

Breaking Generational Cycles

Ramona was sober for twelve years before the first wave of the Coronavirus pandemic swept across the state in 2020. As the lockdowns began, Ramona was laid off from her job and, due to her struggles with mental illness, she spiraled into a very dark place.

"I was unraveling," says Ramona. "It felt like everything I built was falling apart."

And so, she coped as she had years ago—with drugs.

"Once I relapsed, I knew it was over for me," Ramona shares as she reflects on the downward spiral that took place.

She was hosting people in her home to help cover rent, and one night, the police caught them selling drugs. Even though Ramona wasn't involved in the sale, she was arrested because it was her apartment. She lost her home, and her daughter was taken by DCF.

"That hurt me so bad because when I got pregnant with her, I promised that I wouldn't let her go through what I went through."

After her time in prison, Ramona went to a drug rehab facility. She learned how to work on herself and got clean once more.

"This time, as I was working through the twelve steps, it was different," says Ramona. "I realized that something was missing, and what was missing was Jesus. We can't do nothing in this life without God."

Ramona was baptized in the rehab facility. She started reading her Bible, going to church, and doing whatever she had to do to get her daughter back. Within six months, she was reunified with her daughter but didn't have any income or a place to go. She ended up staying with her mother, but there was no space for them alongside the nine others living in the three-bedroom home.

"I was overwhelmed - desperate for a safe place for myself and my daughter," Ramona says. "That was when my DCF case manager told me about New Life Mission."

Ramona applied but was afraid that she wouldn't get accepted because of her recent arrest and DCF case. She was overjoyed when she got the call that she was accepted.



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"When I got the call that I was accepted into the program, I was on my knees and I thanked God because I felt like I was finally getting somewhere."

Since being in the program, Ramona has received mental health counseling that has helped her tremendously on her journey of sobriety and self-sufficiency.

"I remember coming through the gates of New Life Mission like a broken bird. Every day and week that went by, I felt myself being put back together again," says Ramona. "I feel like I have been healed from the inside out."

At New Life Mission, we provide moms with more than just a safe place to live - we equip them with the tools and support to move their families to self-sufficiency.

Visit www.NewLife-Mission.org/springnewsletter to help women like Ramona break cycles of trauma and homelessness with your donation!

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Backyard Missions



"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.
But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;
rather, serve one another humbly in love."

-Galatians 5:13

Thousands of dollars are spent every spring and summer by groups traveling the world on mission trips to help those in need. What if we start a movement in Brevard County called "Backyard Missions" and organize mission trips right here, in our own backyard, to have a generational impact on homeless women and their children? Think of our impact!

Backyard Missions is a great opportunity for you to rally your church group, co-workers, family and friends to take up a donation, host a paper products drive, volunteer for a project at one of our four Melbourne campuses or invite us to speak and share what we do.

At the time of this writing, we are serving 78 women and their children. In addition to our moms with 1, 2 and 3 children, we currently have moms with 4, 5 and 6 children!

For the two years they are with us, we not only provide a safe place to live, but we also empower families with the wraparound resources and support they need to move out of homelessness for good. **90% of the families who complete our program do not return to homelessness!**

As an organization that does not utilize government funding, we look to individuals, churches, businesses and foundations to keep our doors open. Let's go on (backyard) mission together!

With love,

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Volunteer Spotlight

When Patricia and her family moved from Colombia to the United States, she never imagined she would find a place that felt exactly like a dream God had placed in her heart ...

In Columbia, Patricia witnessed the devastating impact of forced migration. Families were uprooted from their homes and forced to move to big cities, often losing everything. Many struggled to care for their children, leaving them abandoned on the streets.

However, there was one group of families that stood out to her. Despite their hardships, they kept their children clean and fed. Seeing them, Patricia envisioned creating a ministry - a **village** where families could safely live and gain the necessary skills to take care of their families while their children were at school, learning not just about science, but about Jesus.

To Patricia's surprise, this vision brought her to New Life Mission!

When she discovered New Life Mission, she immediately wanted to volunteer and serve. With a love for sharing God's Word, she found her place with us, helping lead Bible study for our moms on Tuesday nights.

"Volunteering at New Life Mission for the past two years has been one of those experiences where you think you're giving to others, but in the end, you realize you are the one receiving the most," Patricia shares. "It has been a powerful testimony of the transformation only Jesus can bring. These women and their stories are incredible! You can see God's hand at work in every life. It is a privilege and a blessing to have this opportunity to serve in such a wonderful place!"

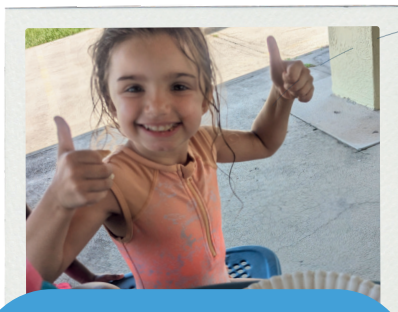
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Patricia Rico Castro
Volunteer for 2 years



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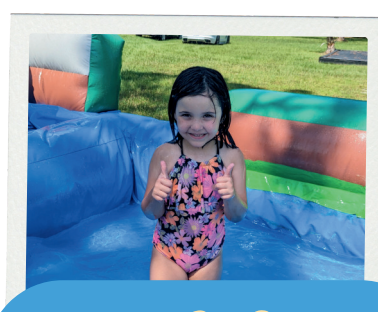
\$50

Provides breakfast, lunch, and snacks for 1 child for 1 week of summer camp.



\$150

Provides meals, activities, and field trips for 1 teenager for 1 week of summer camp.



\$250

Provides meals for 5 children for one week of summer camp.

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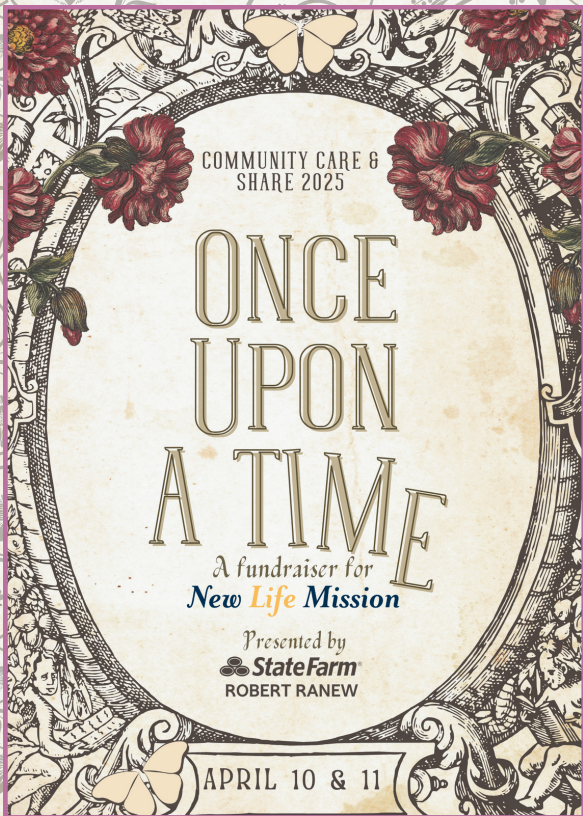
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Diapers (4, 5 & 6)
- Body wash
- Hand soap
- Trash bags
- Laundry pods
- Feminine products
- Everyday essentials!



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