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# Good News

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## JESSICA'S CHALLENGE: DISCOVERING HER VALUE

JESSICA GREW UP FEELING SHE WASN'T WORTHY TO BE LOVED AND WOUND UP IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP.

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# I WAS BROKEN.

Jessica always felt she was somehow worthless because her mother didn't want to raise her.

"My grandma raised me and my mom raised my three siblings. She kept them, but she didn't keep me," Jessica says. "I was born with cerebral palsy so she may have felt she couldn't take care of me. I may never know."

When Jessica was 14, she finally moved in with her mom but, within three years, her mother was diagnosed with colon cancer. Jessica was her primary caregiver for the next two years until her mother's death. "Then I was thrown out into the world and had to figure out adulthood for myself. I didn't make the best choices," she says. **"I put myself in situations that I shouldn't have been in, and ended up in an abusive relationship."**

After 10 years of abuse, Jessica finally had enough. She came to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission for help.

"When I got here, I was broken," she says. **"I was ready to start over and get my life back on track and they said they had a program for that."**

Jessica entered our New Direction Program and, since then, her life has changed dramatically. "I'm learning a lot about myself and a lot about God," she says.

Jessica plans to complete the program, enter our leadership training program, and join our staff. **"I'm learning that God has a purpose for my life, and I want to pursue that. I want to give back what the Mission has poured into me,"** she says. "I have hope now. They've given me a sense of direction, a new start at life."

WITH YOUR HELP, Jessica and others like her are finding that God's hope and healing are for everyone, regardless of their past or circumstances. Thank you for your generous support!

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## A Message from Eric Burger

### THE GREATEST CHALLENGE

#### How do you challenge yourself?

Maybe you've trained for a marathon or half marathon and pushed yourself to run across that finish line.

Or maybe you've been challenged by family, friends or a pastor to open your heart to someone who's very different than you... or to live out God's love in new and powerful ways.

Right now, we're in the middle of a challenge from wonderful friends of the Mission to match their generous \$20,000 gift with an additional \$20,000.

But our greatest challenge is a daily one: inspiring new hope in the lives of people struggling with an addiction or abuse, unemployment or homelessness, hunger or hopelessness.

In this issue's cover story, you'll hear

Jessica's testimony about how being part of Hiway 80 Rescue Mission has transformed her life.

Her story is powerful because of you. You understand the challenges our neighbors in need face, and we're grateful you share the truly life-changing gifts of meals, shelter and care.

**We can meet the challenge of caring for our community's hurting because of you and your faithful support.** Thank you for giving to bring new hope to countless lives forever.

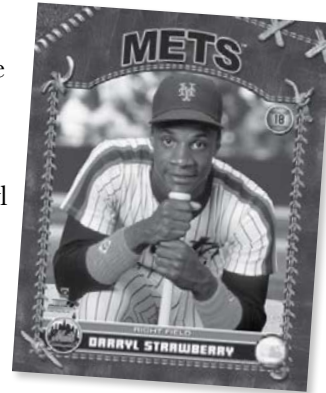


Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger  
Executive Director

## NEW LIFE BANQUET BRINGS INSPIRATION

Food, fellowship, and inspiration were the fare at this year's New Life Banquet on April 27. Darryl Strawberry, who played for the Mets and Yankees in the 80s and 90s, encouraged participants with his moving testimony of salvation and deliverance from substance abuse.



Thank you again to our donors and volunteers for supporting our ministry to hurting men, women and children in Longview and Tyler. We couldn't do it without you!

A special congratulations to all the award winners! The Great Commission Award went to Alpine Presbyterian Church (Longview), ARC (Longview), and New Life Baptist Church (Tyler). The Good Samaritan Award went to KJ Gleason (Longview), James Bray (Longview), and Cindy Sulser (Tyler). The Rescuer Award went to Tommy Duke, Case Manager at Hiway 80.



## MATCH IT BY MAY 31!



Right now, because of a generous Matching Challenge, every gift you give will have **double the impact** for those in need.

Or as we like to say,

**1 + 1 = TWO!**

By giving, you'll provide hot meals for a hungry child... safe shelter for a homeless

woman... counsel for a man battling addiction... care for a family who has suffered abuse... and training to help men and women prepare for employment.

**This Matching Challenge ends May 31** – so don't wait. Help turn \$20,000 into \$40,000 and double your impact by responding now.

**\$50 → \$100**

**\$100 → \$200**

**\$150 → \$300**

**That's how \$20,000 becomes \$40,000 when you give today!**

# LIVES TRANSFORMED AT CAMP RESCUE!



Once again, children from low-income and homeless families across East Texas will have the opportunity for life-changing experiences at our Camp Rescue, June 12 - July 21.

Through Bible studies, games, field trips, and building relationships with Christian counselors, campers will encounter the love of Christ... many for the first time.

“Most of our camp kids are staying at the shelter,” says Camp Director Erica Burger. “We give

them the good memories their parents can’t afford to.”

This year, our goal is to send 50 kids to camp, but we can’t do it without you!

And when you donate before May 31, your gift will have **double the impact** because of a Matching Challenge!

**Thank you** for bringing joy and hope to children in need this summer!

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