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*Helping the Hurting and the
Homeless
in the Name of Jesus Christ*

With all that has been happening in our nation and our town, I have given a lot of thought on what to write about this month. The word “**community**” keeps coming to my mind and my heart. We have seen a lot of hardships and sadness this past month. I have witnessed firsthand how a **community of believers** came together to stand with a grieving family. We have seen how one nation stands with another nation under fire.

The idea of community comes from the sense of responsibility we have for each other. In the Bible God encourages us to take care of our neighbors, whether friends or enemies. We must remember the importance of maintaining a connection with each other while focusing on building a community of love in our words and actions. *“My little children let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)* *“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (1 Peter 4:9)*

I see this many times when each of you stands with us in keeping our ministry of sharing the Love of Jesus. The network of donors that faithfully give each month or drop off needed items keeps our **Norfolk Rescue Mission** community operating. We are so thankful for this. **A good Biblical community begins with God’s love for mankind. Proverbs 7:17** tells us *“a friend loves at all times”*.

We are gearing up for spring and are making repairs all around our campus. I look forward to our peonies blooming in front of our Hope House each May. They have been here for as long as I can remember and they never disappoint. We already have some volunteer groups signed up to do yard work and spruce up our lawns and flower beds. We are seeking someone to adopt our Hope House backyard by painting the fences and cleaning up the children’s play area. This can be a group or a family wanting to serve. Our family building had its first guest stay in our new family room with her young son for a few days. It was nice to offer her hospitality with a beautiful new room to accommodate them.

One of my favorite events is our **Law Enforcement BBQ**. We host this event each year in May to honor our men and women in **Law Enforcement** and **Emergency Services**. This event, which continues to grow each year, gives us a great way to celebrate these local heroes for their commitment to protecting and serving the community. If you are a pie maker, I am always looking for homemade desserts for that day. Please let me know if you would like to bake for this event.

Earlier this month, we held our first **St Patrick’s Day service**. We wanted our guests to know the real story of St. Patrick and that he is not just about corn beef and cabbage. Though not a real “saint”, Patrick, after enduring amazing circumstances, dedicated his life to Christ and shared the Gospel with the people of Ireland. We were able to give food boxes and hygiene kits to all who came and heard our message before a great lunch was served. It is times like these that we are sharing the resources from our **community** with others who are in need. I find the more we share, the more God provides for each of our needs. His provision is bountiful and

He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. 2 Sam. 22:20 ESV

it is wonderful to see all that He does for us. Events like this, help to teach our New Life Disciples about generosity and kindness.

As summer approaches we have been sorting and categorizing the many donated boxes of books for our **Annual Book Sale** held in August. This will be held at the same venue as last year with dates coming soon.

We ask that you prayerfully consider continuing your financial support to the Norfolk Rescue Mission. We are so thankful for the many monthly gifts you give to make this all possible.

I or any of our staff would love to show you around our campus and let you see first-hand what we are doing with your gifts to the mission. Please stop by and visit us any time.

In His Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxann Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Roxann Fox

Director of Woman's Ministry