



FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

To our friends and supporters:

We are reaching out to you today with both an update on our work and an **urgent request for financial support**. The issues we have endured over the past 18 months have left us struggling to sustain our mission and services provided to the hurting and homeless. Our **Restoration Campaign** will help ensure our ability to provide *Housing, Help and Hope* to those in need. You can learn more on the backside of this newsletter.

And while we have been forced to alter and adapt operational methods, our mission remains steadfast. We have received support from several new partnerships in our community, including the **American Medical Women's Association at Trevecca Nazarene University**. Their president actively reached out, as they are passionate about serving the homeless and advocating for public health. They have worked hard to put together personal medical kits for our men, providing us with items such as aspirin, bandages, antibiotic ointment, lip balm and more.

We are so excited to announce the return of our **Founders Breakfast fundraiser event!** We have been forced to cancel the annual breakfast for the past two years, so we are delighted to reconnect with our supporters in person. The breakfast is scheduled for **December 16th at the Frist Art Museum**. Please reach out with any questions, **AND CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**

We are pleased to give an update on the **Eagle Scout Project benefitting Matthew 25**. Nathan Gafney, a junior at Pope John Paul II, has led the project to refurbish our patio area. Nathan and his team have pressure washed and scrubbed the space, and built and stained picnic tables, Adirondack chairs, planter boxes and corn hole boards. Nathan plans to deliver all of the furniture on Veterans Day, and we can't wait to share an update of our men enjoying this update space.

We have officially established a new tradition: **Sunday Dinner at Matthew 25!** Our goal is to have individuals, congregations, restaurants and community groups provide and serve dinner for all 52 Sundays of the year. Not only would this support us financially and operationally, but more importantly it would serve as a reminder to our men that there are many, many folks in the community who care for them, believe in them, and want to back them on their road to recovery. Please reach out if you have interest in joining us for a Sunday Dinner!

There are countless men prospering today because of the support of you and those like you. There are men living with us **right now** who are off the street and being empowered and uplifted through our ministry. And there are men presently facing the sorrow and despair of homelessness who desperately need the support and compassion of Matthew 25. The generous actions of our community make our work possible, and we will continue to cherish and rely on your support as we move forward!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Ward'.

Jim Ward
Executive Director

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"...I was a stranger, and you invited me in..."

Matthew 25:35

MATTHEW 25 HAPPENINGS

EAGLE SCOUT



Show above is **Nathan Gafney** and his Boy Scout group after pressure washing the M25 patio space. Several of our men joined in to help! We are all excited to utilize the refurbished space.

RESTORATION CAMPAIGN

Fundraising Goal

\$20,000



To keep our men as safe as possible, we have rearranged our rooming, food service and facility operations. These new realities have resulted in raised expenses and additional costs. When combined with a near 30% decrease in budgeted grant funding and COVID-canceled fundraisers, Matthew 25 is facing a pivotal and precarious moment.

So today we are asking for you to invest in our work and to help ensure our ability to provide homeless men in Nashville with hope for a brighter future

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