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Bridgeport Rescue Mission  
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# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How long has Bridgeport Rescue Mission ministered to the hungry, homeless and addicted of Fairfield County?**

**A:** The Mission was founded in 1993 with the help of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM). Executive Director Rev. Jim Watson and his wife, Tammy, opened the Mission in Bridgeport's notorious East Side to "bring God's love to those who needed it most."

**Q: Do you ever sell, rent or trade your mailing list?**

**A:** No! Absolutely not.

**Q: How often will I receive mail from the Mission?**

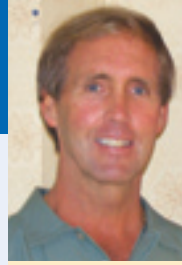
**A:** Bridgeport Rescue Mission communicates with our donors about once a month through newsletters and letters from our executive director.

**Q: What do you mean when you say you are a Christian organization?**

**A:** We believe faith in Jesus Christ can transform a person's life and we share the Gospel of Christ with everyone who comes through our doors.

We also believe each individual is free to make his or her own decision regarding faith in Christ. Our Christian belief compels us to administer help and make our services and programs available to all in need regardless of race, ethnic origin or religious belief.

**More questions?** Contact Linda Casey, director of development, (203) 333-4087 or [LMCasey@BridgeportRescueMission.org](mailto:LMCasey@BridgeportRescueMission.org).



# Partner with Us

**Financial Contributions:** Your monetary contributions help provide food and shelter for the hungry and homeless, but that's not all! When you give to Bridgeport Rescue Mission, you help residents in our New Life Discipleship Program fight poverty from the inside out!

**Prayer:** Your prayers are vital to this ministry! Please add Bridgeport Rescue Mission to your prayer list at home and church.

**In-kind Gifts:** Your gifts of food, new and gently used clothing, and other household gifts help fill our pantry and provide other basic needs of those we serve.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Giving your time allows us to serve and care for more hurting men, women and children. You may also request a Drives and Collections Flier and choose from a number of simple and fun activities that equip the Mission to help the less fortunate.

**Friday Lunch 'n' Tour:** Call (203) 333-4087 to schedule lunch and a tour for yourself or your group! See firsthand how your gifts and talents are used to help the homeless transform their lives.

## Give Confidently

Bridgeport Rescue Mission, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a member in good standing of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions ([www.agrm.org](http://www.agrm.org)) and Christian Stewardship Association ([www.csa.org](http://www.csa.org)). We submit to an annual audit by an independent accounting firm and are guided by a board of directors who understands its responsibility to oversee our programs, policies and stewardship practices.

## Bridgeport Rescue Mission



Serving the hungry, homeless and addicted of Fairfield County



Fighting poverty from the inside out

From

# Dear Friend



**Thanks for taking a moment to learn about Bridgeport Rescue Mission.**

Since 1993, the Mission has provided free meals, safe shelter and long-term recovery programs for the hungry, homeless and addicted of Fairfield County.

Our mission is to help individuals find hope again through our Christ-centered programs and services. Recently, a woman in our New Life Discipleship Recovery Program told me, "For the first time in 20 years, I've been clean and sober for a full 12 months!" Her joy was contagious and we thanked God together for all He'd done in her life.

Everything we do is possible because friends like you come alongside us with gifts of time, finances and material resources. We appreciate your interest and hope you will become a partner with Bridgeport Rescue Mission as we help men, women and children *fight poverty from the inside out.*

Terry Wilcox  
Executive Director

## Our Services

Bridgeport Rescue Mission provides the following services to the homeless and low-income population of Fairfield County.

- Emergency shelter for men and women
- Three meals each day through our Mission Kitchen
- Daily meals for the community through our Mobile Kitchen
- Food boxes for the community poor
- Clothing, furniture and other household items upon request
- Bus tokens
- Holiday outreaches such as the Great Thanksgiving Banquet, Christmas gifts for residents, and stockings and small gifts for children in the low-income community

## Our Programs

Bridgeport Rescue Mission provides a long-term, residential New Life Discipleship Program for men and women who have made a decision to address life-dominating problems head-on. While enrolled in this holistic program focusing on body, soul and spirit, students receive one-on-one counseling and case management and participate in the following classes:

- Storms of Life: Overcoming Life Crises**
- Codependency**
- Anger Management**
- Financial Management**
- Life Skills**
- Computer Skills**

## Kathy's Story



Kathy shuffled toward her daughter's home. It was almost midnight—hopefully late enough that her daughter was in bed and wouldn't see how high Kathy was. "My life was a living hell," Kathy says of those days back in 2004. "I had to avoid my daughter ... she was

giving me a place to sleep but I didn't want her to know what I was doing."

May 20, 2005, Kathy resolved to overcome her addiction to heroin. After detoxing at a local hospital, she joined Bridgeport Rescue Mission's New Life Discipleship Program and rededicated her life to Christ. "My way wasn't working," she says. "So I listened, I took suggestions, and I did what I was told to do."

Today, Kathy is house manager at the Mission's women's shelter. "I answer phones and take women to appointments. I think I give them a lot of hope. They give me a lot of love!" she says. "Bridgeport Rescue Mission really saved my life."



Bridgeport Rescue Mission partners with countless individuals, churches, businesses and service organizations to transform the lives of the hurting and homeless of Fairfield County. Would you like to join us as a volunteer or financial partner? Check the boxes below for more information about opportunities for involvement.

### Contact me about:

- Scheduling a speaker
- Scheduling a Friday Lunch 'n' Tour
- Volunteer opportunities
- Becoming a contact for my church
- Planned giving
- Receiving newsletters and other information from the Mission

### Here's my financial gift:

My gift of \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (Please make your check payable to Bridgeport Rescue Mission, then mail it, along with this reply coupon, to the address below.)

**Donate online at**  
**[www.BridgeportRescueMission.org](http://www.BridgeportRescueMission.org)**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Community Partners

Bridgeport Rescue Mission provides medical and other services through these and other community partners:

- Bridgeport Health Department**
- Connecticut Works**
- Southwest Community Health Center**
- Center for Women and Children**
- Other social service agencies**



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