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Message from our CEO



Anna Valeria
CEO

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

— John 16:33, ESV

Embracing the New Year with Faith and Gratitude

Dear Friend,

A new year is upon us. I look at it with both optimism and faith. The Lord brought us so many good things last year. We trust He is faithful to keep us strong to meet the opportunities He sends this year.

Because of your faithful partnership, many found refuge here last year. What's more, a portion of our guests and residents came alive spiritually as they united with the Lord Jesus Christ. Their joy and peace with God is wonderful for all of us here, especially during the Easter season.

Yet, there were also big challenges. No doubt, this year will present challenges that will leave us saying, "I don't know how to handle this."

Perhaps you have moments in your life like this as well. We all do. I encourage you to take your "I don't know" fears and worries and bring them to the Lord. Pray, and give them to God — because He DOES know the answers to our questions and fears. And He gives us faith to trust Him as He takes us through.

Thank you for caring for the people at Open Door Mission. You provide a place for exhausted people to grow strong with God to overcome problems that defeated them before. This Easter, men, women and children will hear how much God loves them, and many will give their fears and worries to the Lord.

I look forward to sharing the victories and challenges of 2025 with you.

Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

Anna Valeria
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"Hope Lives" | A Radio Program of Open Door Mission

Tune in on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm to hear the latest information affecting our community's homeless population and how Open Door Mission is addressing key issues.

Visit www.wysl1040.com to listen to the podcast of the the most recent program.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Chris Scribani at 585-325-3243 or email cscribani@opendoormission.com.



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Kathryn lived a quiet life, away from people, alone in her apartment. She struggled with depression. Eventually it took a hold of her well-being. She stopped paying rent and taking care of herself and her home.

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Then, the time came when Kathryn was told she needed to leave. She could not afford any of the apartments near her and had no idea where to go. She feared she would be homeless.

Thankfully, she heard she could find help at Open Door Mission. She was unsure what the future held but came to the Mission with a hopeful heart.

“When I first got here, I felt like everything was going to be okay,” Kathryn says. “Right away, they began helping me and giving me everything I needed!”

Kathryn not only received help to find a new place to live, but she also received help to overcome depression and become more social. “The staff talks with me every day and showed me what God can do for me,” she says.

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With help from the staff, Kathryn started collecting social security and saving her money. She also enjoys praying, reading her Bible and attending studies. She is also reconnecting with her children.

“I am now being more social and enjoying my new friends and relationships I am making at Open Door Mission,” Kathryn explains. “I am so thankful for everyone who blessed me!”

Kathryn’s blessings continued as she recently secured her own apartment! It was a happy day when Kathryn opened the door to her new apartment, ready to begin her new life.

Thank you for being a blessing to Kathryn and so many others in need of a helping hand. You are making a real difference in people’s lives. Thank you!



**GRATEFUL HEARTS
OPEN DOORS**

As Open Door Mission continues our Grateful Hearts Open Doors gratitude campaign, we extend our deepest thanks to you for making an impact on those coming here for help.

Through your compassion and generosity, more men, women and children are able to receive warm, safe shelter, a good meal and the opportunity for a new life.

Thank you for your faithful support. You are making a difference for our community.



Your Support Brings Warmth and Hope

This winter, the need for more beds in the emergency shelter became clear. Poverty, addiction and trauma continue to bring many here for a meal and a safe, warm place to sleep.

Thanks to your generosity, renovations were made to the former Caring Center, providing space for 32 more beds.

The new space is now called Selah House. The freshly painted walls, new floors, beds and bathrooms are a safe, warm welcome to women needing shelter from the harsh winter streets.

Thank you for supporting Open Door Mission. You are changing lives and providing hope for women in desperate need.

