

Inmate Outreach Services

"I was a bad guy before I knew the Lord," Kevin admits. Even though he was raised attending church, he rebelled at a young age. Alcohol use at 14 turned into drug use at 16. And not knowing how to cope with the loss of his mother at 18 fueled even more problems.



Inmate Outreach Services serves those incarcerated or about to be released. We visit inmates of county jails and state prisons, letting them know that someone cares deeply about their lives. We provide spiritual aid and personal support to them during and after incarceration and to their families. Their past does **not have to be their (nor their children's) future.**

We also offer post-release placement into our **Crossroads Men's Crisis Center and Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center.**

Our community grows stronger as we make the hope of Christ real to people in need in Cleveland.

About The City Mission

The City Mission serves thousands of individuals annually at two different Cleveland locations through short-term and long-term programs for men, women and children who are homeless or facing other crises; spiritual aid for those incarcerated; and dynamic programs for youth and their families throughout the year.

History of The City Mission



The City Mission has been meeting the needs of the poor and homeless since our doors opened in 1910 in an abandoned saloon on Superior Avenue. As the population of Cleveland and its needs changed, so **did the Mission. In the 1970's,** the population of homeless women and children gradually increased. The

Mission responded by opening Angeline Christian Home in 1981. **In the early 1990s,** the Mission's ministries to homeless men, youth, and the poor moved to its current location at E. 55th and Carnegie Avenue. **Laura's Home opened in 2003 with 136 beds** in 51 suites, eventually replacing Angeline Christian Home. The City Mission has had thriving youth programs since the early days and in 2007 we began the Victory Program, a weekday project for teens who have been suspended or expelled from school.

Our Mission Statement:

Providing help & hope to all people through the transforming power of God's love.

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Crossroads Men's Crisis Center



"I had an opportunity to sit down and think about my life, where I'm going wrong and what I need to do to be a productive member of society and a good father," Jeff shares. "The City Mission was a Godsend."

When they come through our doors, men take the first pivotal step to total life change. Every night, we open our facility to about 100 men, and provide a nourishing meal, clean clothes, a hot shower, and Christ-like compassion.



Every year, hundreds of men go through our programs. They receive guidance, work readiness preparation, and adult education—the tools they need to gain self-sufficiency.

Men at Crossroads find hope for a meaningful and productive life.

Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center



"I was overwhelmed with the whole situation," Rosemary remembers. "I blamed others. I blamed God. There were times when I wanted to quit but people helped me to stay focused."

Women and children come to Laura's Home for a variety of reasons. We are able to offer the basic necessities including food, safe shelter, and clothing.

As they take steps to rebuild their lives, they also receive work readiness development, life skills classes, Christian discipleship, a loving and safe environment, and true encouragement.



Laura's Home is a place of refuge,
a place for women to rebuild their lives.

Pathways Family Outreach Services



"The worship, learning and fellowship were awesome," John says. Pathways also helped him to improve his grades and earn a full-ride academic scholarship to Ohio University.

"Pathways taught me how to make decisions that will better myself in life."

Through our Pathways Family Outreach Services, we help inner-city youth stay on top of schoolwork, fight peer pressure, and grow in self-confidence. Services are also provided for the entire family.

Through all our activities—Victory program, Afterschool Drop In, Saturday Club, Teen Club, Basketball League, and summer programs—**children and youth learn about God's care for them in their daily lives.**

Pathways children and youth look forward to the future with hope because **they're getting the help they need today!**