

# Norfolk **RESCUE** Mission

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

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**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace “ Isaiah9:6**

As the story unfolds, a Savior was born and He came to this world to seek and save the lost. I am alive today for His coming. You are alive today for His birth. A Savior who came to bring us out of darkness and deliver us from evil. A savior who with his love makes all things possible. I cannot put into words, how this has affected our family. How the birth of a Prince has granted hope and mercy to the poor and dying. We are proclaiming His name and His love everyday at the Rescue Mission. That a Savior loves them and is here for them. What a spectacular display of love than that of our Savior. That offering New Life for the lost and broken is just what he was born for.

I absolutely **love** this **Christmas Season**. I **love** that I have purpose to come to work every day and share the Love of our Lord and Savior. I **love** that we can pray with our guests and share with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I **love** that at any given time of the day the knock will be at the door or the phone will ring and someone is in despair and needs a second chance.

I cannot imagine where I would be had been if I not be given a second chance. I came 15 years ago just a few days before Christmas. I wasn't a believer yet and I was so broken and at a low. And all around me was Christmas Cheer and Joy. I couldn't figure out what was wrong with these people that were on staff. They were filled with **love, respect and compassion** for hurting people. I kept asking how they could find **Joy** in Misery as I felt. In addition, after I surrendered my life I realized that **Joy** was all around and a Savior that held my hand for years for holding all of theirs too. For this, we are called **Ambassadors for Christ** to bring others to know him.

In addition, if you come to visit or drop off donations you will see this **Joy**. A beautiful Christmas tree that was decorated by mission guests, lights up our dining room. Holidays are so hard to be away from family and to have no one or a home makes it even worse. So having a full house for Christmas tops it off. As we can show them the **Love of a Savior and Christmas Cheer** that will bring everlasting Joy.

We have remained steadfast and true to what we do in the last 10 month through this pandemic. We have seen so many come day in and day out needing meals, help and guidance. We may do things a little differently to uphold the COVID recommendations but rest assured our top priority and the reason we are here is to share the Gospel. Granted the pandemic did cancel our banquet but we kept pressing on and thought of other ways to get our needs out there. You all listened and represented.

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Wow the response to our needs and want lists have been coming in and we are so blessed to put away every item. From hand soap to trash bags; we are using every item and are good stewards of all our resources that are dropped off. So many of you have called to ask what more is needed. So many of you have dropped off a financial blessing and for that, we are very grateful.

We are partnering right along with you to bring others to the Kingdom. I always tell everyone first that what we need most is Prayer. Pray for our Ministry, Pray for our team, Pray for our guests of men and woman and families. Pray that 2021 would be a year that fear and quarantine vanish and people would be reunited with their loved ones. Pray that we remain safe and healthy as a team to keep ministering to our guests. Pray that we never lose focus of why we do what we do. Pray for the lost and broken that God is already preparing them to come.

As we look back at this past year we continue to count our blessings and be filled with the Spirit of Joy, Peace and Love. We are going into our **25 year of operation** and to think back of all the lives that have been changed through our programs, prayer, chapel messages and offering hope. We wait for the next knock on the door to welcome them in. Therefore, as we approach the New Year we all are singing praises to **His Name**, what a wonderful name it is what a wonderful name it is the **Name of Jesus Christ our King**.

In His Precious Name,

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

Roxann Fox

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