

From the Desk of the Director



As summer arrives, we are active once again with activities and opportunities for our program members to give back and engage with the broader Eureka community. We're especially excited about having participated in the 4th of July festivities in Old Town Eureka and supporting local events like the Friday Night Market. Our program members and graduates have been essential in helping vendors set up for the Friday Night Market, ensuring a smooth and welcoming event. Their dedication reflects our core values of training up our members to be available servants, ready to participate at the drop of a hat in just about any community task that presents itself. We also assisted for the 4th of July festivities by helping local vendors set up their booths, placing street barricades, and dumping trash cans throughout the day to keep the area clean and presentable. We are working hard to secure the necessary funds to complete the next phases of our renovation project for the Women and Children's Shelter. Phase 1 of our renovation is complete, providing newly renovated rooms, a kitchen, multi-purpose room, and updated restroom and shower facilities as well

as laundry. These improvements offer a more functional environment for our women and children to heal and grow. We are eager to start Phases 2 and 3, which will include a new stairwell at the front of the facility, a large dormitory downstairs for single ladies, and nearly the whole upstairs area with newly renovated rooms for mothers and their children. Completing these renovations will enhance our ability to serve more individuals in need. Currently we are able to house around 40 women and children but when completed we will be able to house over 70. Alongside our renovation efforts, we continue to build a strong sense of fellowship within the Shelter. Our ladies participate in various chores and activities together throughout the day and evening, which helps them form closer bonds of trust. This sense of solidarity not only helps individuals heal but also builds lasting relationships that extend beyond their time at the mission. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. Your generosity makes our work possible. As you enjoy the summer, please keep the Eureka Rescue Mission in your thoughts and prayers. Together, we can make a lasting difference. Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful summer!

Bryan Hall

Executive Director



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Changed Lives

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

We are honored to share an incredible story of transformation, Blake's journey from addiction to accomplishment is a powerful testament to the healing, new life, and hope found in Christ. Blake's path to success was not an easy one. He arrived at our doors in April of 2014, struggling with addiction, particularly heroin, seeking a way out of the vicious cycle that had controlled his life. Through the steadfast support and guidance of our program, and with the mentorship of individuals like Romel Gill from Calvary Chapel Eureka, Blake began his journey towards healing and restoration. Following his graduation from the New Life Discipleship program on April 22, 2015, Blake found a new direction in life. Romel Gill played a pivotal role by introducing him to the construction and home remodeling industry, an opportunity that would ultimately lead Blake to Pacific Crest Granite. During a home remodeling job facilitated by Romel, Blake had the fortune of meeting some countertop workers from Pacific Crest Granite. This encounter opened doors for Blake, propelling him into a new profession after Romel moved to Colorado, and eventually Blake moved into co-ownership of Pacific Crest Granite in Eureka where he has been working for 7 years. Today, Blake celebrates two years as co-owner, a remarkable achievement born out of hard work and determination. Beyond his professional success, Blake has built a stable and fulfilling life. He owns a property in Redding, California, which he rents out while residing in Eureka. His passions include jet skiing and contributing positively to his community. Throughout his journey of ups and downs, Blake has remained steadfast in his commitment to living clean and sober. His faith in Jesus Christ continues to be a guiding force, providing him with strength and purpose each day. He is deeply grateful for the support he received during his time at the Eureka Rescue Mission, which provided the foundation for his journey toward success. Blake's story is a reminder of the impact of our mission. Through your continued support and generosity, lives like Blake's are transformed, and hope is restored. We celebrate Blake's accomplishments and congratulate his unwavering determination to rebuild his life. Blake said, "Had it not been for the New Life Discipleship Program, I definitely would not be where I am today; thank you so much for all who support the Eureka Rescue Mission ministry, it literally saved my life. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;” Isaiah 61:1 NKJV

Ron



Ron Brooks entered the New Life Discipleship program on June 13, 2023. Born in Shasta County, California, Ron grew up on a ranch where hard work and dedication were instilled from a young age. His parents, deeply rooted in their community, worked tirelessly at his grandfather's sawmill. Ron's upbringing was filled with both the challenges of rural life and the joys of sports, particularly football, which he pursued alongside his responsibilities. After graduating from high school, Ron embarked on a journey of various jobs, including tree climbing, cooking, and concrete work. However, at the age of 17, recreational drug use crept into his life, eventually escalating into a full-blown addiction to methamphetamines. This addiction led Ron down a destructive path, culminating in numerous incarcerations totaling approximately 17 years, including a stint at Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City Ca, for attempted murder. It was during his time at Pelican Bay that Ron faced perhaps his greatest trial: a heart-wrenching situation involving his son, Leif. Ron received devastating news that Leif had been in a severe car accident, leaving him with critical head trauma and no signs of brain activity. As a father, Ron was confronted with an agonizing decision when a doctor sought his permission to cease life support. Despite the bleak prognosis, Ron refused to give up hope. Miraculously, against all odds, Leif defied medical expectations and began to recover. This pivotal moment marked a turning point for Ron. Faced with the harsh reality of his choices and the newfound hope in his son's recovery, Ron resolved to change his life. He acknowledged, "Every bad choice I made in my life brought me here to the Eureka Rescue Mission's New Life Discipleship Program." Fast forward to June 5, 2024, when Ron's journey took another profound twist. While attending to legal mat-

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ters in Shasta, Ron discovered that his son Leif was homeless, living under a tarp on the streets. With unwavering determination and a heart full of love, Ron convinced Leif to join him in Eureka and enroll in the New Life Program. This reunion was nothing short of a divine appointment, indicating the power of faith and perseverance. On June 12, 2024, Ron Brooks proudly graduated from the New Life Program. When asked what he now possesses that he didn't before entering the program, Ron's answer was resolute: "I am spiritually complete now with Jesus in my life. All glory to Him, He has worked wonders in my life. He truly is the way maker; He made a way for me and my son." To our faithful supporters, Ron Brooks offers his heartfelt gratitude: "Thank you all so very much. You helped save me and my son from certain death. I will be forever grateful." Ron's journey embodies the mission of the Eureka Rescue Mission—proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, providing hope, healing, and transformation to those in need. Through your continued support, stories like Ron's become not just testimonies of personal success but beacons of hope for our entire community. Thank you for being a part of Ron's journey and the journeys of countless others who find new life through your compassion and generosity.

Michelle



Michelle Harvey was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Her mom was both verbally and physically abusive, and her stepdad was an alcoholic. She did not meet her real dad until she was 13 years old. Michelle was raised with an older brother and a younger sister. Her grandma was her safe space, and she loved her dearly. During her childhood, Michelle's mom worked as a hairdresser, while her biological dad served in the Army. Michelle's dream as a child was to become a model. Despite facing challenges, she graduated from high school and pursued further education, earning her associate degree in Computer Drafting and Design. Throughout her career, Michelle held various positions, including laying fiber optic cables, engineering, and working as a carnival ride operator—her favorite job. At the age of 12, Michelle started smoking cigarettes. By 13, her mom falsely accused her of smoking marijuana, which sparked her curiosity. Michelle began experimenting with marijuana at 13 and progressed to harder drugs by age 16. Michelle has experienced homelessness approximately five times in her life—four times in Arizona and most recently on February 22, 2022, when her house was condemned due to illegal wiring. This forced Michelle, her fiancé, and their daughter into homelessness. Her daughter was taken into state custody, and Michelle has been fighting to regain custody of her to this present day. Siskiyou County lacked inpatient alcohol and drug rehabilitation centers, recovery services, and transitional housing, prompting Michelle's move to Eureka for better support. Since arriving, she has maintained sobriety, attends support meetings daily and expresses gratitude for her sobriety. Michelle is focused on securing permanent housing to reunite her family. Since finding refuge at the Women's and Children's Shelter, Michelle has felt encouraged and supported, no longer

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feeling lost. She is confident in her recovery and relationship with Christ, attributing her stability to the shelter's supportive staff. Michelle extended her heartfelt thanks to the Mission's supporters for providing a safe haven and roof over her head, remarking that she'd still be lost without your generosity. On May 15, 2024, Michelle signed a lease for a two-bedroom apartment in Eureka, marking a significant step toward reuniting with her daughter! She is employed and remains dedicated to her recovery and goals. Michelle has been a blessing while here with us at the shelter and we are excited to see her move into permanent housing.

Becca



Becca moved to Eureka in 2019 from Wyoming, accompanied by her mom and their dogs, seeking a fresh start and a new beginning. Tragically, her mother passed away unexpectedly in 2020, leaving Becca without the financial support needed to maintain their housing. This unfortunate event led Becca to experience homelessness, as she struggled to cover the bills on her own. She endured nights in motel rooms and even spent some nights sleeping in her car before eventually finding refuge at the Eureka Rescue Mission Women's and Children's Shelter. Despite facing adversity, Becca remained employed at Mission Linen when she arrived at the shelter. The staff accommodated her work schedule, allowing her to save money while continuing her search for affordable housing. Known for her kindness, resourcefulness, and willingness to serve others, she went out of her way to help staff and guests at the shelter. However, Becca encountered medical issues that prevented her from performing her duties at Mission Linen, prompting her to step down. Undeterred, she embarked on a new path as an In-Home Care Provider, demonstrating her resilience and positive outlook in the face of challenges. Becca's excellent conduct and faith in Christ as a guest at our shelter caught the attention of management, leading to her eventual employment as a full-time staff member. She started as a volunteer and swiftly transitioned into the role of house manager at the Women's Shelter. Remarkably, Becca also recently secured permanent housing not far from the shelter! During her time at the Mission, Becca focused on her relationship with Christ, rebuilding her credit, saving money, and securing permanent housing. Becca extends her heartfelt gratitude to all the donors for their invaluable support of this great ministry.

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Katelynn



Katelynn Caudill comes from a broken family. Her parents separated before she turned one year old, and both turned to drugs after the separation. By the age of five, Katelynn had already suffered from abuse. From a young age, Katelynn dreamed of becoming a veterinarian because of her love for animals. She persevered through high school, attending an alternative school that catered to students who struggled in a traditional school setting. Katelynn began drinking and smoking in elementary school. By her junior year of high school, she was using LSD and cocaine daily. Realizing her life was spiraling out of control, she decided to get sober shortly after turning 18. Growing up, she saw her family drinking and smoking marijuana and adopted the attitude, "If they are doing it, why shouldn't I?" She hoped for her mother's attention but later admitted, "By the time I was using harder drugs, I was trying to feel numb or just to die." At 19, Katelynn became pregnant and homeless. She couch-surfed with friends and family, but after being kicked out by her sister, she had nowhere to go. Desperate, she called the Women's and Children's Shelter, which had a room available. Despite the stress of being a single homeless mother, she found more support at the shelter than she had anywhere else throughout her life. She now has motivation and hope, planning to get on lists for permanent housing for herself and her son Matthew. While waiting, she intends to save money for their future. Katelynn expressed her gratitude to the supporters of the Mission, thanking them for providing a safe space for healing, food, and necessities for mothers, women, and children. She is thankful for the stability and the opportunity to get back on her feet.

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Sierra



Sierra Jones was born in Pasadena, Texas. Her childhood was very traumatic. Her mother suffered from mental illness and self-medicated with street drugs, while her father was an alcoholic who abandoned Sierra and her siblings. When Sierra was seven years old, her mother moved them to California. Her mother's addiction shifted from pills to methamphetamines. She told Sierra it was her medicine and made her participate in preparing the drugs for her mother to use. Sierra, unaware of the harm of this, did as she was told. By the time Sierra was 15; her mother's mental illness had worsened due to the drug use. Her mother started kicking Sierra and her siblings out of the house regularly, and Sierra began partying a lot. Although she dabbled in alcohol and drugs, she stopped before it turned into an addiction. During this time, she met the man who would father her child. Sierra wanted to be a caregiver when she grew up, but she became a mother at the young age of 17. She stayed in school until her junior year and has been a stay-at-home mom since her daughter, Khaliah, was born. For a few years, everything seemed fine until one day, Sierra's boyfriend woke her up to tell her he no longer wanted to be with her. Despite knowing she had nowhere to go with their daughter, he made them leave. Sierra went to her sister's house for two weeks, sleeping on the couch, before getting in touch with the Women's and Children's Shelter. Sierra feels that the Shelter is the best place for her and her now three-year-old daughter, Khaliah. She is now more stable, both mentally and physically, than she has been in a long time. Since coming to the Shelter, Sierra has received a lot of love and support, saying, "I have been shown unconditional love with nothing expected in return." When asked what she'd like to say to those who support the Mission, she said, "A huge thank you, I now have a solid relationship with Jesus and I appreciate everybody involved in the Mission, from the supporters to the staff. I have never met people like this before, I always looked at life so negatively before coming here but this has given me a whole new outlook on life. Thank you all."

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