

# RESCUE MISSION OF UTICA

## HOPE IN A TIME OF NEED...

Founded in 1890, 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."*

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

Rescue Mission of Utica offers the following programs:

- *Addiction Stabilization Center*
- *Community Clothing Room*
- *Community Meal Program*
- *Emergency Shelter (for men)*
- *Enriched Living Center*
- *Learning Center*
- *Parker House Residential Aftercare Program*
- *Representative-Payee Program*
- *Skill for Success Job Training Program*
- *Transitional Housing*
- *West Street Apartments*

## OUR MISSION...

### MISSION STATEMENT

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.*

## *Representative-Payee Program*



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*Reaching Out...Changing Lives*



The Representative-Payee Program was initiated in 1989 to meet the community's need for reliable financial management and to assist in keeping people from homelessness due to difficulty with budgeting their money.

Serving hundreds of individuals, the Representative-Payee Program provides bill paying and adult protective case management services to people in the community who are unable to manage their own financial affairs. Staff assist clients in developing a budget for payment of rent, utilities, cable, and telephone expenses. A personal needs check is issued for groceries, household needs, and other bills. Clients are primarily referred from area case management service providers, Social Services, Veterans Administration and Rescue Mission programs. The program is also ready to assist people seeking assistance on their own. The staff collaborate with other community services to ensure they are living in a safe, clean, and comfortable environment.

- **Veterans** – Rescue Mission of Utica provides fiduciary services to numerous Veterans. All Veterans are approved for our services by the Veteran Administration. Most referrals are due to exploitation.
- **Adult Protective** – Case Management, Rep-Payee services, and guardianship services are provide to clients through the Oneida County Department of Social Services Adult Protective agency.



**Margaret's Story of Hope:** Margaret was living in a home in Oriskany that had no utilities or running water. She became one-half owner when her father passed in February. She was referred to us by Adult Protective due to a number of calls from Oriskany Police. The original plan was for rep-payee only as they thought her problem was only money management. When Margaret moved to Utica, her SSI benefit stopped as SSI saw the house as an asset. It took almost two months to come up with proof that her half-share of the current value of the home was an asset after all liens were resolved. Many Utica agencies were involved in helping her settle, including buying furniture and other necessities. Her SSI issues were resolved and she is doing much better living in her own apartment.

The Representative-Payee Program provides money management services to anyone needing assistance. Although more people are recipients of government benefits, we also assist clients with managing their wages, pensions, or lump sum estates.

Representative-Payee works with individuals who are struggling with their finances and assists them in utilizing the Rescue Mission services.

**FACTS:**

- Serve hundreds of individuals each year.
- Several clients have purchased homes and cars.
- Clients have had large debts resolved.
- Clients are experiencing a healthier way of life.

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*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. | Peter 4:10*