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Permanent Layoff Due to Coronavirus

PANAMA CITY - The sudden and unexpected COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent Federal, State and Local orders and guidance have had a significant financial impact on the Panama City Rescue Mission (PCRM) and continues to impact the Mission significantly. Consequently, the PCRM has made some permanent personnel decisions including reducing its payroll to the bare minimum. We regret that some of the positions in our organization have been subject to a reduction in force effective May 01, 2020. The permanent layoff is a result of the economic impact that COVID-19 has had on the Mission and is not a direct reflection of employee job performance. Employees may be eligible for unemployment benefits through the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The PCRM wishes the employees and their families the best during this uncertain time.

Both of the PCRM facilities (Men's Downtown Mission 6th Street Campus / Women and Children's Bethel Village 11th Street Campus) remain open as an essential business in our community. As such, we are observing all recommended CDC, State, and Local safety procedures and protocol at both facilities. The PCRM will continue to support the men, women and children in need of emergency shelter, transitional housing, as well as work programs. We will continue to uphold this important commitment to the community as many people are challenged with obtaining stable food and shelter, or employment. As a temporary risk mitigation measure, the PCRM is currently not accepting people into the addiction recovery programs, or allowing in-person volunteering at this time, although we continue to accept people needing emergency shelter and services per each site criteria. We are accepting financial donations or items on our needs list. Since 1973, the PCRM has been committed to Christ-centered rescue, recovery, and restoration in an effort to break the destructive cycle of poverty and homelessness.

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The Panama City Rescue Mission is a nonprofit organization whose goals are to assist members of our community regain their independence, gain employment, and recover from alcohol and drug addiction. Our mission is to Rescue, Recover, Restore.