



Hi Fredericktowne Baptist Church,

You are making a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors! I wish you could see all of the uplifting stories I see every day, because these lives are improving because of your generosity and participation.

Brian Bateman  
Communications Manager

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## Journey Out of Darkness

Donna was "living in darkness" by her own description. Ten years ago, when Donna first encountered people associated with Frederick Rescue Mission, she was homeless, and her journey since then has been challenging and liberating. Your partnership with the Mission has greatly impacted Donna's life, and she is now a different person.

Donna describes her former mindset this way: "I knew God chose me to be his, but I didn't care. I was just living in darkness, and I resisted the Holy Ghost. But when you think you're not up to nothin', Jesus is up to somethin'." She cites John 3:19-21 to describe her life: "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."





During the years Donna wandered the streets during the day and stayed in the Alan P. Linton homeless shelter at night, she was alienated from her family. She began attending Downtown Christian Fellowship, a weekly Christian gathering for Frederick's homeless residents. There, she met kind people who work at the Mission. Donna began to come to the Mission for meals and hygiene supplies. She was moved by the compassionate, Christlike lifestyles of the staff and the volunteers, and she finally surrendered her life to Jesus. In time, she reconciled with her children and now lives with her son and his family.

**"The Mission brings light and hope to people. The people there are understanding and supportive."**

"They were so patient with me; they never pushed the gospel on me." Donna had difficulty communicating her thoughts back then. "If I didn't want to talk, they said, 'That's OK, we'll talk when you're ready.'"



Today, Donna volunteers at the Mission regularly and is eager to jump in and help wherever help is needed. She is well loved by our community, both people who serve and those who come for services." Donna also co-leads a weekly women's support group for homeless ladies with Bonnie Smith at the Mission.

"Homeless people knew me when I was homeless, and now they ask me questions. Sometimes, they can't believe I used to be where they are! I give them hope by telling them the truth." Because you support the Mission, you give people like Donna reasons for hope.

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## Testimonies of Your Generosity



Each story of those who come the Mission for help is different, and the reasons for their need are as varied as the guests. Many individuals who turn to the Mission are working hard in jobs that simply don't cover the full cost of living, while others are diligently looking for employment. The testimonies below highlight how your support is creating real, lasting change in the lives of our neighbors.

Omoh's job does not pay enough for her to make ends meet in Frederick, so she comes to the Mission for food every week.

**"The Mission makes me proud to serve good food to my family. The food and clothes are so helpful for those of us with a small income. The Mission gives us life!"**



Claudia is a senior citizen who comes to the Mission for lunch and groceries. She was eager to describe her experience with the Mission: **"The food I get from the Food Distribution Center (FDC) lasts us over a week! I freeze and thaw it as needed. (I go to Dollar General for fill-ins.)"**

Marta has struggled to make ends meet in Frederick for the last 15 years and comes to the Mission for periodic assistance. **"This place helps me in many ways: food, clothes, and more. I am so grateful. I heard about the Mission from my kids' school and spread the word to my friends."**

Sherrie has been coming to the Mission for lunch for several years. She testifies enthusiastically: **"The Mission is spiritual, but the spiritual aspect is not crammed down your throat. It gives me a safe place to be. I've been trafficked, and I feel insecure elsewhere, but here, I feel safe."**

Sandra has been coming to the FDC every week for six months. **"I needed a lot of help because of this bad economy. The Mission puts food on my table every day."**

Mayerly prepares meals for her parents and brothers at home. **"This place is very helpful because of high food prices. You all have been so helpful to me for the past six months I've been coming."**

Denise gushes: **"This is a place you feel at home; it feels good being here. It's like family. It allows your soul to breathe!"**

At the Mission, every guest is welcomed with dignity, respect, and grace. The resources we offer come from the generosity of people like you, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

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54th Annual Fundraising Banquet

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**May 29, 2025**



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## Annual Fundraising Banquet



## Truth Corner

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another  
above yourselves."

ROMANS 12:10



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