

## HOPE IN A TIME OF NEED...

Founded in 1890, the Rescue Mission of Utica is a faith-based, non-profit, multiple-service, charitable organization serving Utica and the Mohawk Valley. Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the ministry *"endeavors to assess and meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all people coming for assistance."*

The Rescue Mission provides safe lodging, food, clothing, case management, counseling, advocacy, education, referrals and support services for individuals overcoming homelessness, abuse, addictions and disabilities.

The Rescue Mission offers the following programs:

- *Addiction Stabilization Center*
- *Community Based Residential Program*
- *Community Service Outreach*
- *Emergency Shelter (for men)*
- *Enriched Living Center*
- *Food Service*
- *Learning Center*
- *Parker House Residential Aftercare Program*
- *Representative-Payee Program*
- *Skills for Success Job Training Program*
- *West Street Apartments*

## OUR MISSION...

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Rescue Mission of Utica, Inc. is a Christian Ministry, established to proclaim, in word and deed, the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, by unconditionally endeavoring to assess and meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those individuals seeking assistance.

### VISION STATEMENT

Be a conduit for God's love, grace and mercy; from which individuals can be healed, forgiven and empowered.

### CORE VALUES

- *We believe in the God-given potential of everyone.*
- *We believe that it is God who changes lives.*
- *We believe in building relationships throughout our community to establish better care for the people we serve.*
- *We strive to instill hope in those who come to us.*
- *We value "mutual ministry" for every member in our community (including care receivers, staff, volunteers and donors) and strive to assist care receivers in rebuilding key relationships in their lives.*

## RESCUE MISSION OF UTICA

### *Emergency Shelter*



### **THE RESCUE MISSION OF UTICA** *Emergency Shelter*

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*Reaching Out...Changing Lives*



The overall goal of the Emergency Shelter for men is to help the homeless improve their quality of life, become self-sufficient and get re-established in the community.

The Emergency Shelter provides safe alcohol and drug free lodging, meals, clothing, critically needed counseling, education, advocacy and referrals to agencies that meet the needs of the clientele.

The only emergency shelter of its kind from Syracuse to Schenectady, New York. In 2018 the shelter expanded to 59 beds. There are a number of factors that may cause a person to become homeless such as: substance abuse, medical issues, probation, domestic violence, loss of job, or even mental illness.

*Services Provided:*

- Free, nutritious meals are served to anyone in the community who is hungry for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Counseling, advocacy and referrals to help with other critical needs.
- Free clothing.
- Skills for Success Job Training Program - A construction skill building program where individual strive to gain meaningful career opportunities and employment through a construction trades program.



*The Emergency Shelter:*

- Provided 17,980 nights of care.
- The 59-bed Emergency Shelter was at or beyond capacity 120% of the time.
- Average length of stay per individual was 14 days.
- The Shelter experienced a 70% success rate in moving its clients to permanent and/or transitional living situations.



*One shelter resident had to say:*

*"I was homeless and had no place to go. I tried to take shelter at the train station, but the police brought me to the Rescue Mission's Emergency Shelter. I'm so thankful to be here. The Mission has given me all the help I need to re-establish myself in the community. They have also given me hope and helped me to believe in myself."*

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*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me."*