

IMAGINE...

Being 60 years old, ending up in a homeless shelter for the first time in your life and two weeks later being told you have cancer...

Lillian arrived at The Mission scared and alone but grateful that she didn't wind up wandering the streets, scrounging for food and shelter. After her position at her job was phased out she eventually lost everything, including her



healthcare. Less than a month into her stay she was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer. It was devastating after losing everything to be met with the possibility of losing her life. After meeting with her Case Manager, Lillian had a plan in place to tackle the surmounting difficulties in her life. She began the prescribed medical treatments

right away. She was amazed at the ongoing dedication, encouragement and support from the staff. The other single ladies became her "nightingales" caring for her after every treatment. Throughout the process her Case Manager continued to assist her with all of her other needs. Lillian successfully completed treatment, secured permanent housing and now she volunteers at a hospice center.

IMAGINE...

Your words, thoughts and memories slipping away from you daily, wondering where you are and often times who you are...

Paul has advanced stage Alzheimer's disease. Paul was kindly escorted to The Mission by some of our other homeless men. They found him wandering the streets disoriented, cold and hungry. They convinced him that he would be safe and cared for at The Mission. They even went as far as pinning a handwritten note to Paul that read, **"I belong to Olive Branch Mission."** So if Paul ever gets "lost" whoever "finds" him can make certain he gets "home" safely. After extensively working with Paul through his fleeting lucid moments his Case Manager was able to piece together his life. He was an only child that married his childhood



sweetheart, Lucille and they had one son, Paul Jr. Paul outlived his entire family. He is literally all alone in the world with the exception of his Olive Branch Mission family. Paul came to know the Mission as his "comfort zone." We were able to gain enough trust to get him the help he so desperately needed. The Case Manager secured him a spot in a residential facility that will provide Paul the specialized care he needs. The lucid moments are almost nonexistent these days, but we believe Paul remembers that he is loved.

REALITY...

Trying to imagine these circumstances may seem UNimaginable but this is the REALITY of the clients and staff members of Olive Branch Mission. These are moments that happen daily, weekly, monthly and yearly. We continue working on the frontlines of pain, despair and human tragedy with FAITH that God will use us and YOU to aid the most vulnerable ones in their darkest moments. We count ourselves blessed, honored and privileged to be a part of such a wonderful place.



RESULTS THAT MATTER

Olive Branch Mission is not in the business of simply giving handouts, glorifying, managing or maintaining human tragedy and poverty, but rather, this great Mission stands firm against enhancing dependency. We are in the business of human development, providing opportunity for recovery, restoration, reinstatement and re-entry unto a productive life. Olive Branch Mission remains a place where lost, injured, broken and desperate lives can freely, safely and unconditionally receive help, love and care.

TOGETHER THIS IS WHAT THE LORD HAS BLESSED US TO ACHIEVE IN 2017!

- 300,000 Meals Served
- Over 177,000 nights of shelter for men, women and families
- 2,500 Clients Served
- Over 1600 clients placed in job training programs
- Over 750 clients referred to Health/Mental Health service providers
- Over 700 clients referred for Alcohol/Drug treatment recovery programs
- An average of 465 individuals per month called The Mission home
- Over 400 clients enrolled in or completed education endeavors
- 175 families placed in permanent housing

THE MISSION HAS MOVED ITS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES!

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OLIVE BRANCH MISSION PROGRAMS

LAMPLIGHT INTERIM HOUSING (SINGLE WOMEN & FAMILIES)

Lamplight provides overnight shelter and interim housing, (meals, clothing, showers, housing applications, employment referral services, case management, personal development classes, and other support services...) in the process of moving homeless women and children to more stable housing.

DAYBREAK INTERIM HOUSING (SINGLE MEN)

Daybreak provides overnight shelter and interim housing, (meals, clothing, showers, housing applications, case management, employment referral services, personal development classes, and other support services...) in the process of moving homeless men to more stable housing.

FRONTLINE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES (18-24 Y/O MALES)

The Frontline Youth Opportunity provides housing and life transforming change for homeless, at-risk, former foster care, and ex-offending youth. FYO offers residential case management and support services in providing an intensive character formation curriculum, literacy training, high school completion (GED), higher education opportunities, employment training/ placement and more.

LIFE TRANSFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (MEN)

LTO provides 7-9 months of residential addiction recovery and life transforming change for homeless men. This includes: case management and support services, counseling, character formation classes, literacy training, high school completion(GED), other education options, employment training/ placement, and more.

BRANCH OF LOVE (54 UNITS)

Provides apartments, case management and support services to individuals and families who qualify for the program.

FOOD SERVICES/CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

Food Services Program annually prepares and serves over 300,000 meals to homeless clients at The Mission. In addition, the Olive Branch kitchen provides formal "Food Service" training and preparation for the Food Service/ Handling examination and certification for clients interested in attaining a career in culinary arts.

LITERACY/GED/EDUCATION PROGRAM

Provides formal classroom opportunities, tutoring, training and additional education support according to the education needs and goals of clients at Olive Branch Mission.