



Washington Street MISSION

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die." --Jesus
(John 11:25)

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Dear Friends:

The message of Easter is a message of life. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we know that we have life that will last even after we die.

Every day at Washington Street Mission we proclaim that message. We lift up Jesus as the resurrection and the life, the only source of lasting hope, as we minister to people who desperately need new life and new hope.

In this Easter season we want to pay special tribute to one of our co-workers on the frontlines of ministry here at Washington Street Mission who died recently.

Ralph Fuhrken served on the Mission's Board of Directors for more than twenty years. He brought a wealth of business experience and practical wisdom to the operations of the



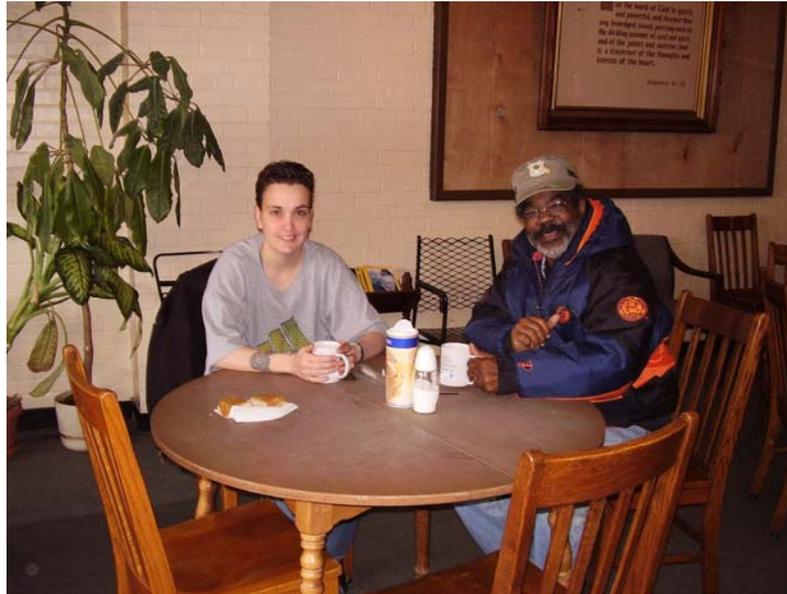
This is the way we will remember Ralph – the way he helped to serve breakfast at the Mission – active, involved, always looking for ways to meet people's needs. He had a big heart and a generous spirit.

Lord will bring exactly the people we need to minister with us in the days ahead.

You can help as well. We need your help to lift up the life and hope that Jesus provides. Please pray for this ministry and give generously as you join us in bringing the life-giving message of Jesus to people in need.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Mitchell
Executive Director



A SNAPSHOT OF MINISTRY DURING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR

The young woman in this picture is a regular guest at the Mission's neighborhood coffee hour in the mornings. She has been estranged from her children for a number of years. Recently she saw a picture we had taken posted on the Mission wall and wanted a picture of herself to send to her children. She asked us if we could help. We jumped at the opportunity.

This is one of the pictures we took, showing her with one of her friends, another regular coffee hour guest. We provided several copies for her to send to her children. She was delighted. Doing a small favor like this for someone in need often opens the door for us to win someone's trust and to share the love of Jesus Christ with them.

A NEW LOOK IN THE MISSION'S FREE CLOTHING SHOP

Our free clothing shop has been totally redecorated during the past several months. New carpeting has replaced the old, worn floor coverings. New clothing racks have replaced the old, metal pole that held hanging clothes. New tables have been added. Fresh paint has brightened up the walls.

A number of people coming to the Mission for clothing have commented on the new decor and expressed their appreciation for the improvements. They have told us that shopping is much more enjoyable in the brighter surroundings.

The redecorating also included the front reception area. Stripes in bright colors have been added to the wall and a comfortable seating area has been placed in the front corner. The restrooms and offices have also been redecorated.

Both the Mission's guests and staff appreciate the generous donors who undertook this redecorating and accomplished it so beautifully.

Please spend a few minutes looking around the next time you bring in a clothing donation or visit the Mission for some other reason. We know that you will be impressed, especially if you have not visited in a while.

