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IN REVIEW



As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.

2 Corinthians 9:13-14 (NLT)



DON ESKES
Chief Executive Officer

THE SPHERE OF SERVICE

I am often asked, “What is your success rate?” when discussing the services offered by the Fresno Rescue Mission. My answer is always, “100 percent successful.” That does not mean that everyone who enrolls in an FRM program will complete it. What it means is that if we carry out our Christian duty (*when people come to us, we care for them, treat them with respect and dignity, support them, and show them the love of Christ - this applies to every person we serve*) then no matter how long they are with us, we are successful.

“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11

In this edition of Lighthouse News we are presenting statistical data we have accumulated of the people served and the outcomes witnessed in 2017. Most important, we are sharing testimonials from individuals whose lives were changed by the word of God years ago. The two go hand-in-hand. We do our part in love. God accomplishes His promises in these people who did hear His voice and who continue to draw closer to Him as they move forward, living for Him.

“We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the sphere of service God himself has assigned to us, a sphere that also includes you.” 2 Corinthians 10:14

The only thing left to say is **Thank YOU** for partnering with us as we serve the Lord, together.

JOY FROM A ‘THANK YOU’ NOTE - RICHARD’S JOURNEY



“I graduated from the Academy in 2011. The Lord freed me from addiction, gang-life, anger issues, and emotional hang-ups. It was coming through the program that made me realize I no longer wanted to be the man I was.

My mom always prayed for me, but since Jesus came into my life, my wife, our 3 children, my dad and my brother have all come to know Jesus, too -- through me! It’s an incredible gift.

Working for the Mission has given me a deeper compassion for people who are in desperate need. God

helps me truly hear their hurts and fears. In fact, they are so thankful for genuine love that they send me cards. After 7 years, I truly can’t remember every name with an actual face, but the words they share show their appreciation for the work we do. It’s an honor to work for the Lord. ~ Richard Lopez - Community Care Provider

STANDING IN THE GAP

MEETING IMMEDIATE NEEDS



24 Hour Emergency Services:

Case Management	543
Contacts/Referrals	4,952
911 Calls	115
Respite Center	155
Overnight Stay	2,568
<i>1,298 men and 1,270 women & children All unique individuals</i>	
Warming Center (bed nights)	1,007
<i>805 men, 199 women, 3 children Not unique individuals</i>	
Sobering Center	66



FRM Community Response Team and Mobile Unit

*Pictured, left to right: (Back) Chaplain Jay Carroll, Jerry Vargas;
(Front) Nathan Littlefield, Kevin Salley, Vincent Gallardo, Charles Caster, Richard Lopez;
Not pictured, but part of this amazing team, Narin Oeurn.*

Food Services

174,339

Meals Served



"JUST ONE MORE..." ALL FOR HIM - VINCENT'S JOURNEY

"I picked up the Bible in jail knowing I was in desperate need. By the time I arrived at the Mission, everything I had been taking in began to get watered and it continued to grow. By the time my family visited me, they saw a change. I graduated from the Academy program in March 2011 as a new man.



Today, I work as a Community Care Provider in our 24-Hour Emergency Services Department. Only God could have made this ministry opportunity a genuine match for my heart. I love the team, I love the people we meet, and I love to serve. When people are hurting and they respond to what we share, they find their purpose. God uses my story EVERY DAY to speak into someone's life. It's been nearly 7 years since I graduated from the program and I can't think of a single day that God hasn't led me to share my story and His love with someone who needs to hear about Jesus. Some days He uses me multiple times. I have to figure that this means (mathematically) He's nudged me to touch at least 2,555 lives, not counting those who already knew me! If I were to multiply the 'average encounter' by the number of men and women who now call Jesus Lord - all because of the Mission - multiplied by the number of years the Mission has been around... that's a TON of love being shown in our community.

I am so thankful for the Fresno Rescue Mission and so blessed by God's joy in giving His mercy, wrapped in second chances.

~ Vincent Gallardo

THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW

LIFE RECOVERY PROGRAMS

"I was a returnee to Rescue the Children. Initially I was a mess, trying to overcome my addiction to Meth and emotionally distraught over the separation from my 2 youngest children. I remember the feeling of a big, black hole in the pit of my stomach and the thought, 'I can't do this anymore.' I told Priscilla, Director of RTC, 'I wanna come home.' I look back now and know I was actually saying it to God. I graduated from the program in May 2014. Today, I have restoration with my 2 adult children. Though I still long to see my 12-year-old son and my 15-year-old daughter, I also know that they are in a safe, loving home. I also know they know who Jesus is. I am trusting Him to grow that love in them until I see them again. God's strength not only comforts me, it guides me. I can't thank the Mission enough for the blessings they've provided."

~ Tania Cheek, FRM Lead Cook

464

Academy
Residents Served



The Academy:

Transitioned to Aftercare **64**

Men who completed the one-year residential portion of their program and transitioned to job search, transitional living and ongoing care services

Found Employment **67**

Enrolled in College **8**



Spiritual Growth:

Accepted Christ **88**

Baptized in the Program **27**

Both men and women



363

RTC Residents
Served



Rescue the Children:

Women **175**

Children **188**

Moms reunited with children **27**

Were restricted, limited, or had no contact with their children prior to coming to the community

Transitioned to Aftercare **14**

Those who completed the one-year residential portion of their program and transitioned to job search, transitional living and ongoing care services

Found Employment **16**

Enrolled in College **2**

"The Lord has healed me from alcohol, depression, and anxiety. He is using me as a source of encouragement for new ladies when they first enter Rescue the Children - an example of His goodness and love as they start their new journey with Him. I feel like I'm finally giving back to my community." ~ Emily



THE UPWARD CALL - GARRETT'S JOURNEY

"I was 9 years old when I first encountered Jesus in my life, but it wasn't until October 29, 2015 (age 27) when I truly began to recognize it was His voice at work in me. He called me to the Fresno Rescue Mission's recovery program, out of my lengthy addiction and into complete healing. 'Healing' includes sobriety and recovery (for just over two years), and restoration and strengthened relationships with my son, my family, and my girlfriend. Prior to that, no one in my life wanted me around anymore the way I was. Now, everyone I know tells me how proud they are of me, how much they enjoy having me around, and that they can count on me to be there for them when they need me.

There were times I felt so lost and hopeless (thinking I would surely die). I didn't have the strength to stop drinking, nor the ability to work, nor to change my circumstances. Today, I'm a new man. I've completed probation, paid off past tickets, started to pay child support, and am taking care of my student loans. I no longer need to take medication for any of the mental health issues I had been diagnosed with in the past, including depression. My life is a miraculous turn of events.

When I submitted to God, He filled me with His strength, and His hope. He gave me the courage to push through every obstacle and pick myself back up from every mistake. He empowered me to live a better life, and to be a better person every day. God is working through me today by helping me to take care of my family. He empowers me to meet their financial needs; driving me to be there for them, even when it's difficult and change seems nearly hopeless. He continues to push me to be a constant, reliable presence in their lives, helping me provide stability wherever it's needed.

The Fresno Rescue Mission provided the opportunity for everything that has transpired. I'm going to be grateful for that for the rest of my life." ~ Garrett

Garrett W. graduated from the FRM's Academy in April 2017. He is employed as a Supervisor in our Automotive Department.

Emily Sterling (her thoughts were shared on page 4) graduated from the RTC program in February 2017. She is on staff as a Community Care Provider with Rescue the Children.

We are blessed to have both of these fantastic people working in ministry, encouraging those around them with their gratitude and grace.



BUILDING ON THE FUTURE

AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE



9,006

Service Hours
Logged

2,339 Hours Serving through the Mission
6,667 Hours Serving through other
partnering organizations

Mission at the Mission:

Groups Equipped in 2017	36
Total Attendees	1,407
Meals Served	4,582
Bed Nights	1,535



16,522

Volunteer Hours
Logged

FRM Volunteers:

Total Volunteers Registered	2,878
Chapel Servers	155
Event Helpers	228
Food Services	180
FRM Thrift Store	57
Relational Volunteers	397

*... building relationships with
the people we serve,
one generous hour at a time.*

PASSION AND COMMITMENT

"I've been involved in church most of my life. My faith and the depth of involvement outside of church grew when I voiced my commitment to the Lord through the passion I have to make a difference in the lives of children, especially teens. My involvement with the Mission stems from that. Through my business, outside connections with organizations, boards, and non-profit agencies, I've been able to hear the stories kids share; many raised in broken homes, living through unspeakable hardships. My heart hurts when I think that they might slip away, getting drawn into a life of drugs or gangs, or worse.

My goal and commitment is to share the love of Jesus with each of them, any way I can. He is the ONLY true solution. However, until that opportunity presents itself, my ongoing volunteer efforts are comprised of getting each one involved (committed and passionate) in whatever constructively moves them. Dedicating their lives to a purpose for which they have passion is the only fighting chance they have in avoiding the snares and pitfalls that will come, given the atmospheres in which many are being raised."

~ Lonnie Petty, President of Strategic Mechanical

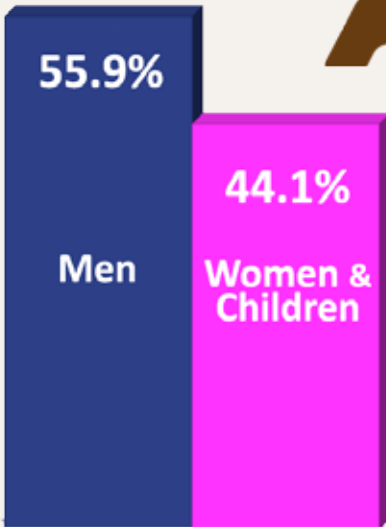




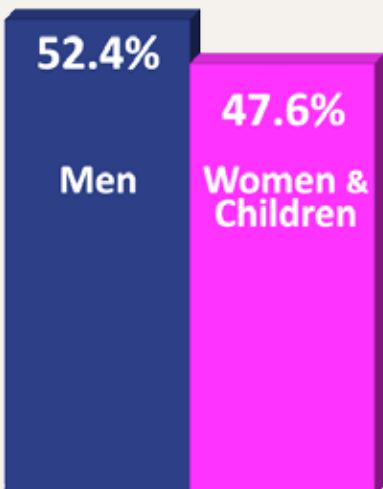
PEOPLE SERVED



2016



2017



GIFTS FROM YOU!

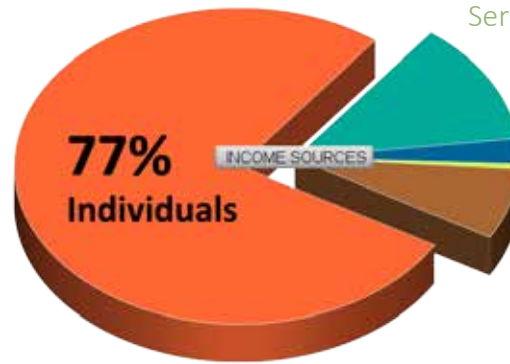
CONTRIBUTIONS	2016	2017
<i>Included: donations, events, and grants</i>	\$3,594,91	\$4,430,115

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	2016	2017
FRM Thrift Store & Cars	\$353,393	\$585,596
Food	\$676,804	\$620,201

The Fresno Rescue Mission embraces financial transparency. To reference Financial Form 990's and annual reports, go to fresnorm.org/about/ and access by filing year.

"I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly..."
Ephesians 1:16 (NLT)

SOURCES OF INCOME



- Individuals **77.0%**
- Companies **12.7%**
- Churches **2.6%**
- Service Organizations **0.5%**
- Foundations **7.2%**

16,545

Number of Donors
 13,013 financial donors and the rest, in-kind donors.

All ministry income comes from our community. We accept no government funding.



FRM Thrift Store & Cars:

Vocational Training Hours 10,253
Hours generated by Community Care participants, Disciples in the Academy and RTC, and program participants outside the Mission (Light-House Recovery Program)

Two-Year Transitional Employees Hired by the Thrift Store 59
Temporary entry-level staff positions designed for men and women who are either graduating from the residential portion of their program (transitional phase), or participants advancing through the Community Care process.

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"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. 4 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now."

Philippians 1:3-5 (NLT)

YOU CAN HELP!

Do you have a vibrant relationship with the Lord? Is God calling you to engage and share your love with others? Consider sharing your time with the people we serve. Opportunities are available to mentor, facilitate small groups, and teach classes - - just a few examples of ways **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mission at the Mission – MMission@fresnorm.org

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