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

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"
(Psalm 100:4)

The Norfolk Rescue Mission is very thankful to God in this season. We want to give a big shout of Thanks for all the great book donations, our amazing volunteers, and the hundreds of shoppers who made this year's Book Sale our biggest event in 17 years.

We finished the event with a total of \$26,000 in sales! That's a new record. How amazing is this as a lot of hard work and dedication went into this sale. It was so good to see so many of you who partner with us and support us. The Book Sale is a team effort and we had such great volunteers who showed up to help move the books to *The Stables*, set up tables, organize the books and provided carry out services for the shoppers.

We saw God move in a mighty way. We give thanks to our Lord for the opportunities that we are blessed to be a part of at the Norfolk Rescue Mission. Being out in the community and seeing all of you is one of the highlights of this event. We are gearing up for next year's Book Sale and the Pastors have told me that we already have dozens of book boxes stacked up in the warehouse.

Our New Life Program is currently filled with 3 gentlemen and 3 ladies. Two of the ladies have completed all their classes and recently started looking for employment. **They both found great jobs** and are working now toward independent living in the community once again. It is a breath of fresh air to see them walking in New Life, having discarded the old life that is now buried. *"...even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved..."*
(Ephesians 2:5)

The rest of the men and women on the New Life Program are coming along side us every day to learn God's truth. They help with the cooking and preparing of meals, and are working with the many incoming donations each day. They are all gaining a good worth ethic that will go with them when they too can look for full-time employment. Pray for those who are on our Discipleship program and that **more will come who want to be rescued and have a desire to follow Christ.**

Our dorms are regularly full on the men's and ladies' sides. There are several families with children who are staying with us as well. We are so thankful to have a family building that we can house these families and help them get back on their feet. I have a lady in our Samaritan Program who is always saying how grateful she is that we are here. She was lost, broken, and homeless for months, but has done great since she has been here and is seeking independent living once again. **She just needed a place to stay and some solid Biblical guidance.** She asked for a Bible last week and has been attending a local church.

Our Kitchen ministry has seen much larger numbers of guests and visitors this past month. We are serving three full meals a day, every day. Our lunch crowd has been bigger than it has ever been, and even some of our breakfasts have had an attendance of over 20 people! **We love receiving your garden produce and food**

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donations that add so much to our meals. If you have a small group or your family would like to come and provide a meal at the Mission, please let me know.

We are currently in need of many pantry items such as canned veggies, canned chicken, tuna, pasta and canned fruits. We have been making a lot of food boxes (out of our pantry) for those who are in need in our community. They first attend a Chapel service so that we can share the Gospel with them, then we are able to bless them with food, clothing, furniture and house wares. **As God provides for us, we can provide for them.** Please pray for this ministry that we can continue to help all who are in need.

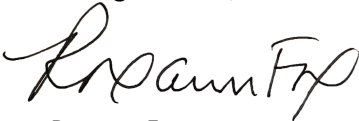
Let's talk Banquet!!!

Our Annual Banquet will be on **November 7, 2024** at the *Midtown Event Center*. The doors will open at 5:30 pm and the dinner and program will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Our keynote speaker is one who has made a huge impact on the spiritual development of our Executive Director, Pastor Will. His name is Oscar Navarro, the Vice President of Ministry Advancement for *Living Waters Ministries* in Bellflower, CA. *Living Waters Ministries* was founded by Ray Comfort, best known for his evangelism training materials, his open-air preaching and the television program, *the Way of the Master*. Oscar Navarro is one of the four hosts of the Living Waters Podcast (also a favorite of Pastor Will).

Tickets will soon be on sale for only \$30. Seating is limited, so don't wait too long to purchase your seats.

I can't wait to see all of you this November as we celebrate together all the great things that God has done and is doing here at the Norfolk Rescue Mission.

Loving to serve,



Roxann Fox

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