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## Generations

A few months ago, I was going to share a picture of my niece and me wearing our Lima Rescue Mission T-shirts on social media. As I thought about it, I realized there is a story to tell.

In 1906, my great-grandfather, Adam Welty, moved his family into a house in Lima to answer God's call on his life to care for the homeless and destitute. My grandfather eventually answered the call to serve as well. My parents have served faithfully for many years. I grew up around the work of the Mission, and while I didn't necessarily plan for this ministry to become my full-time profession, I've now been serving here for 19 years. My niece, Emi, and nephew, Noah, are the fifth generation of family to be introduced to the work of the Mission. Both of them are very interested in what we do and are eager to help in any way they can.

Growing up around rescue mission ministry is unique. You see — up close — people who are going through the most difficult time in their lives. You also see when there is a breakthrough, when an individual surrenders their life to Jesus Christ and is transformed. There are some who have demands for every need to be met in a certain way, and others who can't thank you enough for being there when they had nowhere else to go.

Through 112 years of ministry,

*By Aaron Ferguson, Assistant Director*

there have been multiple generations involved with and impacted by the Mission.

We hear from donors whose parents supported our ministry in the past, and have instilled a spirit of giving in them.

Some parents who call to register their children to attend Camp Roberts share memories of their time at camp years ago and the impact it had on them.

Whether it's many generations serving, donors giving, or families sending loved ones to a place they know they'll be cared for — people have found something they know is true and worthy

to be shared with future generations. As I consider that, the instructions in Deuteronomy to keep God's Word at the forefront come to mind.

"You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a

sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 11:18-20

May we strive to live in a way that encourages future generations.



"Uncle Aaron" and Emi

## Current needs

Donating items from our needs list is a great way to make a difference in the lives of the poor and homeless.

Individuals, families, churches and workplaces can collect these items. The best time to bring donations to the Mission is on weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or weekends from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Below is a list of current needs; some of these items will be distributed in Christmas gift bags.

### Personal items

- Bandages
- Nail clipper set
- Sewing kit
- Crossword puzzle and word search books
- Notebooks
- Pencils
- Mints, candy
- Deodorant
- Twin blade disposable razors

### Food and supplies

- Cheese soup
- Dried minced onions
- Scalloped potato mixes
- Grocery bags
- Bleach

You can check our website at [www.limamission.org](http://www.limamission.org) for updates to this list. Thank you for giving!

## Activity book

We recently created a small activity book for our anniversary banquet, which includes a crossword puzzle, word searches, and trivia section. Please contact us if you would like to receive a booklet, and we will mail one to you.

## Memorials

The Lima Rescue Mission would like to thank everyone who recently contributed in memory of the following individuals:

David Hugh Evans  
Richard Wilkins



## Leave a Legacy

We're thankful for friends who have made arrangements for a gift after their passing. Legacy gifts help provide financial stability and allow for ministry expansion and special projects. These gifts help care for others after your personal needs and the needs of your family are met.

There are several options for making a legacy gift, including a fixed amount or percentage listed in your will, a payable on death account, an IRA, life insurance policy, or other options. Your attorney or financial advisor will be able to help arrange the best option for you.

Thank you for considering a gift that will leave a legacy!

## Year-end giving

We appreciate your year-end donations! Please note that to be credited for calendar year 2018, gifts must be received by our office or postmarked no later than December 31. For your convenience, you may donate online at [www.limamission.org](http://www.limamission.org).



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## Overnight shelter numbers increase

After a higher-than-average number of men seeking shelter in 2017, we saw a significant decrease starting early in 2018 and continuing until recently. At this time, our overnight shelter is nearly full and we are prepared to use an overflow space if needed. We've seen a steady flow of people turning to us for help for the first time.

### What we're doing

Despite more people than usual, our staff continues to spend time with each individual, getting to know them better and to learn what has led them to seek help at the Mission. We evaluate needs, determine the best ways to help, and provide connection with other services as needed.

We strive to provide a safe and secure environment which

promotes healing and recovery. We provide services with the understanding that we expect to see individuals making positive changes, setting achievable goals and working toward becoming independent, and we provide support, guidance, and encouragement as they do so.

### How you can help

We appreciate your concern and your faithful support. Your financial gifts are a blessing as we see increased expenses with an increase in the number of people served. Your prayers are an encouragement to our staff as we work to effectively reach and care for everyone who turns to us in a time of crisis. Please pray that the hearts of the men who come to us will be open to the message of God's love for them.

## Banquet summary

We recently celebrated our 112th anniversary with a banquet on Friday, November 9th. We were blessed by the music of Soul'd Out Quartet, and we shared a video with more information about our ministry and history. This year, we had around 540 friends in attendance. In addition to a time of fellowship with supporters, our banquet is an opportunity to raise funds in support of our daily ministry. We were blessed with an offering of just over \$19,000. Thank you to everyone for giving!

We're thankful for this year's Major Sponsors: Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships, Northwest Oil, Thermal Gard Window & Door, and Randall Bearings. We also thank the supporting, contributing, and table sponsors who helped make the event possible.



## News and notes

▪ We would like to welcome Jerry VanTilburg, who joined our staff in October and is serving in the position of Service Coordinator. Jerry's responsibilities include laundry, pick-ups and deliveries, leading classes, and coordinating services such as meals and shelter.

▪ Thank you to Jerry Stricker, who recently moved to Cincinnati, for his time of service here at the Mission.

▪ If you are interested in seeing the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission in person, we offer tours of our facility to groups or individuals. We can provide a video presentation and a question and answer session with our Executive Director as well. Our staff is also available to make a presentation at your event. Please contact us to make arrangements.