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“Everyone Deserves to be Loved”

Seeking stability all his life, Randy is finally on the road he was meant to travel, thanks to God ... and friends like you!

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Because you care, LaTanya is living God's way and loving every minute.

Getting Stronger Every Day

Because of you, LaTanya has found a new way to live.

Thank you for giving struggling neighbors like LaTanya the chance at a new beginning.



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“I’m so grateful for the Mission’s donors. They are part of God’s miracle in my life.”

At the heart of Randy’s addiction problems was the aching desire to be loved and accepted.

He didn’t know his father in his childhood years, and his mom depended on his grandmothers and other relatives to raise him. “I was bounced around from my grandma to a different grandma, then to some aunts and uncles. I think I attended about six different elementary schools,” he says.

To ease his pain, Randy turned to drugs at the age of 14. “My sadness and depression led me to doing drugs and drinking and all the things I shouldn’t be doing.”

He left high school before his senior year, married twice and had two children. He tried to

make a go of family life, but he couldn’t conquer his addictions.

One day he started to pray, and a series of circumstances led him to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. He’s currently been here for three months, drug and alcohol-free.

“Now that I’ve been here, I do my daily devotions, read the Bible and I feel different, like God is answering my prayers,” he says. “I’m getting the tools I need to live a better life here, and questions I’ve had my whole life are being answered here. I’m happy and content. I feel like somebody that deserves to be loved. Everybody deserves to be loved.”

You are transforming lives every day through your support. Thank you! †

“If one of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission donors were sitting in front of me today, I would thank them for what they’ve done for me,” says LaTanya, who has been a resident here for the past several months. “This has been an opportunity to change my life.”

LaTanya’s life has been marred by trauma. She was raised by her mother who was an alcoholic. Her father had been convicted of rape and in prison most of her childhood. When she was 16, she went to visit him after he was released from prison, and he assaulted her. She cites that horrific experience as the reason she turned to alcohol and also why she has been married to a man who physically abused her.

Her father died a few years ago without the closure she felt she needed. She began drinking heavily and she knew she needed help — for her sake and that of her children.

She says her life has changed since coming to the Mission. “When I look in a mirror, I see a woman

that was broken and in a state of confusion. Today, I see a new, strong woman.”

During her time here, she says her walk with God has gotten stronger. “I love doing devotions in the morning, and everyone here is so encouraging.” Though her recovery from alcohol addiction has been pivotal for LaTanya, she says it’s not about just the recovery. “This has been an opportunity to change my life, and I am very grateful.”

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Your support gives women like LaTanya the hope and help they need for a better life. †



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Heather's Special Message



Thank you for bringing the warmth of God's love to struggling neighbors this winter.

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As a supporter of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, you plant seeds of hope in the lives of your struggling neighbors every day and every season throughout the year.

As you read stories of new hope and fresh starts in this issue of *The Beacon*, please know that you are making a tangible difference, each and every day. Your additional gift today will be such a blessing to neighbors in need.

Thank you!

In His Love,

Heather Engle
CEO

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