



Pathways

**You Bring
New Beginnings
Every Day**

*“All my prayers
were answered!”*





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NEW BEGINNINGS AT EASTER . . . AND EVERY DAY

**BUT THANKS
BE TO GOD!**
HE GIVES US THE
VICTORY THROUGH
OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 15:57



Dear Friend,

Easter is a time of year filled with reflection and celebration. We take time to reflect on the sacrificial love of God in Christ, and we celebrate the victory of His resurrection. In Him and through Him we have an opportunity to receive Grace and practice a new way a life.

Many of the individuals we serve struggle to find this freedom. Daily, they wrestle with shame and fear. They attempt to manage it to the best of their ability, but often can't find the support they need or the answers they are looking for. At Open Door Mission we provide sustenance for the body, hope for the mind, and share with others about the One who can provide redemption and healing for the spirit.

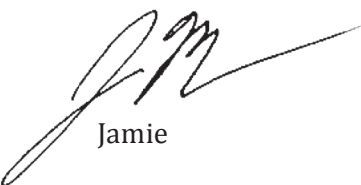
Many of the guests of the mission begin their journey of faith here. Like Brandi, they come to learn that there is a different way of life available to them. They take an honest look at their heart and come to recognize the deeper need they have.

Redemption and growth do not come without adversity. In the places where the road gets long and hope dwindles, we are present. We walk with our guests as they face the trials and temptations. We provide empathy and encouragement.

At Open Door Mission, our guests have the opportunity to practice a true faith — one that accepts adversity as an opportunity for a deeper faith.

All of us at Open Door Mission are filled with gratitude for the support you provide to the most vulnerable in our community. We trust God will bless you and yours this Easter season.

In Christ,



Jamie

BOUND AND DETERMINED. BRANDI GOT A NEW BEGINNING!

"ALL MY PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED."

When Brandi came to Open Door Mission on a cold January night in 2024, she had hit rock bottom. Recently released from prison, she had lost everything: her home, her car, custody of her children, even her clothes. But she had one thing no one could take away from her: a positive attitude.

From her first night in Code Blue, Brandi says, "I was bound and determined to get back on my feet. I was sick of the way I was living. It never ended in a positive result, just me getting into trouble, on probation, in drug court." For the sake of her children and for her own good, Brandi enrolled in our Life Path Program.

It didn't take long for Brandi to get back on track. She found a job, applied for housing assistance and got her driver's license. She maintained her sobriety and established a close connection with her children, who were living with their grandmother. "I showed them what I was going to do," Brandi says, "and they're proud of me."

Raised by addicted parents herself, Brandi broke that cycle for her own

children, and she looks forward to getting them back with her. But she knows she could not have succeeded without Open Door — and God.

"I never really went to church until I came here," Brandi admits. "I accepted God and prayed to get my life together. I just wanted everything peaceful, to get an apartment, a safe place. I did my part, and He did His part. All my prayers were answered!"

By supporting Open Door, you were a big part of Brandi's answered prayers. Now on her own, she plans to go back to school and become a drug and alcohol counselor. "I like paying it forward and helping others," she says. In the meantime, Brandi refers other women in crisis to the Mission and shares her insights for success in the program.

"Number one, pray! Reach out for help. Get established with a support network. And do the footwork. It's worth it. You can live a happy life without drugs."

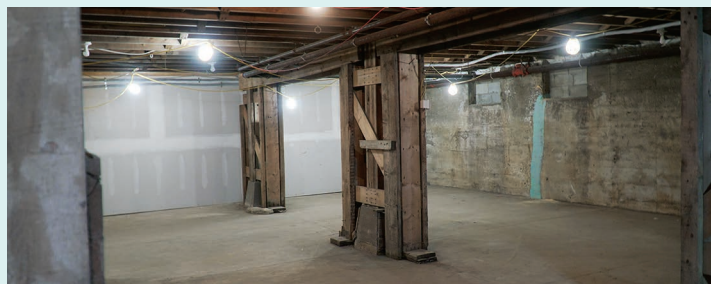
Thanks to you, Brandi is living proof of that.



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YOU CAN FIND NEW BEGINNINGS EVERYWHERE AT OPEN DOOR MISSION!

Right now, it's just an unfinished basement; not much to look at. But just wait. These stark surroundings are being transformed into a commercial community laundry room that will serve not only Open Door Mission residents, but our community at large.



Lorin Crider, Director of Operations, says, "Many renters have no laundry facilities in their building and can't afford a laundromat. This opens up the opportunity for more people in need to do laundry. It's a big deal. Their kids can have clean clothes, so they won't get teased. And when people come to do laundry, they can learn about the Mission and get help."

In addition, Open Door's kitchen is being renovated with a convection oven and a new dishwasher, making meal prep and cleanup faster and easier for our staff and volunteers.

As our facilities evolve and improve, so do the lives of our guests. Jamie Munyon, Executive Director, explains, "When we finish the construction, we can give more individuals an opportunity to work toward change. It's not something that comes easily, which is why it's essential for us to have

*"This place made me feel safe. It turned my life around. I became a man here. I found Christ. I found salvation."
— Raymond*

community and faith. Faith is essential when it comes to new beginnings — believing if I just take this one step, the ten other steps I can't take right now will be aligned for me to make the changes I need to make."

Last year, 76 men and women took that one first step, participating in our Life Path Program.

Three of them shared their thoughts with us:



*"I look forward to seeing where all this goes a year from now ... 20 years. As long as I stay on this path, it's going to be great."
— Patrick*



*"The program really means something. It's a lot more than a roof over your head. People actually care about you."
— Michelle*



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