## **Housing Transforms Lives**



The Union Mission

Do you agree that housing is essential for restoring lives and rebuilding families?

There are no words to express the gratitude I have for giving me my life back.

I made decisions in my adolescence which greatly impacted the journey my life has taken. I started using drugs and when I turned 18, ended up going to prison because I was committing criminal acts to feed my addiction.

After getting out of prison and ending up in Pennsylvania, I continued struggle. I wasn't a good person; I would lie and cheat, I took advantage of people, I covered my tracks and chased the next high.

I had my first exposure to Union Mission in 2007. I was down and out and had ran out of places to go. I found the Mission to be a fantastic place, but I wasn't ready to face my issues quite yet.

My relationship with drugs was my driving force and I worked hard to quickly get my own place and leave the Mission. I did the same thing in 2008 – using the Mission as a springboard when I didn't have anywhere else to turn.

When I was finally ready to face my demons, I knew where I had to go. The Union Mission was a refuge – a safe place that had welcomed me without judgments or conditions and who only ever wanted to help me reach my potential.

In 2017, I came back to the Union Mission. I knew if I utilized their program and supports, I would have no problem addressing what I really needed to fix.

Again, they welcomed me in and I began to finally take the steps that would forever change my life.

YES!	<b>□\$100</b>	□ \$500	<b>□\$1000</b>	□ \$5000	Other_	
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The Union Mission is necessary in the community. They take the people like me who would otherwise become throwaways and find the person inside, beyond the trauma and suffering. And they help that person more than any other group or agency I have ever been involved with.

The Union Mission restored my hope.

Because I went through their program and utilized every resource they could help connect me to, I was able to transform my life.

## But the Union Mission doesn't just transform one life – they help restore a person and all of the relationships that person shares.

Since graduating the Mission after obtaining my own place, my life and the relationships I share have continued to grow. I have become a father to my daughter, Scarlet, and to my girlfriend, Katie's children. Together we have created a beautifully blended family, full of love and laughter.

My relationship with my parents is healing. I have thrived at work – even receiving a promotion 6 months ago.

My life is now remarkable!!

When I think back to how broken I was, how lost, I become even more grateful to people like you who are committed to ensuring a safe place like Union Mission exists.

Thank you for helping me become the man I am today! I am asking now that you consider making the opportunity for the next man's life to be transformed. Please give to Union Mission today.

Sincerely, atrict 3 Barry Patrick Barry

P.S. Remember to support Union Mission today. Your gift of housing and support will transform someone's life into something remarkable.

Your gift today gives the opportunity for someone like Patrick to rebuild their life and heal relationships.

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