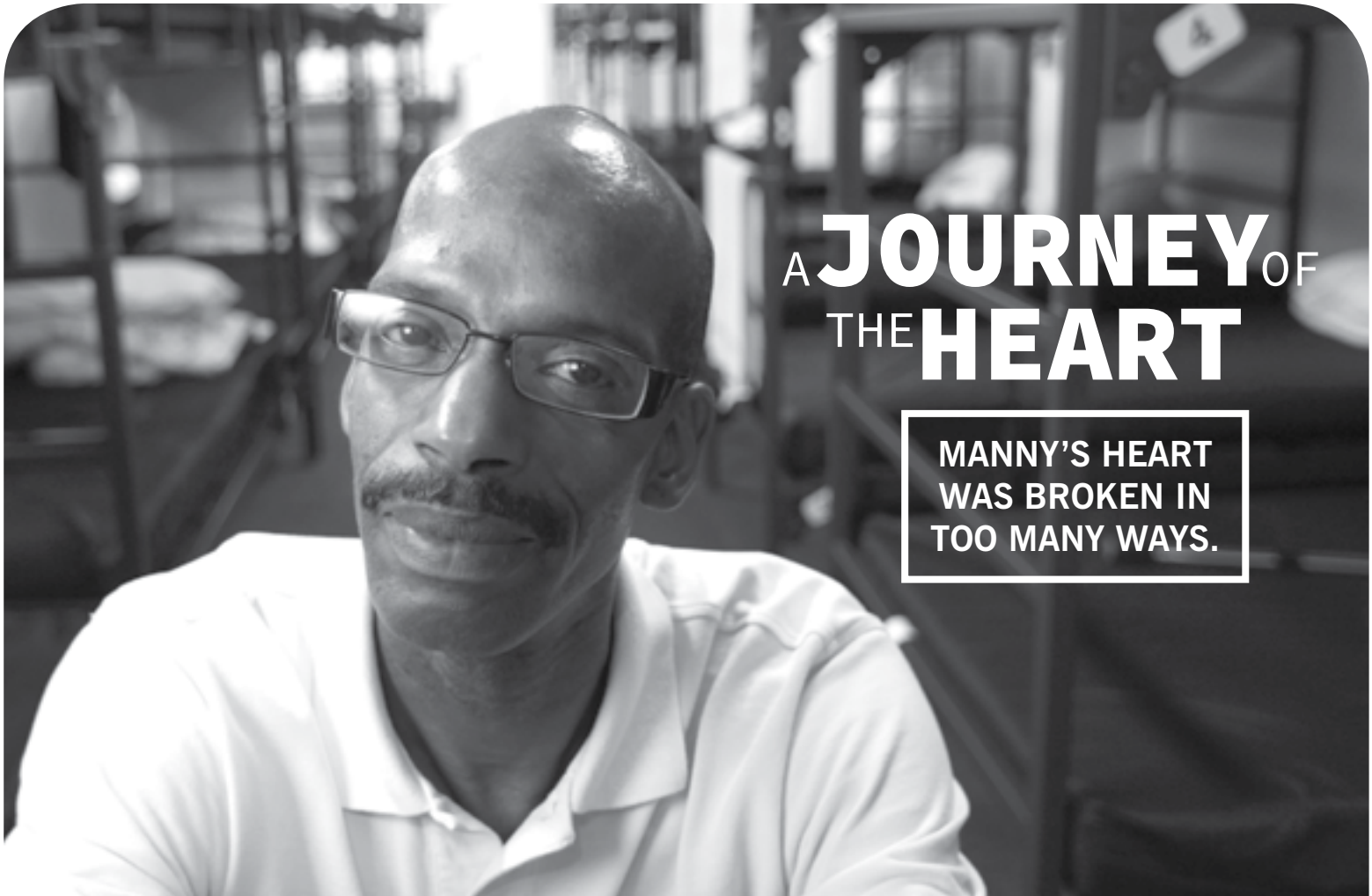


# TIDINGS

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Serving the entire Lehigh Valley since 1900

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## A JOURNEY OF THE HEART

MANNY'S HEART WAS BROKEN IN TOO MANY WAYS.

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, YOU'RE HELPING HURTING MEN FILL THE VOID IN THEIR LIVES.

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## SHARING HOPE STARTS HERE

### What does it look like to share hope?

Compared to a plate of nourishing food or a warm blanket, it's often hard to visualize how hope changes lives.

But for the homeless and hurting men you're helping through your gifts, hope is transforming their lives in very tangible ways.

Take Manny, who's featured in this issue – at his lowest point, he turned to us. He didn't know if a new life was even possible.

Meals, shelter and care changed Manny's life from the inside out. Experiencing God's love showed him that a new life is possible. He began believing in a better future – and began living that life every day!

**When you see Manny today, you see hope... made real in his life through your generosity.**

Just as Christ shared hope with you and me through His glorious resurrection on Easter, you share His hope with men through your prayers, your acts of service and your generous financial support of this ministry.

Thank you for sharing with our community's homeless – and for making the Allentown Rescue Mission a refuge of encouragement and hope for everyone in need.



Jim Byrnes  
CEO

### THE CLEAN TEAM IS READY!

Is your family or business in need of reliable "helping hands" for some major spring cleaning? The Clean Team is ready to tackle almost any job:

- Mulching
- Light landscaping
- Property cleanouts
- Dumpsite cleanups
- Carpet removal
- Interior Painting
- Floor waxing
- Office moves
- Interior demolition

For spring cleaning help from men who are experienced, fully insured and ready to work, call Mike Mauro at (610) 740-5500 x 32 or e-mail [mikemauro@armpa.org](mailto:mikemauro@armpa.org).

### CONGRATULATIONS!

To our very own Clean Team Manager, Michael Mauro, who was recently appointed Vice President of the Board of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Alumni Association.

To all the men who have graduated from our Christian Living Program this year. This program is only possible through the support of our generous donors. Please join us at graduation to see the life transformation your gifts make possible.



Our next graduation ceremony will be on April 28, 2017.

### THIS IS ELENO.



You'd never guess that he once believed all hope for his life was gone... until he came to the Mission.

There are so many like Eleno – in need of new hope for a new life.

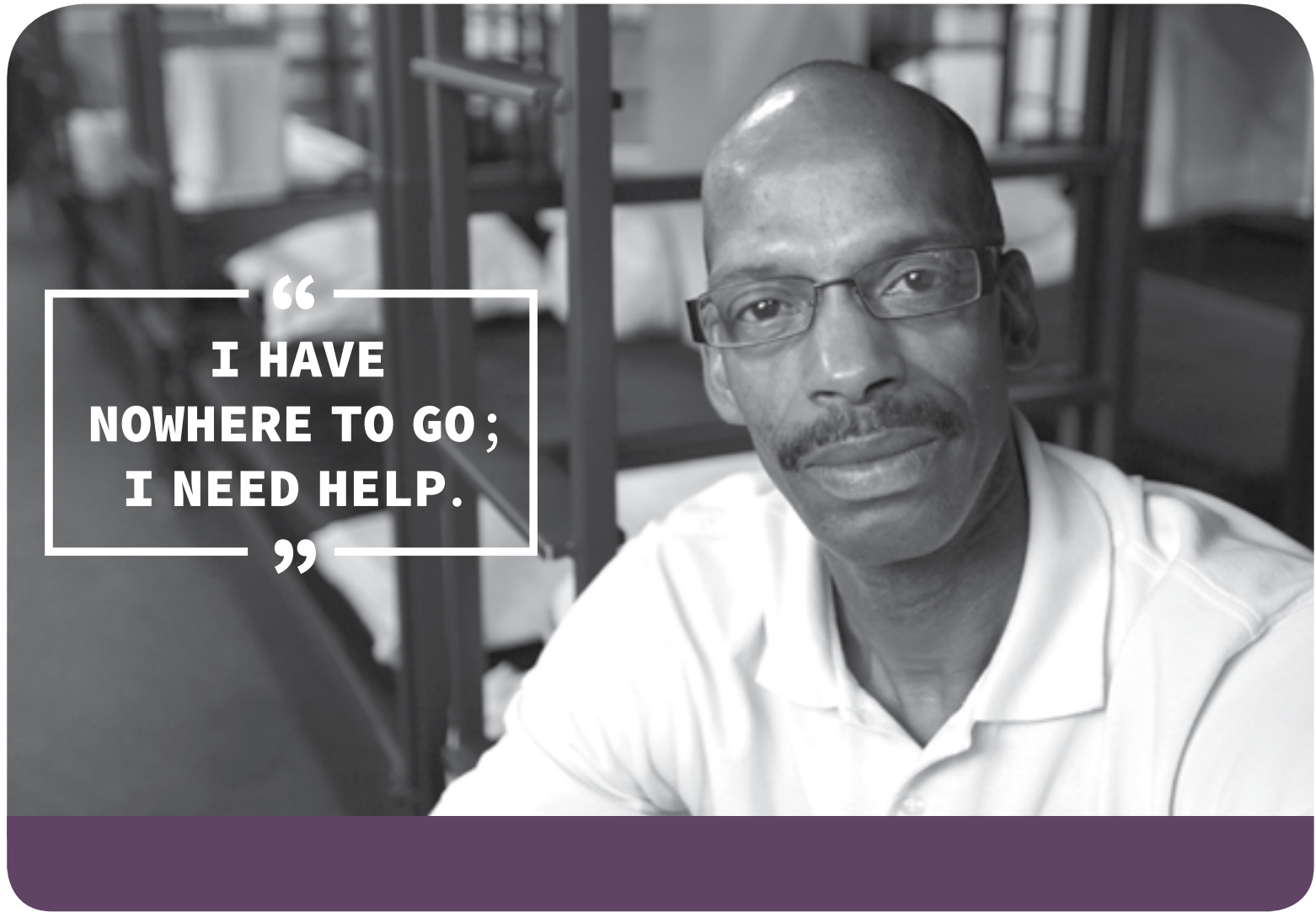
**You can give new hope this Easter by sharing meals, shelter and God's love with homeless and hungry men.**

A meal is just \$2.15!

Give online at [AllentownRescueMission.org](http://AllentownRescueMission.org).

Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING NEW HOPE WITH HURTING MEN IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY!



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**I HAVE  
NOWHERE TO GO ;  
I NEED HELP.**  
”

**T**hat was Manny’s desperate plea when he came to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Two decades of drug use and the lifestyle that comes with it had taken a serious toll on Manny’s heart. His condition left him unable to perform his job, and as a result he lost his home, his marriage and the life he knew.

for his disability payments to be approved. “I was praying that God would not let me sleep on a bench,” he recalls. The Lord answered his prayers by leading him to our door, and we invited him into our Christian Living Program. “It’s been nothing but uphill from there,” he says.

Manny believes many of the men

absolutely a changed man because of my experience at this place.”

After graduation, Manny served as a mentor, encouraging other men in the program who had also experienced brokenness and heartache. “Every day, I seek God’s will and His purpose so that I may have something to pour into their lives,” he says.

**“MY LIFE WAS HANGING IN THE BALANCE ; I WAS FULL OF FEAR.”**

“I was emotionally and physically not well,” he says. **“I can’t really put into words the depth of my hurt.”**

Manny had been fitted with a pacemaker and he lived in fear of becoming homeless as he waited

who turn to our ministry come only for food and shelter. **“But the Mission has so much more to offer for the heart of a man... for the soul of a man.** And when they choose to receive it, they are transformed,” he explains. “I am

Today, he is living near his loved ones as his health improves and he seeks to determine how God will use him next. “It’s been a journey,” he says. “I had to die to the person I was, but I believe God is using that to help others see they can do it too!”

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## PLEASE HELP!

### It's time for spring cleaning...

Your donations of the following items will help us provide a fresh and welcoming refuge for our guests. You can drop off items any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 355 W. Hamilton Street, or call **(610) 740-5500** for more information.

- Trash bags (55 gal., 40-45 gal., 33 gal., and 12-16 gal. sizes)
- Glass cleaner
- OdoBan disinfectant multi-purpose cleaner
- Disposable vinyl gloves
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper



Share what you do best...

## VOLUNTEER!

The Mission is seeking people with a variety of skills and talents who can commit small amounts of time as needed. To find out how we can match your experience with our needs, please contact Deirdre at **(610) 740-5500, ext. 22.**

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**8,015**  
meals



**4,500**  
nights of shelter

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