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Our New Life Program Members are Thankful for Your Support!

I am thankful for the New Life Program. I would not be alive today without God blessing me with such an amazing opportunity." - Kat

I am grateful for the grace and understanding that I am shown by the staff as I journey to recovery. The patience the Mission has for me is amazing, even as I slip and make a mistake, they still support me and help me up." - Isaac

I am thankful that a total stranger told me she loves me and is praying for me." - Cherie

I thank God for the Rescue Mission. It saved my from myself and my 12 year addiction. I thought I was going to die. Now I see hope at the end of the tunnel. I love God, this place, and you, for helping me." - Winfred

I am grateful to be in the New Life Program and have an opportunity to learn a new way to live, get rid of my false beliefs, and finally be free from my addiction." - Chelle

Finally, by the grace of God, the comforting support of the Rescue Mission, and the loving donors—I have now been found. I am so very grateful for an opportunity to find, not just God, but myself." - Robert

Aubrey Waters has a new life and family after finding hope at the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake.

Editor’s Note: Occasionally we share “update” stories of New Life Program graduates and how they have continued to succeed after first sharing their life story in the Rescuer. This month we bring you an update about Aubrey Waters, who first shared her testimony in the July 2015 Rescuer.

I am amazed at how God has continued to change my life since I graduated from the New Life Program.

As a quick refresher, here’s my backstory: I started partying when I was a teenager, became pregnant at 16, and married my boyfriend at 17. With an infant in tow, we fell into opioid addiction and were driving back and forth between Utah and Las Vegas using fake addresses and doctor shopping to get prescriptions. By the time my daughter was two, I had to call my father and ask him and my step-mom to take her. She wasn’t safe with us anymore.

My father and step-mom legally adopted my daughter and she was raised thinking they were her parents and I was her big sister. My husband and I started buying and selling heroin. But after just a couple years we were arrested and charged with multiple felonies.

That’s when God stepped into my life. My attorney connected with the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake and the judge allowed me to enter the New Life Program instead of going to prison. In the program I met the real true God and learned how much He loves us. I was able to find forgiveness and even forgave myself for the many mistakes I had made.

When I graduated, I had been sober for over a year and had a good job at Mylar Disability Center, helping disabled people apply for Social Security. I worked there for five years and was promoted so that I supervised a team of eight people.

During my recovery I was divorced. When I left the Mission and started to live on my own, I met a new man and we began dating. We were married about a year later and moved into our own place. I had been sober for over two years by that time.
When I read Aubrey Waters’ testimony in this month’s Rescuer, I was struck by the sense of gratitude she had. She was thankful to the Mission, her counselors, her parents, and most of all to God, who changed her life. Reading Aubrey’s story, I felt like her overall attitude was one of thanksgiving towards God. Yes, she has every reason to grumble just like all of us, but her general countenance is one of gratitude and thankfulness.

I mention this because, over the years, I have come to believe that the one thing that fuels addiction and homelessness more than anything else is a lack of gratitude. There may be very good reasons why a person who is struggling with addiction and homelessness is not grateful. They may have faced suffering and abuse in life. Serious, abuses like being dangled upside down outside an apartment window because your four-year-old is not being a good boy (as one of our program members recently shared with me). Other times a person might simply feel that their life is substandard compared to their perception of other people’s lives.

But whatever the cause of ungratefulness, it is there, and it helps feed addiction. Without heart-level gratitude, a person’s soul feels like they are missing something. They feel picked on, neglected, and unloved. To escape from these negative feelings, something. They feel that their life is substandard when compared to their perception of other people’s lives.

When I read Aubrey’s testimony, I was struck by the life-changing faith she had. At our Thanksgiving Banquet (and really every day!) the Mission staff and volunteers will hopefully help people become grateful by offering free clothing, food, shelter, love, and a permanent way off the streets. By showing that we care, we hope our homeless friends will know that God cares, and they will begin to experience long-term gratitude towards Him, just like Aubrey.

Please know that you make everything we do at the Rescue Mission possible, by supporting us and providing hope and love to hurting people. Without your support we would not be here and wouldn’t see life-changes like Aubrey. We are grateful to God for you!

Happy Thanksgiving.

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

With less than a month until Thanksgiving, we are still in need of many items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Banquets. Our biggest needs are hams, turkeys, and warm winter clothes such as coats, hats, long pants, and gloves. Donations and support for these items would be greatly appreciated. Through November and December (and really the entire winter) we see a huge demand for food, shelter, and clothing. With the likely closing of the downtown public shelter, we expect this winter’s demand will be especially high. Please help today! Give using the enclosed envelope, calling our finance office at 801-746.1006, or online at RescueSaltLake.org.