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# GOOD NEWS

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## A Shelter From the Storms of Life

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# New Beginnings

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## *A Note From Brian*

Dear Friend,

In spite of our name, Hiway 80 Rescue Mission is more like a home than a mission.

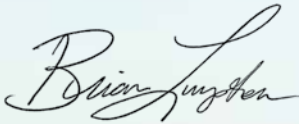
People who come to Hiway 80 feel welcome and safe to open their hearts to God's love. Instead of fighting to survive, we want guests to shake off their burdens and learn to trust God for everything. God's love is free. No one has to earn it. He gives to all who ask, seek and knock on His door. He has a wonderful way of answering and making everything new.

God blesses our guests all the time. We pray for everyone here to see how much they are loved by looking deeply at the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no greater love than to see the perfect Son of God giving Himself as payment for our sins. That is the love that heals wounded hearts. It makes everything new.

Some people might say we should tone down the Gospel message and just offer food, shelter and therapy. But there are already clinics that provide physical and mental healing. Hiway 80 is a home, where God heals the soul of a person, forever.

Thank you for making people feel at home and loved here. Your partnership makes all things new in this special place.

### **The Road to a New Life Starts Here**



Brian Livingston  
Managing Executive Director  
Hiway 80 Rescue Mission

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. They will be My people, and I will be their God. – *Ezekiel 11:19-20, NIV*

**Our Mission** Hiway 80 Rescue Mission exists to glorify God by providing a safe and supportive environment where homeless and hurting men, women and children can experience life transformation through Christ.

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# Where the Lost are Found and Grace Abounds

There is a place on Highway 80, a road known for the homeless people who walk up and down it, searching for something more. For most it's a place to avoid. For others it's a place to find acceptance and refuge.

I grew up knowing the Mission all too well. It was the embarrassing place where my dad stayed, his "home" throughout a good bit of my childhood. I saw the Mission as a place full of people like him who gave up on family, friends, and most importantly, themselves.

However, because my husband, Jonathan Alford, is an employee of Hiway 80, I have witnessed the countless hours and energy he and his co-workers give the men who walk in these doors. I have met many men whose lives have been changed. My father, Jack, is one of them.

When he was diagnosed with terminal cancer, my father seemed to have nothing left in life. I had prepared myself over the years to walk into his funeral, saying "Damn you, dad." He tried to drink himself to death countless times throughout his life, numerous times after his diagnosis, and at least three times requiring hospital assistance in the last year. This past April, he tried again and nearly succeeded.

His story was not supposed to end like that, but to become a testimony of God's relentless grace.

After being denied insurance, my father's options were quite simple: Die alone in self-pity or come to Hiway 80. They say "God moves mountains," and during the next few days, he moved Mt. Everest for us. I watched as a man packed 59 years of life into a few boxes, surrendered his cat and prepared to live his remaining time at the very place he thought he didn't need.



Jack and Jordan when she was a little girl.



Arnold Jack "Bubba" Eudy, Jr.  
September 15, 1960 – November 10, 2020

During his first few months at the Mission, he became a fighter, strong, and a caring man. He found forgiveness from many he had hurt and reconnected with old friends. Most importantly, God became the author of this story and carried him along the way.

As Dad started to decline rapidly in late June, I began to visit more often. I found comfort and joy within these walls. From the smiling man I saw at the front desk to the men I would pass in the halls, everyone assured me they had his back. Not a single person at the Mission is responsible for my dad, but they all met his needs — checking on him regularly, sitting and talking with him, searching the warehouse for the perfect rug so he wouldn't fall stepping out of bed. They willingly became his hands, feet and mind when the time came for each.

God is at work at Hiway 80. I prayed for most of my life for my dad's life to mean something, for forgiveness to outweigh all the struggles and disappointments. As I think of all the grace and mercy I have witnessed, I see how my prayers were answered, how the Body of Christ was exemplified through my dad's life and through the most unlikely people.

Dad's 60th birthday was this last September 15th. It's the first birthday I can remember celebrating with him, yet it was his last. But I am confident it was the best. He finally found his place of belonging. His story is that of a God who rescues, who goes the distance and uses even our greatest failures to share His power ... a God who saves.

Jordan



# Thank You for Making Spirits Bright in 2020!



Thank you for your generous part in making the holidays bright at the close of a dark and difficult year. You provided for people in need and offered a warm and inviting place for men, women and children who had nowhere else to go.

Although things looked different this year, our holidays were still filled with joy and delicious food. We were even able to offer to-go meals where sit-down meals were not allowed to be served.

Everyone in need received a care package this year. Our generous donors filled packages with hygiene items and winter hats and gloves. Over 1500 Care Packages for the Homeless were assembled to be given to people in need.

And over 800 children received gifts for Christmas. Every child received special gifts at our Tyler and Longview Family Christmas Giveaways. Close to the end of the toy drive, we did not think we would have enough for all the registered children ... but through YOU, God provided the necessary gifts and toys! There was even a surprise “snow” flurry.

As always, Christmas was a time of great joy at Hiway 80. Please accept our thanks for blessing our guests with your gifts and prayers during this very special season, and offering them the faithful love of Christ for the year ahead.

## THANK YOU!







SERVING EAST TEXAS

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Dear **Salutation**,

Thank you so much for your support of the ministry here at Hiway 80. Whether you have been giving for years or recently gave for the first time, we appreciate you! You are making an eternal difference in the lives of men, women and children in East Texas.

We understand that in the past, our multiple locations in different cities may have created a bit of confusion, so I would like to take a moment to clear that up. We are ONE Mission. Hiway 80 Rescue Mission.

We began in 1955 as a shelter for homeless men in Longview, Texas. Over the years we have expanded our services to offer addiction recovery and discipleship programs along with a shelter for women and children in Longview. We also provide services in Tyler at Gateway to Hope and our newest campus, Triumph Village, where men can attend a Christ-centered addiction recovery program. So now, Hiway 80 Rescue Mission has four campuses spread between two cities.

God has blessed us with the opportunity to minister to the homeless in both Longview and Tyler, and we look forward to what other opportunities He may have in the Mission's future.

Our mission is to glorify God by providing a safe and supportive environment where homeless and hurting men, women and children can experience life transformation through Christ, wherever He leads.

Thank you for caring for those who come to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission. We know without the grace of God and your generosity, this would not be possible.

**The Road to a New Life Starts Here**

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Hiway 80 Rescue Mission

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**To send a gift please tear off the card below and mail it with your gift, or donate online at [Hiway80RM.org](http://Hiway80RM.org). Thank you!**

**Yes!** Here is a gift to help someone in need. Use it to provide meals, shelter, care and spiritual support to help someone find a new start.

Please correct your name and address if necessary.

**I'VE ENCLOSED A GIFT OF:**

- \$21.10 for 10 meals.
- \$31.65 for 15 meals.
- \$52.75 for 25 meals.
- \$105.50 for 50 meals.
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**See over for giving options.**

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Your email for Mission updates

# Hiway 80 Rescue Mission: Faithfully Serving East Texas

“Hiway 80 Rescue Mission exists to glorify God by providing a safe and supportive environment where homeless and hurting men, women and children can experience life transformation through Christ.”

Hiway 80 Rescue Mission was established in 1955 to provide food, shelter and to share the Gospel to homeless men in Longview. Over the past 65 years, God has grown His ministry to include an emergency shelter for women and families, and Christ-centered recovery programs and community outreach services. What started as a small

building in Gregg County, now spans four campuses, including two in Tyler.

Services offered by the Mission reach the homeless and hurting across all of East Texas.

In addition to meeting immediate emergency needs, the Mission offers Christ-centered recovery programs. Upon completing the programs, services are provided to assist guests with achieving self-sufficiency.

## Women and Family Services



### Longview

Emergency Shelter  
The New Direction  
Discipleship Program  
Medical Clinic  
Clothes Closet

3004 W. Marshall Ave.  
Longview, TX 75604  
(903) 297-6904

## Men's Services



### Longview

Emergency Shelter  
The New Creation  
Discipleship Program  
Medical Clinic  
Clothes Closet

3117 W. Marshall Ave.  
Longview, TX 75604  
(903) 759-8101

## Triumph Village



### Tyler

New Creation  
Discipleship Program  
Clothes Closet

12781 Hwy. 64 West  
Tyler, TX 75704  
(903) 630-5366

## Gateway to Hope Day Center



### Tyler

Showers/Laundry  
Clothes Closet  
Medical Clinic  
Mail Services

601 E. Valentine St.  
Tyler, TX 75702  
(903) 363-9265

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## Thank you for supporting Hiway 80 Rescue Mission

### How to send your gift:

- BY CHECK made payable to **Hiway 80 Rescue Mission**
- BY DONATING ONLINE at **Hiway80RM.org**
- BY CREDIT CARD (please fill out the information below)

Charge my:  VISA   MC   Disc   AmEx 

Make this a monthly recurring donation.

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Scan the code with your smartphone camera to get a direct link to our donation page.



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