service.
- **Visit**  
Our website and facilities and like us on Facebook.

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609 Allen Avenue (men's campus)

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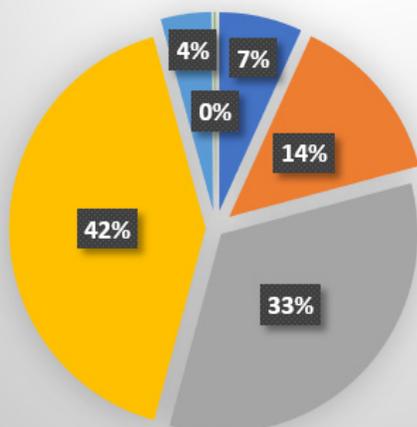
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# 2016-2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

## Income

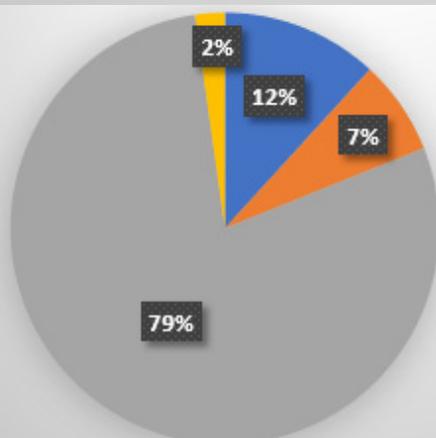
\$2,124,228.85



- Program fees  
\$145,164.43
- Resale and recycling  
\$298,258.56
- In-kind donations  
\$708,617.08
- Monetary donations  
\$880,834.62
- Foundation grants  
\$88,500.00
- Miscellaneous  
\$2,854.16

## Expenses

\$1,982,809.14



- Fundraising  
\$234,700.40
- Administration  
\$141,081.19
- Programs  
\$1,563,045.34
- Capital Improvements  
\$43,982.21

## Statistics for Fiscal year Oct. 1, 2016 - Sep. 30, 2017

8,277	Nights of emergency shelter
111,747	Meals served
55	Transition/Work program completed
23	Recovery program clients graduated
180	Souls saved and baptized

# RESCUE



**Basic needs are just the beginning.**

A hot meal and a comfortable bed are just the first steps toward restoring a life. But, it's the hope found in the gospel of Jesus Christ that secures and strengthens their future. We provide the essentials of life to more than 300 people daily, and we need your help to supply these basic needs, so that God's love may touch each man, woman, and child who comes to us for help and hope.



**Nutrition:** Panama City Rescue Mission provides nutritious meals 365 days a year to anyone in our community who needs to eat. We also provide emergency shelter, addiction recovery, and a transition-work program for those who just need a place to stay while they get back on their feet. Last year, we served more than 100,000 meals and housed as many as 8,300 clients.

**Emergency nutrition program needs:**

**Annually - \$211,335 • Daily Food Budget - \$579**

**Per Meal - \$1.93**

**Safe haven:** Our most vital ministry is emergency shelter. Beds, showers, and toiletries are available for five consecutive nights per guest. During their five-night stay, we encourage guests to enter one of our longer-term programs. We provided 8,268 nights of emergency shelter in 2017, and 180 guests accepted Salvation through Jesus Christ.

# RECOVER



## Addicts can find new life in Christ.

The Panama City Rescue Mission's addiction recovery program offers another chance at life. In our 12- to 14-month recovery program, those struggling with addiction confront the root causes of their problems and begin to lay new foundations for their future. By graduation, they are employed, have attained permanent housing, and understand their responsibility to God, themselves, their families, and their community.



In 2017, 86% of our recovery clients maintained sobriety six months after completing the program. Our success rate, which is much higher than secular 30-day programs, is credited to the length of stay combined with the faith-based curriculum.



Our professional recovery staff offer skilled support for addiction recovery in various areas, including counseling and case management.



Graduates often stay in residence for about three months after graduation while they look for permanent, affordable housing. Continuing support after graduation creates an environment for long-term stability, including transportation to work for employed clients and paid internships at the Panama City Rescue Mission, as positions become available.

# RESTORE



## Rescue + Recovery = Restoration

That's our formula for rebuilding lives.

### Cost per client:

- **Transition: 3 months - \$3,094 per client**
- **Work program: 6 months - \$6,188 per client**

The transition and work programs at Panama City Rescue Mission are designed for individuals without independent residency. Clients in the transition program receive daily job skills training during their search for employment over the course of three months. Once they have a steady job, clients are required to demonstrate responsibility by paying a minimal fee of \$90 a week. They are encouraged to save the rest of their salary over six months for relocation expenses to move to their own residence. The program includes safe shelter, clothing, meals, and staff support.

**Restore | Total need = \$94,771**

Restoration is not possible as long as drugs and alcohol have control. Those struggling with addiction can enter the recovery program. Those without addiction can enter the work or transition program to help them get back on their feet during, or following, difficult circumstances. The goal is to achieve independence.

# Effective GIVING

**Effective giving is smart giving.** It means that you are getting the biggest bang for your charitable buck and that your donations are truly being used wisely and to help the most people, the most effectively.

Our donors know that the work we do is truly helping people in this community. You see the results in the people you know, sometimes even family members, who have come through our program and are now living healthy, productive, and successful lives.



Substance abuse costs our nation more than \$700 billion annually. A successful recovery program can reduce these costs.

**Recovery is much less expensive  
than incarceration.**

Every dollar invested in addiction recovery yields a return of \$7 to \$12 in taxpayer savings in community services such as law enforcement, EMS services, emergency room visits, court costs, public defenders, incarceration, poison control, child services, and so on. Not to mention, loss of life, which cannot be assigned a dollar amount.

We provide a community service that saves taxpayer money and improves individual lives, as well as the overall community, the economy, spiritual well-being, and family stability, thereby ensuring a better future for the children of those we help. By supporting the Panama City Rescue Mission, you are playing a direct role in improving and saving lives while making an investment in our community's future.

**Thank you for your support, and God bless you.**

# SUCCESSSES

We have a lot to be thankful for at the Panama City Rescue Mission. 2017 was a year of accomplishments and successes, and we are proud to share them with you.



**Hope Café** • We renovated the Mission's kitchen and dining room and implemented a new training program for clients who want to learn service industry skills. Hope Café serves lunch Monday through Friday in return for a donation amount of the diner's choosing. This gives our clients the opportunity to practice their skills and gives our donors a chance to interact with our clients and learn how their lives have been transformed.

**Graduation** • We had four graduation ceremonies in 2017 for 14 addiction recovery clients who completed the year-long program.

**Discovery Luncheon Tours** • We held 15 luncheon tours of each campus in 2017, the men's campus downtown and the women's campus at Bethel Village. More than 100 friends and supporters attended these tours to see what we do, who we help, and how their donations are used to transform lives.

**Encore Boutique & More** • We opened a new, upscale, resale shop at 1048 West 23rd Street in Panama City. The revenue this store and the Lynn Haven Bargain Center produce help keep our lights on and our staff paid so that we can continue to help those in need.

**Renovations** • We began much needed renovations of our women's campus, Bethel Village. Fundraising continues toward our \$2 million goal to renovate both campuses.

# LIVES CHANGED



*My whole life has changed. There is not an area that has not been touched in some way or another. I am blessed to be rebuilding a relationship with my son, I have a job that I love, friends and family, a home, a car and, most importantly, a future. I was truly lost, but now I can see a full joyful life.*

~ Heather, Graduated December 2016



*I learned about God, recovery, and self through Jesus and the Panama City Rescue Mission. I have developed a relationship with God, long lasting friendships, repaired relationships with family, and have full time employment at a Christian remodeling service. Praise Jesus for recovery and the Rescue Mission.*

~ Steve, Graduated August 2017



*I came to PCRMI completely unraveled, life shattered, with nothing to offer but scarred arms that needed to heal and a hard heart that couldn't be penetrated. They immediately began to pour time, energy, and resources into me as if I were worth something. And I began to believe it. I was educated, trained, and prepared valiantly for the new life I'd received. I now work at the Bay County Tax Collectors office, live in my own adorable 2 bedroom apartment, and serve at my church. I realize this sounds pretty normal, but, compared to the heroin addicted girl headed for the grave PCRMI took in July 1, 2016, it's nothing short of extraordinary.*

~ Aiana, Graduated August 2017

**Our recovery graduates are living proof that your support truly makes a difference.**



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*"Through Bethel village, I found the face of God again. He completely redeemed me." – Janet*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
~ Psalm 51:10*

*"Now I have purpose, hope and, true peace that only comes from my Heavenly Father." – Joyia*

## ***Help Transform Lives***

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**Or by mail: P.O. Box 2359, Panama City, FL 32402**

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