

RESCUE. RECOVER. RESTORE.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. -1John 3:16-18



If you keep up with the news or social media these days, you will find devastation, conflict, and fighting. People argue about religion, politics, gender, race, or any other myriad of topics. Compassion and neighborly love may seem to be a thing of the past. But there is still love in the world—you just must look for it. The month of February elicits strong, emotional responses from many people. It is the month when love is celebrated.

But what is real love? There is no more concrete example of love than the cross. During his crucifixion, **Jesus showed that love is not merely a feeling or emotion.** He chose the *action* of love and forgiveness instead of revenge on mankind for their sins.

Kindness, generosity, compassion, mercy, and understanding are powerful acts of love that can change someone's outlook on life. Have you ever taken the time to listen to a friend, hug someone feeling overwhelmed, or reached out to stranger in need? Have you ever had someone do these things for you? The feelings and emotions brought on by acts of love are contagious and inspire others in a ripple effect that expands further than we could ever know.

The Panama City Rescue Mission (PCRM) provides an environment where the compassionate love of Jesus Christ heals and equips people to be successful in overcoming life's adversities. The foundation of what we do is built on this commitment of service that **YOU** create. Without your support and generosity, PCRM could not **RESCUE, RECOVER and RESTORE** the lives of those suffering. Without **YOU**, these people wouldn't be able to transition to sobriety, stable employment, and secure housing. **Thank you for the love that you have poured into PCRM and those that have had a complete life transformation.**

Because of your charitable contributions, the opening of the Gateway Men's Shelter is within reach. Your gift not only provides an investment in the Men's facility remodeling project, but it also supports the Gateway Women & Children's Shelter by providing a bed, food, clothing, and spiritual guidance. **You can feel good knowing that 100% of your donation will be used directly for these purposes. This is love in action.**

With deepest gratitude,



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