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Good News

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From helping others... to needing help herself.

Carole was at the age when most people are ready to retire and take it easy.

But she was still working, and sending money to Texas to support six family members.

"My suspicions were aroused that something wasn't right," she says. "So I quit my job and came here to investigate." Sure enough, there was a problem, so she called in Child Protective Services to help.

In the meantime, Carole's money ran out and she became ill. She ended up at a shelter in Tyler applying for Social Security. But they couldn't find her records.

When her time at the shelter was up, Carole had run out of options.

Learn how the staff at our Women and Families Shelter helped get her life back on track...

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Let Your Light Shine!

Easter is a special reminder of just how good God is to us.

He gave His son to save us from sin.

He fills our lives with love, hope and the promise of life everlasting.

Through your work and sacrifice, you have made these blessings abundantly available to others here at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission!

You have brought hope into lives burdened by addictions. You have shown love for those who have been abandoned and abused. Your provision of food and shelter has made new lives possible for men, women and children in need.

Thank you for letting your light shine!

Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger
Executive Director

Easter at the Mission

Easter Community Celebration

What better way to celebrate this time of joy and the abundance of new life than to join us here at the Mission for our 6th Annual Community Easter Celebration.

Good Friday, March 25

Good Friday Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26

Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Family Easter Service

Easter Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunrise Service & Community Breakfast

Can you help with Easter Dinner?

To ensure we will have a bountiful Easter feast and enough treats for all the children at Saturday's Easter egg hunt, please consider donating.



Donations can be dropped off at the Mission at 3117 W. Marshall. For more information, call (903) 759-8101.

Give a little. Help a lot.



Easter Dinner just \$1.79

"The Mission did so much for me..."

Carole came from California to Texas to visit family she'd been helping out financially. But when she arrived, she found a situation bad enough that she had to call Child Protective Services!

As they sometimes say, "No good deed goes unpunished," and within a short time her money ran out, and Carole was the one needing help.

At the same time, her physical problems began. "I had **two fractures in my back, bronchial pneumonia and problems with my gallbladder**. I was at another shelter, but then it was my time to leave."

Flat broke, homeless, ill and feeling "very lost," Carole was referred to our Women and Families Shelter.

Shelter Manager Tina Brown "opened doors" Carole thought were forever closed.

"Tina did more for me in two weeks than anyone could ever have done in a longer length of time. Within two weeks, everything was in order!"

While Carole was able to rest and recuperate from pneumonia, Tina went to work. She helped her qualify for Social Security Benefits and found a resource to pay for Carole's medicines. "Now I'm paying \$5 to \$8 rather than \$80 or \$90!"



Carole is also grateful for Tina's encouragement in her emotional healing and spiritual growth.

"I was very down when I came to the Mission," Carole says. "Tina encourages you to reach inside and forget about the things that make you unhappy. I've learned to let go of things that made me bitter inside."

Once her back is completely healed, **Carole wants to be independent again.** "I've done nursing and promotional work... or I might try something new. And I want to stay here in Texas because the people are nice and I have roots here now."

Tyler Update

Service Celebration!

Next month, our new Gateway to Hope center in Tyler will celebrate its first full year of service including a day resource center, medical clinic and holiday meals.

In addition to receiving meals, guests have access to laundry, showers, computers and a phone. The center also serves as a place where those who are homeless can receive mail.

Bible study, life skills and art therapy classes are also provided by Mission staff and volunteers on weekday afternoons. Those needing additional help or services can get transportation to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission in Longview.

Located at 601 E. Valentine, Gateway to Hope is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.



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A higher standard.
A higher purpose.

You're invited!

What: Hiway 80 Rescue Mission Annual New Life Banquet

When: April 21, 2016

Where: Maude Cobb Convention Center

This annual celebration is our way of saying "THANK YOU" to all our wonderful supporters who help us minister to homeless men, women and children in Longview and Tyler.

You'll enjoy music, testimonies, good food and fellowship, PLUS a special inspirational guest speaker.

Make your reservation now to join us at noon or 6 p.m. Call **(903) 759-8101** or for more information, go to



our website at **Hiway80Mission.org** and click on "What's Happening at the Mission."

We ♥ our volunteers!



April 10-16 is National Volunteer Week. But we appreciate our volunteers 365 days a year!

With more than 50 events

happening here at the Mission just between Veterans Day and Christmas, we're so very grateful for the hours so willingly given by faithful volunteers to make them possible!

If you're interested in volunteering at the Mission this spring or summer, whether with a group, your family or on your own, please call our Volunteer Liaison, Kristen Simmons, at **(903) 759-8101**, or e-mail her at **kristens@hiway80rm.org**.

Yes, I'll help provide food, shelter and other life-saving care with my Easter gift:

- \$19.69 to feed and care for 11 people
- \$50.12 to feed and care for 28 people
- \$75.18 to feed and care for 42 people
- \$ _____ to help as much as possible

Check enclosed Bill my credit card



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