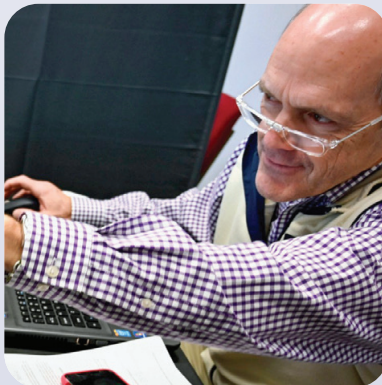


2021

IMPACT REPORT

The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.
Psalm 33:11



I'm Becoming the Person I Want to Be

Todd Corvin, 46, describes his childhood home as abusive and violent. After graduating from high school, Todd joined the military. Though



he developed a taste for alcohol there, he appreciated the structure and routine of military life. "The military kept me alive," he says, "but once I was back out in the wide world again, I didn't know how to deal with it."

Struggling to cope as a civilian, Todd turned to alcohol and drugs, often lashing out in anger when things didn't go his way. By the time he came to Star Gospel Mission in September

2021, he'd been homeless several times.

Right away, Todd sensed that the staff at Star Gospel Mission really wanted to help. "It's a good environment, orderly and clean," he says. Daily drug tests helped hold Todd accountable in his addiction recovery. Church, Bible studies and talks with the staff gave him comfort and new ways to think.

One time, Todd relapsed and returned to the Mission beaten and discouraged. "I told Pastor Marion, 'This is what I do. This is my life,'" Todd recalls. "Pastor said, 'It doesn't have to be your life.' I realized I had to look at myself in a different way. I can be the person I want to be."

Today, Todd has a full-time job and is looking to the future with hope and purpose. "I could have left the Mission when I got my first

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paycheck, but I knew I'd go back to my old ways. Now, my anger is nonexistent—I've learned to take a breath and step back. My alcoholism isn't a thing anymore. Star

Gospel Mission is the safest and most productive place I've been."

Why We Partner with Star Gospel Mission Swain and Robby Marion

Though my husband Robby and I have always loved Star Gospel Mission, last fall we had an opportunity to hear Rev. Marion Platt speak at our church. We were captivated by what we heard!

We volunteered to help with the Good Cheer gift card distribution in December, and it was the best part of our Christmas. We witnessed



Swain Marion encourages a client during the Good Cheer card distribution.

how the Mission made each person feel like a guest ... they were treated with such dignity. We had an opportunity to talk and pray with each person, and it was an amazing day.

At the end of the year, we wrote Star Gospel Mission a check. Star Gospel Mission is helping people, giving hope and respect. And Rev. Platt has big dreams for the future—like building a shelter for homeless women and children. Robby and I will definitely volunteer and give to make that happen!

"We feel the Holy Spirit at work through the Mission—it's a place where we can go to find joy."

YOUR **IMPACT** IN 2021

16,000 NUTRITIOUS MEALS
FOR THE HUNGRY
AND HOMELESS

12,000 MEALS FOR WORKING
POOR FAMILIES

10,600 NIGHTS OF
SAFE SHELTER

1,560 ATTENDED
WORSHIP SERVICES

In 2022, Star Gospel Mission will expand its services to the community by offering greater assistance options for individuals and families who come to us in their time of need. As we develop a strategic plan for the next three to five years, the Mission and its leadership are exploring solutions to the lack of affordable housing in our area.

Our Transformative Programs and Services

SGM DORM

Our resident program provides men with overnight shelter for six months or more. Guests of our 22-bed stability shelter also have access to case management.

WORSHIP PROGRAMS

Guests attend onsite Sunday worship services centering on the words and ways of Jesus of Nazareth. Those who cannot attend Sunday worship can participate in "Bible & Biscuits," our inductive Bible study, each Friday morning.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Each guest receives counseling sessions to address his brokenness and pursue redemption and reconciliation with God, their families, and their community.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY*

Guests take part in onsite meetings and journey together through the 12 steps of Christ-centered recovery.

ACE OVERCOMERS*

Guests can take part in weekly meetings addressing adverse childhood experiences and how to heal from them.

FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES

Through a partnership with Pinnacle Financial, guests can attend classes that help get their finances back on track.

FAMILY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH

Families in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties receive help from our social services team throughout the year, along with gift cards during the holiday season through the Good Cheer Fund.



**Beginning this spring.*



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OUR VISION

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OUR VALUES

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