



**BOISE RESCUE MISSION**  
MINISTRIES



# **FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT**

*October 2018 to September 2019*

# A MESSAGE FROM REV. BILL ROSCOE

## DEAR MISSION SUPPORTER,

Thank you. It is because of your generosity that this Rescue Mission is open for guests, and I sincerely appreciate your support. I want you to know that my fellow Rescuers and I are committed to serving people with love and respect and that we are very careful with every dollar we spend. As you look at this report, I hope that you, like me, feel very good about the impact we have had in the lives of so many people in our community in need of a helping hand.

One of the most amazing facts to share with you about this last fiscal year is that, once again, over 500 people came to the Mission homeless but left the Mission for independent living again! Imagine what our Valley would look like with that many more people in homelessness. I simply thank you and thank God that it is not reality!

"Transition" is a word that was on the top of my mind this last year as we added more transitional living space at our River of Life Men's Shelter. We did that because transitioning out of the Mission is taking longer than ever. The housing shortage throughout the Valley is keeping people in our facilities longer. For those who are working, saving, and really looking forward to moving out, it is a stressful time. The Board and I are praying about what else we could do to add space for those "people in waiting."

Last summer, we added the Rescue Mission Recovery Lodge to our shelter



**Rev. Bill Roscoe**  
President/CEO

facilities. The Recovery Lodge is such a wonderful place for us to serve homeless people who have been discharged from the hospital as they recover physically from major surgery, serious illness, or giving birth before they move into one of the other shelter facilities.

This smaller, quieter place offers guests the individual care and attention they need in a way that is just not feasible in our larger shelters. They also receive visits from our volunteer doctor who keeps an eye on them as they recover physically.

At the opening of the Recovery Lodge, our good friend, Dr. Tommy Ahlquist shared that, in his experience as an ER doctor, it was not unusual to see a

homeless patient for treatment in the morning only to have them return later in the day because "life on the street" caused a relapse. The Recovery Lodge exists to make sure that doesn't have to happen in our Valley.

Our friends at St. Al's and St. Luke's explained that the care needed when these guests are discharged from the hospital cannot be administered under a bridge or on the Greenbelt. But it is being provided in the safe, clean, healthy environment of the Recovery Lodge.

And, just like at all of our shelters, the staff at the Recovery Lodge are dedicated to assisting every Guest to move from the Lodge into one of our many programs of



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## REV. ROSCOE (CONT.)

recovery so that life will truly be better thereafter. Again, dear friend, your support makes all of this happen.

29 years ago, I was called by God to Rescue Mission Ministry while I was studying the book of Isaiah. In chapter 58, the Prophet speaks to the people about the 'fast' that God has chosen (verses 1-8). In short, the people claimed that they were keeping the ordinances and fasting as God had required. The Prophet explained, however, that the heart attitude of those fasting was not right. Then in verses 6 through 8, he describes the fast that God has chosen:

Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to

undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and that you bring into your house the poor who are cast out? When you see the naked that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?

As I studied this passage, I realized that this fast was being fulfilled at the Rescue Mission every day. While I couldn't personally keep this fast, I could fulfill my responsibility to God by giving to the Mission and ultimately by serving at the Mission; first as a volunteer, and then joining the staff. I hope that you can make that same connection with me

because it is true and valid.

Every gift you send, every hour you spend serving, and every prayer that you lift up for us is you performing the fast that God has chosen!

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless our ministry together.

In His service with you,

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**CITY LIGHT HOME FOR  
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# HIGHLIGHT: RECOVERY LODGE

## ANNA'S STORY:

Over the past 20 years, Anna has lived in the same apartment, but the cost of living has been slowly rising, causing her to become homeless in April of 2019. She maintained her full-time job, but it still wasn't enough for her to be able to afford somewhere to live.

She was house-sitting last September when she collapsed from pain in her knee. Emergency medical services took her to the hospital. While she was there, they discovered that her long-term heart problems showed signs of acting up. After being discharged from the hospital with nowhere to go, she turned to the Recovery Lodge.

She had a cast on her leg she says was way too big, a walker, and a defibrillator, and she was welcomed with open arms by the staff and guests of the Recovery Lodge. She quickly became an integral part of day to day life. Anna says, "One of my first memories of the day I got here, was the kindness of the people. Being homeless is hard enough, but knowing you are at the mercy of other people, it's not an easy thing. Everybody just went out of their way to help me, especially when they saw I could barely walk."

Anna says the Recovery Lodge has afforded her the opportunity to focus on *recovery*, and she expects to soon be able to return to work and live on her own again.

The Recovery Lodge has also given her tools she says she needed to revive her spiritual life. Anna looks forward to sharing her



*"I had an apartment in the same place for 23 years, but they raised the rent. Then I got hurt and couldn't walk anymore to do my job. The Recovery Lodge has been the best thing for me." - Anna*

faith and favorite scriptures at chapel. She says, "People come to me asking for me to pray for them. It's an exciting thing to be able to do that for other people here at the Mission."

This last December, while at the Recovery Lodge, Anna had a heart attack. A doctor who happened to be on-site responded immediately, and EMTs were half a block away. Within 6 minutes, she was at the hospital in stable condition. While she was at the hospital, the friends that Anna had made in her stay at the Recovery Lodge lifted her up in prayer and she was soon able to return.

Then, on Tuesday, January 21st, her defibrillator went off. She was having another heart attack. She cried out to alert Recovery Lodge staff, who called 911 right away. Almost immediately, the EMTs were on the scene and took her to the hospital again.

"I'm a miracle sitting here." She says, "If I had been out on the streets, I would've died. I shouldn't be here talking to you, but God has kept working in my life, and He has put me where I need to be."



**RESCUE MISSION RECOVERY  
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# HIGHLIGHT: VETERANS MINISTRY

## HAPPY'S STORY:

Happy was born in a mental asylum in Claremore, Oklahoma. Happy struggled from a young age with alcoholism, often coming home drunk as a teenager. He worked construction for the city of Sacramento before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1979. Happy spent 3 years and 8 months in the Army and was honorably discharged as an E-4 Specialist. He returned to California with his family, where he quickly went back to what he knew.

"I worked for a construction company," he says, "where I'd get off work, drink some beer, smoke some pot, and spend all my money on the weekend doing the same thing. His wife, mother, family, and friends all left. This was the first time Happy experienced homelessness.

"Somehow the devil convinced me that I would never be anything. All I had was booze and dope which eventually brought me to be convicted of my first felony, voluntary manslaughter." Happy served the next 10 years in Folsom State Prison. While in prison, Happy's boss told him that there would be a job waiting with a company in Idaho when he got out. After his prison term, he moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and started working construction again.

It didn't take long for Happy to get back into the same things that he did before he went to Folsom. This lifestyle led to another altercation with a fellow employee and he was sentenced to



*"Some of us are so broken and we've fallen through the cracks. You don't really know how far you've gone until you find something that brings you back to the surface." - Happy*

another 10 years at the Idaho State Correctional Center.

"I found God's love when I was fighting my case in the Twin Falls county jail. I don't know if it was a dream or a vision, but Jesus kicked open the door and said 'You're going to be my voice.'" At that moment he laid down and started praying, asking God to help him, and giving his life over to Jesus. He asked God to send him somewhere where he could serve God, and God answered his prayers. He was paroled to Boise Rescue Mission Ministries and joined the Veterans Ministry Program.

"It all starts with having a warm place where you can shower, put on some clean clothes, and have a nice warm meal," Happy says of the Mission. Serving at the Mission gave Happy a sense of purpose. Happy has transitioned out of the River of Life facility and is working as the groundskeeper for the Veterans Administration in Boise. He was honored by Reverend Roscoe at the Mission's annual Veteran's Luncheon as the 2019 Veteran of the Year.



## LIGHTHOUSE MEN'S SHELTER

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# HIGHLIGHT: NEW LIFE PROGRAM

## JENNIFER'S STORY:

My mom and I bonded over drug use for most of my adult life. After she passed away, I got married and had two beautiful children, but my drug use just got worse, and I ended up going to prison.

When I was released, I relapsed right away and was arrested again. In court, the judge told me she believed prison was the only thing that would keep me sober. But instead she chose to give me one more chance. She let me come to the New Life Program at City Light.

I was in the New Life Program for about five months, then I got very sick; I was struggling, my guard was down, and, in the past, my go-to in that situation was to get high. So one day I left the building, got ahold of some heroin, but instead of just getting high, I overdosed. Fortunately, someone was there who knew CPR. They revived me and, on the way to the hospital all I could do was pray, "Lord, I'm sorry. Please forgive me."

The hospital called one of the staff members at City Light, Peggy, and let her know what had happened. I was convinced she would kick me out of the program, but instead, she came to get me, and sat quietly with me until I was released.

As we were driving back to the shelter. I was expecting her to yell at me. Instead she asked me a question, "What could I have done better to help you?" I didn't understand because obviously I was the one who had let her down. Instead of



giving me what I deserved though, she was kind, helped me get into bed, and let me sleep.

The next day on the phone, my probation officer started talking about the consequences I was facing and, at that moment, Peggy started talking over him, "No, we want her! We want her!" We see potential in her. Please allow her to stay." She told him, "We will do anything it takes to help her. We are going to restart her program. We will teach her more about God's grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love. We know she can do this."

I couldn't hold back my tears anymore. And all I could say was, "Peggy, I can't believe you just did that for me. I had no fight left in me, but you fought for me."

I got on my knees right then and said, "Lord, I surrender. Please, teach me to become the woman, the daughter, the wife, and the child that you want me to be." I begged, "Change me, change me, change me." And He did. It took me 15 months to graduate but I am grateful that everyone was as patient as they were because and I needed every second of that time.

I never thought I'd be here now - sober, and reunited with my kids. God brought me here to the Mission and God has carried me through to the point that I have the confidence to stand on my own two feet and know that I can stay sober. I have a great support system in place now.



## VALLEY WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SHELTER

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**BOISE RESCUE MISSION, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**September 30, 2019**  
**With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2018**

	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ 1,096,287.00	\$ 1,062,695.00
Inventory	\$ 194,596.00	\$ 128,842.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 207,124.00	\$ 405,335.00
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
	\$ 1,498,007.00	\$ 1,596,872.00
Property and equipment, net	\$ 9,129,585.00	\$ 8,603,448.00
Property and other assets held for sale	\$ 12,814.00	\$ 12,814.00
Security deposits	\$ 12,696.00	\$ 10,446.00
Total Assets	\$ 10,653,102.00	\$ 10,223,580.00
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 118,154.00	\$ 49,766.00
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	\$ 167,834.00	\$ 142,840.00
Guest savings	\$ 7,051.00	\$ 6,305.00
Current portion long term debt	\$ 109,638.00	\$ 58,459.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 402,677.00	\$ 257,370.00
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$ 650,358.00	\$ 462,830.00
Deferred rent	\$ -	\$ 15,185.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,053,035.00	\$ 735,385.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	\$ 9,085,695.00	\$ 9,172,722.00
With donor restrictions	\$ 514,372.00	\$ 315,473.00
Total Net Assets	\$ 9,600,067.00	\$ 9,488,195.00
Total Liabilities and Assets	\$ 10,653,102.00	\$ 10,223,580.00

\*Financials audited by Harris CPAs

**RESTORING FAITH,  
HOPE & FAMILY  
ACROSS THE  
TREASURE VALLEY  
SINCE 1958**



**341,761**  
MEALS SERVED



**186,394**  
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



**59,198**  
ITEMS OF CLOTHING ISSUED



**500+**  
TRANSITIONED OUT



**2,438**  
PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

FY 2018-19 STATS



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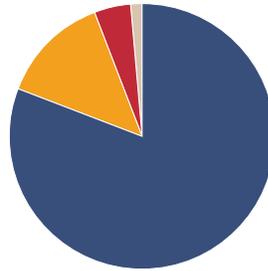
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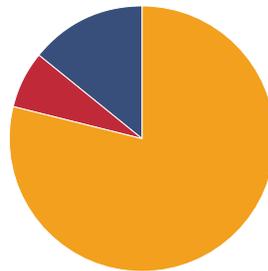
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**BRMM FINANCIAL DATA**

Fiscal Year 2018-19 Financials



Support and Revenue:	Amount	%
Cash Contributions	\$ 7,179,152.00	81%
In Kind	\$ 1,178,634.00	13%
Thrift Store Sales	\$ 411,965.00	5%
All Other	\$ 104,083.00	1%
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 8,873,834.00</b>	<b>100%</b>



Expense:	Amount	%
Program Services	\$ 6,912,339.00	79%
Administrative & General	\$ 611,165.00	7%
Communication & Appeals	\$ 1,238,458.00	14%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 8,761,962.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

**HOPE STARTS HERE**

**NEW LIFE RECOVERY PROGRAM** – Helping those struggling with substance abuse overcome addiction and build new, better lives.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** – Providing nutritious meals and safe shelter for men, women and children in Boise and Nampa.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS** – Working to break the cycle of homelessness and to drastically improve the futures of homeless children through education, counseling, and activities.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** – Offering assistance, clothing, household items, food boxes and toys – all free of charge.

**VETERANS MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Serving chronically homeless veterans in partnership with the Veterans Administration and working to help them regain their independence.

**RESPIRE PROGRAM** – Providing wrap-around support services to guests with medical issues that can't be effectively addressed in a typical emergency shelter environment.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT** – Meeting the need for education, job search assistance, work ethics training, and financial accountability programs to help our guests overcome the root causes of homelessness.

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