



GOOD NEIGHBORS

Restoring Lives Together in Western New York



THANK YOU

for the *Love, Hope*
and *Healing* You Give
to People Like Nick.



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Live Your Faith, Love Your Neighbor

A Message from
Aubrey Calhoun

Thank you for loving your neighbors in need!

What does *loving your neighbors* look like?

Jesus modeled this throughout His life on earth: feeding those who hunger, caring for impoverished widows and children, healing people who were physically and spiritually broken. Indeed, loving your neighbors is servant-hearted and sacrificial. It's something you do every time you support Buffalo City Mission.

This summer, we hope you will continue to show your love for others by joining in our annual 92-day Love Your Neighbor Campaign.

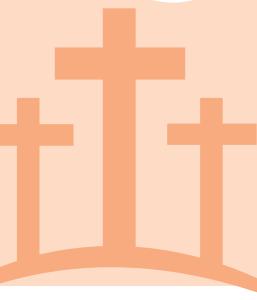
Summertime is especially challenging for the most vulnerable neighbors here in WNY, and the weather can be downright dangerous for those surviving on the streets. In the weeks ahead, we are determined to meet the urgent needs of each person who walks through our doors. But we can't do it without you.

Thank you for opening your heart to love your neighbors most in need and for living your faith in this powerful, life-changing way!



Aubrey Calhoun

Aubrey Calhoun
CEO and
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Open Your Heart to
Transform Lives
This Summer

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Your gift is needed by **August 31** to help provide:

33,678 Meals

Hundreds of Hygiene Items

134,716 Nights of Shelter

Countless Hours of Education and Job Skills Training

Give Nourishing Meals

\$2.40

provides a hot, nourishing meal



It's a wonderful way to love neighbors in need!

Give Now!



Nick's body gave up on him. You didn't.

Though just 34, Nick has battled arthritis for over 10 years. Despite the pain and discomfort, he managed to hold a steady job at a car window factory, working long 12-hour shifts. But then along came COVID and, like so many businesses, the place shut down. In the months that followed, Nick's body began shutting down too.

As his arthritis worsened, he was physically unable to work. Nick's savings eventually dried up, and he had to give up his apartment. For the first time ever, he was out on the streets.

"I'd never been homeless before," Nick says. "But my body had given out on me. Thankfully, I found Buffalo City Mission. I could not believe my eyes. I was blown away because there's a doctor's office right on the first floor — it's really an all-inclusive thing."

Through your support, and our life-changing Recuperative Care Unit (see article on page 4), we've been able to help Nick make medical appointments and connect him with the care he needs, including physical therapy and vaccines for his arthritis. He's also benefitted from nourishing meals, a safe place to sleep, life skills training, and powerful messages in chapel, which have touched Nick's heart, drawn him closer to God, and inspired him to start reading the Bible again.

Nick is a living testament to the power of the cross — and the impact you make every time you support the Mission. Your generosity helps inspire real, permanent change, and he is deeply blessed and grateful for all you've done for him.

"The support of donors means everything to me," Nick says. "I've never actually had anybody really help me like this before. It has me wanting to donate my time back here."

Your continued support today will reach others like Nick with healing and hope for better days ahead. Thank you for caring and sharing!



"Now I have a plan in place to be independent and work again."

Caring Comes at a Cost

Groceries, housing, utilities, gasoline ... the persistently high cost of these and other essentials are having a devastating effect on individuals and families in our community, leaving many facing a crisis like never before. But they're not the only ones feeling the pinch.

Buffalo City Mission is experiencing a "perfect storm":

- Costs of caring for our guests have skyrocketed.
- More and more people are in need of our assistance.
- Donations have been declining, since many of our supporters are also struggling.

If you're able, **we humbly ask that you please prayerfully consider going above and beyond your usual giving at this critical time.** With God's grace and the support of generous friends like you, we'll continue meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of every man, woman, and child who comes through our doors. **Thank you!**

If your family is in need of assistance, please:

Visit our Get Help Now page at buffalocitymission.org/what-we-do/get-help-now.

Submit your prayer request at buffalocitymission.org/prayer.



Bless hurting Neighbors With Relief From the Summer Heat!

Summertime takes the dangers of homelessness to another level. In addition to hunger and a desperate need for safe shelter, those surviving on the streets are faced with the summer heat, which can put them at risk of dehydration, heat stroke, and even death. The threat is especially great for vulnerable seniors and children.

You can help them beat the heat this summer by providing essentials such as:



Cool Drinking Water and Nourishing Meals



Refreshing Showers and Safe Shelter



Sunscreen and Hygiene Items

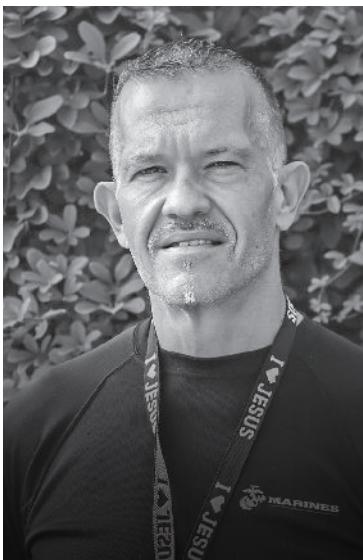


Clean Clothing and Shoes

Your support today will also open the doors to medical services, faith-based guidance, job skills training, and more — everything they need to discover real, permanent change.



Please visit buffalocitymission.org/amazon to learn more!



“What a safe, clean, and sanitary space to heal! I am nothing but grateful for the care I received.”

- Michael, 30-year Marine Veteran and former RCU patient



You Give Healing & Hope

The streets of Western New York are no place for someone to recuperate from an illness or injury. Thankfully, because you care, our Recuperative Care Unit (RCU) provides a safe space for male homeless patients who've received medical clearance for discharge but still need time to fully recover. In the RCU, these men receive:

- Daily care from home care providers
- Three nutritious meals a day
- Health and wellness education
- Pastoral care
- A comprehensive discharge plan
- And so much more!

Upon discharge, patients can then access the Mission's emergency shelter, transitional housing, education and job skills training, and other life-changing programs and services.

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Aubrey, here's my summer Love Your Neighbor gift to help our struggling neighbors:

\$100 \$150 \$176 \$201
 \$_____ to help as many people as possible.

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