

# Norfolk **RESCUE** Mission

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

The start of a New Year can be exciting and overwhelming, especially during these uncertain times. Whatever you or I are feeling as we start 2022, it gives us hope that we serve a Mighty God who is and able to carry us through. **Isaiah 40:31 'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint'**. What a comforting verse to meditate on each morning as we wake and begin our day.

When our men and woman begin their day, they may seem overwhelmed and confused as to what the day will bring for them. It does help that they have a warm bed to bunk down in at night, a hot breakfast served and clean clothes to wear to go out job hunting. This is all made possible by the countless partners we have had throughout the years who contribute monthly to make this all possible. You have invested in us to take care of the rest.

We have Pastors on duty who share the Love of our Savior with the Gospel through our Chapel messages, devotions, and classes for our New Life participants.

We hold a devotion time with a prayer before lunch for our guests that come to partake of our dining room ministry. I like to begin our lunch devotion by asking for any prayer request. Most of our guests have requests to get jobs and housing, for good health, to remain sober or a family member that has taken ill. They are uncertain of life's good and wise choices that God has made available for them. It gives me great honor to pray for them.

We also give praise with them, when we receive a big donation of product that we can put away in our freezers or on the shelves. Prayer is so important and as we pray each and every day, we are teaching them to pray to ask and make their requests known and thank our Lord for our bountiful harvest.

You can all be praying for our **New Life Program** men and woman who have made a strong new commitment to turn their life around and show a desire to follow Christ. Not all participants come believing in God. It is our hope that over the course of the first few weeks and months they surrender their life to Christ and repent from the old way of life that enslaved them in their uncertain times.

Right now we have 3 men and 2 women. It was actually today that they begin their first full day of classes. Our Pastors have a great class schedule for them. The classes vary from Biblical Peacemaking (handling conflict in a good manner and not out of anger or haste), the book of Romans, Systematic Theology, Christian Disciplines, Evangelism, Church History and Biblical Finances. It is like they are in a Bible College and learning things that will equip them for a brighter future. A future with Christ and a future with hope and purpose.

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

I remember graduating this program with my husband and that diploma we received still reminds us of the love and care this team had and taught us that year. It may be just a sheet of paper but it remains in a frame on our wall. We want the value and love of the Gospel to be displayed in all our **New Life Participants** that they leave here with a goal and purpose to serve and obey their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These guys are new and fresh into this year's program so please be praying for their success.

On behalf of our team, we are so honored to be in our positions in this ministry, knowing each day that we are needed and that God has handpicked us to serve here at the Norfolk Rescue Mission. We have a great Board of Directors that meets monthly to make sure we are doing what we were called to do. We also have a great network of donors like yourselves that we can count on for monthly gifts. For this we are forever thankful.

**On behalf of the Norfolk Rescue Team, we want to extend a heartfelt Happy New Year. We pray that this coming year will be one of the best your family has ever known.**

In His Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roxann Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'R' being particularly large and stylized. The name "Roxann" is written in a cursive script, and "Fox" is written in a more upright, but still cursive, style.

Roxann Fox