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BOY MEETS GIRL

A Story About Love,
Family & Homelessness

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV





Families experience homelessness, too...

THIS ONE DID, BUT

GAVE THEM A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

YOU

BOY MEETS GIRL

The year is 2015.

Wayne is a single dad with five kids—all girls. His wife left him a few years ago, and when she did, she also left the kids. “I had no one,” says Wayne. “I was on my own, just me with my five little girls.”

He lives in an apartment complex that he pays good money—\$1,200—to rent. It’s the average cost of a one bedroom unit in his area. In the same complex lives Jeanette, a brunette, soft-spoken gal from Commerce City.

It’s Wednesday afternoon. Wayne is walking along the paved stones toward the door of his apartment building. He glances to his left, and that’s when it happens.

He sees Jeanette. “As soon as I saw her, I knew she was the one,” says Wayne. “She was beautiful, so beautiful that it took me about six months to get up the nerve to talk to her.”

Jeanette is quiet and confident. She’s also a single mom. She and her friend live near Wayne—take the grassy path a couple hundred feet then walk along the paved stones to the building that says, ‘Unit B,’ and that’s where Wayne lives.

Jeanette spends most of her days caring for her daughter and babysitting for her neighbors; one of those neighbors is Wayne. “She was babysitting for me while I was at work,” says Wayne. “Our kids became really good friends. So, when I picked them up after work, Jeanette and I would just talk—kids, life, mutual friends—we talked about stuff like that.”

They talk about other things too, things like their favorite foods, where they are from, and how long they have been living in Denver. And, when the time feels right, Wayne asks Jeanette on a date, or as he likes to say, “I invited her, her roommate and her daughter to my apartment for dinner.” Jeanette and her friend agree to attend. Wayne and his five kids, Jeanette and her daughter, and Jeanette’s roommate all sit in Wayne’s small apartment, some seated at the table, others on the floor, and they eat together.

“We had Frito salad,” says Wayne.

Many women have that moment they can look back on and say, ‘That’s when I knew he was the one.’ It’s a marvelous moment, both at the time it’s happening and looking back. Trust. Security. Commitment. Love. These are often the words used to describe such a moment. For Jeanette, that moment occurs at a pool.

“He was playing with his daughters, splashing them and tossing them in the water,” she says. “It was all laughs, everyone was just having a good time. My daughter was sitting with me, off to the side. Then, she ran over to Wayne and joined in on the fun and he just embraced her. That was so attractive to me, to see him interact with my daughter like that, and to see a man who was there with his daughters and willing to be a part of their lives.”

Eventually, Wayne and Jeanette get married, and just a few months after Wayne and the children were splashing around in the pool, Wayne, Jeanette and their kids become homeless.

“Hello, is Wayne there?” asked the voice on the other end of the phone.

“This is Wayne.”

“I’m sorry to tell you this, but as you know, work is slow right now. So, we’re going to have to let you go,” says the voice.

Wayne loses his job, and with it, the family of eight loses its home. They are forced to move out of their apartment, no longer able to afford the \$1,200 monthly rent. “I was working in construction, setting up roadblocks for the road crews,” says Wayne. “But the work started to slow down, and they were forced to lay a lot of us off. When that happened, I felt worthless, like the biggest failure in the world, like I was failing my kids and my wife. I couldn’t provide a roof over our heads or food to put in our stomachs. We had nowhere to go and nothing... except each other.”

Wayne, Jeanette and their six daughters are homeless for nearly two years.

They drift from couch to couch, living with friends and relatives. “It was just hard on those people,” says Wayne.

“We’re such a big family, and after a few months, people usually got tired of us living with them. I called my mom and asked her if we could stay with her for a while. She agreed, but with one condition, that it only be for a few months because the house wasn’t big enough for everyone.”

“Denver Rescue Mission, how may I direct your call?” says our receptionist.

On the other end of the phone was Jeanette. One day, while her daughters were napping, Jeanette called us for help. Her call is transferred to the STAR Transitional Program offices. Within days, she and Wayne are sitting in front of our STAR staff, doing an intake. And three months later, Jeanette,

they go to reading and writing club in the Denver Broncos Youth Center, they get tutoring and help with their homework there.”

The center, known by the kids as ‘The Bronco Room,’ is part of The Crossing; it was dedicated to Denver Rescue Mission by the Denver Broncos in 2006. Since then, the space has been used to help mentor and develop children whose parents live at The Crossing.

Today, in July 2018, Wayne and Jeanette have almost reached their goal to save up \$1,000 in an emergency fund. And they are well on their way to achieving their next target—renting an apartment. They are also parents of one more child, Alexcia. She’s the first biological child that they’ve had together. “She’s special to us—but all the kids are special to



Wayne and their daughters are living at The Crossing, enrolled in our program.

“It was a relief, a huge burden lifted off,” says Wayne. “Everyone was so nice and friendly. They explained the expectations to us—to save money and develop an emergency fund so situations like what happened never happen again. And then, they even asked us what our expectations were for them. That was huge for us because we have so many kids.”

“STAR is teaching us to develop better habits,” says Jeanette. “And they work well with kids. When the girls get home from school

us—we’re a family,” says Jeanette. “I think that’s what love is all about. When you’re able to go through something that can possibly tear you apart, but you’re able to get through it, that’s love, and that’s family.”

Jeanette, Wayne and their seven daughters are now a part of our family at Denver Rescue Mission. And that family includes you, our donors. Jeanette and Wayne would not be on a path toward sustainable housing if it were not for you and your compassion.

Thank you for ensuring that families like this one have a place to call home. ■

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Letter from the CEO



Dear Friends,

If you are like me, there is nothing more important than family—well, my relationship to God is first—but my wife, my five children and their families mean the world to me (and of course my five grandchildren!).

There is very little I would not do for my family; I love them. I cannot imagine being in a situation where I'm not able to take care of them, to help them. The families we work with often find themselves in a position of not being able to care for their children. With no place to call home, limited food and without the basic necessities that every family needs, providing love and support can seem impossible.

Wayne and Jeanette's story is a story we see too often—a story of parents undergoing hard times and desperate for a way out. At Denver Rescue Mission, we offer hope and love to those who come to us, and we provide a way out. It is often a tough climb out of the difficulties families are having, but we continue to walk alongside them with encouragement and assistance for a brighter future.

We believe that this is what Jesus would do; He would love on families, and do whatever it takes to help children and their parents have a fuller life. What a privilege it is to partner with you as we work to change lives in the name of Christ! Thanks to you, we are breaking the cycle of generational poverty and replacing it with hope—a hope we see in children's eyes and their continued joy and laughter. Thanks for showing your love to our families with prayer and financial support; we could not do this work without you!

Brad Meuli
President/CEO

3 OPPORTUNITIES TO

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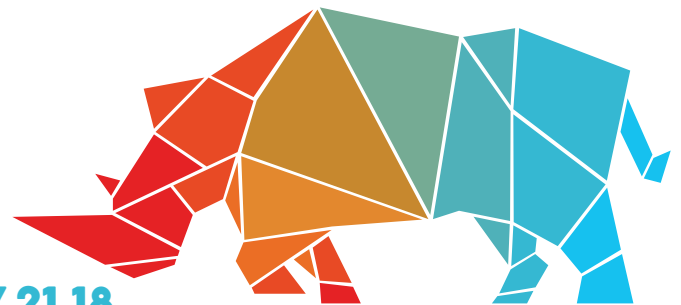
Technology becomes obsolete all the time, but did you know a Legacy Plan can too? On the other hand, having an up-to-date (and God-honoring) Will:

- IS GOOD STEWARDSHIP
- IS A POWERFUL EXAMPLE TO YOUR FAMILY
- CAN IMPACT LIVES FOR ETERNITY

There are many life changes that can render your Legacy Plan obsolete. Request our free bulletin "3 Opportunities to Impact Eternity Today" to discover what they are.

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7.21.18

RiNo 5K

We're teaming up with the RiNo 5K and running through the heart of the River North Art District and historic Curtis Park.

Five percent of all registration fees are donated to
Denver Rescue Mission

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Dick Monfort on Why Denver Rescue Mission Matters



My family has been in the cattle industry since I can remember. My grandfather owned a feedlot and my father started a packing plant. They believed that nobody is successful without the community. That's always stuck with me, and I believe that those who are successful should help the community in return.

My success began in the cattle industry, and I'm still very involved with that industry. I worked at a packing plant—one that my father owned—that was my first job. I started there when I was 10 years old. It was hard work, but it was in my blood; it's what I knew and what my family loved.

I think that is what success is all about—doing what you know and what you enjoy with the people who are important to you. It's an advantage to be wise with your choices. Focus on whatever it is that you're interested in, and be willing to immerse yourself in it.

That's what Denver Rescue Mission does well; the staff at the Mission are able to communicate effectively with the people they serve while getting to know the situations of their clients. They're all about the community and giving a helping hand to those who need it. I remember my first experience partnering with the Mission—we served lunch one day. It's a humbling experience to serve people, each person dealing with a unique circumstance and most of whom are homeless. But despite their circumstance, every time I serve there, the people are appreciative, and I think that says a lot about both the population the Mission is serving and the organization itself.

The Mission serves such a great purpose for this city, and not only the city, but the entire state of Colorado.

Bio: Dick Monfort is Colorado through and through. Monfort has three children and he resides in Greeley, Colorado. He graduated from University of Northern Colorado in 1976. Currently, he is Owner/Chairman and CEO of the Colorado Rockies, owner of the Macaroni Grill Restaurant chain and owner of the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa in Indian Wells, California.

Statistics

How You Help

May	YTD (fiscal year)
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Meals provided

66,274



729,322

Nights of shelter provided

34,381



366,854

Chapel attendance

2,627



32,968

Clothing distributed (lbs.)

31,188



336,694

Clinic services provided

381



4,576

OUR CORE STRATEGIES



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Guests have their immediate needs met, and we build relationships with them. Once trust is established, our invitation to consider long-term solutions, like the life-changing programs we offer, is more readily accepted.



REHABILITATION

Individuals who graduate our rehabilitation program learn to overcome destructive habits, maintain healthy and supportive community, obtain full-time employment, and provide for their own sustainable housing.



TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS


Families and individuals develop and practice important life skills, save money, gain the tools they need to provide for their own housing, and transition into a self-sufficient lifestyle when they graduate.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

People at risk of becoming homeless or transitioning out of poverty find assistance with basic needs like food, clothing, furniture, and other household items, while interns and other missions around the world learn how to alleviate poverty through a Christ-centered response.


LOCATIONS



Lawrence Street Community Center: Meals, restrooms, showers, washing machines and dryers, clean drinking water, and access to Mission staff for encouragement and guidance 


Lawrence Street Shelter: Overnight shelter for men assigned daily, chapel and health clinic 


Holly Center: Overnight shelter for men assigned weekly and lockers for storage 

The Crossing: Transitional program for families and rehabilitation program for men  

Harvest Farm: Rural rehabilitation program near Fort Collins 

Fort Collins Rescue Mission: Meals, shelter and transitional programs  

Ministry Outreach Center: Central warehouse facility including food, clothing and furniture distribution 

Administration & Education: Entry point for Mission transitional programs and home to the Mission's administrative and development staff 

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