



Colby's Story

One Returns to say...Thank you

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*** Volunteers Wanted ***

- Warehouse Laborers
- Kitchen Helpers
- Food preparation
- Drivers
- Food pick-up
- Intercessors to pray for the people, workers and ministry
- Musicians and worship leaders
- *Donations are always welcomed in lieu of Volunteer Time....Thank you*

Mercy re-wrote the life of this sweet soul about a decade ago, on a street corner of the lower east side of Manhattan. Struggling daily to make ends meet, Colby was introduced to Hope For The Future Ministries through neighbors of hers who lived in the same project building.

Colby is a survivor of childhood neglect, abuse and a failing foster care system. She was determined to give her girls, Tanysha, Shwyna, Treia, a different life, a better life. Sadly, the effects of her past both plagued her present and threatened her future. It was clear that Colby's family needed more than just help with food and clothing. They needed intervention and a stable support system. And support was on its way. After coming regularly to Church Without Walls services and outreaches, Colby received the Lord into her heart and life. She and her daughters began working and serving with the ministry. She testifies that her daughters were always given the best of everything. Even her diapers for her baby came from the ministry. A basic necessity that most take for granted. Christmas was always a double blessing with gifts that she could

Colby and her Family once asked us for help:



never have provided on her own. The ministry was also vitally instrumental in helping Colby put her apartment back together after the Father of her first two children completely destroyed all its contents with a baseball bat. She recalls the ministry providing

her very first washing machine as well. Colby has received dividends beyond her expectations as she is now working for a major bedding corporation and is moving up the corporate ladder quickly. She attributes a great part of her success to those early days at the ministry; having

learned then what it means to work as a team, how to delegate, proper communication skills, etc. Her experience was so valuable that she still lists Hope For The Future and what she did there on her resume. Colby holds most dear all of the prayer support that she has received from the ministry. She is celebrating six years clean from drugs and alcohol. Her life is a testimony of God's ability to restore and keep us. Now Colby and her girls have once again come to help distribute food on Saturdays, as she wants instilled within them the same values and work ethics she learned. She wants them to be involved in something that makes a difference in their lives and the lives of others. Thank Colby for sharing your life and your story with us! ♥

Now.....Colby and her Family are thriving on their own!



The Dynamic Duo

We would like to extend a special thanks to Phyllis at WNYG 1440 AM for helping Hope For the Future Ministry "get the word out" about how much God cares about the homeless. God bless you WNYG for helping the helpless.

A man's spiritual health is exactly proportional to his love for God.

*C. S. Lewis
(1898-1963)*

Don't forget to watch Glory to Glory TV Show on Cablevision (Channel 20) every Tuesday 7:00 am (Nassau & Western Suffolk County) & Wednesday 7:30 am Eastern Suffolk County) with Pastor Diane Dunne & Pastor Deborah Mitchell

Meet John & Rosemarie Campagna. What a heart these two have for Hope For The Future. You name it and John can do it! He is always on call for the ministries' emergency repairs and maintenance. It is obvious that he loves to help and his service is



always with a smile that reaches down to the soul. His vast experience and expertise in mechanics and construction sure make him a *handy man* to have around! There has never been a job too grimy or difficult, that wouldn't help with.

Then along came Rose. God had been dealing with her to get more involved in ministry since her children were grown. She started out as a helping hand in the kitchen. She has graciously taken on the role of head chef while the ministry seeks a full-time chef. Her

flair for Italian & home-style cooking has been a welcomed change of pace and there have been no complaints from the peanut gallery! She loves being at the ministry and her sweet, gentle spirit makes her a joy to be around. She truly has a heart for the poor.

Thanks guys! Your humble and selfless devotion speaks volumes, louder than you could know! Great is your reward! To God be the glory! ♥

URGENT!!!!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ASAP!

Many people believe that our Ministry operates on the hired help but the fact is; there are only a handful of employees. Our Ministry can not function without you!

PLEASE CALL US AND
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

We need Graphic Artists, Warehouse workers, Office help and kitchen helpers.

JOIN US TODAY.
Thank you~

“Benjamin’s Miracle”



Benjamin (who is lovingly called “The Kid”) was raised in a middle class home of both Judeao-Christian influence. He was given the best that life could offer, including the experience of being barmitzvad in Israel. It was a good life filled with fun times. He remembers his father taking him and his two brothers to the family meat business on weekends where they learned how to butcher meat. This later helped to develop his love for grilling & bistro cooking. His mother is a hard-working lady, a hairdresser by trade who would prudently barter her time so her sons could attend summer camp. He was basically a

good kid, who became dissatisfied with what he had and wanted more. He wanted to be the one with the most among his peers. This led to a life of stealing. It didn’t matter from whom. After much struggle his parents had to ask him to leave. With a half-hearted effort, Benjamin attempted to turn over a new leaf by moving to a relative’s down south. But, his deviant behavior had escalated to drug and alcohol use, along with the company of new, yet sorted relationships. Coming back north, Ben wound up in NYC. By this time his destructive behavior had become a way of life.

By God’s love and grace Ben’s road lead him to 7th Street & Avenue A where his path crossed with Hope for the Future. He and his friends would come and eat on the food line. It is almost as if God said, “Enough”. Hungry, dirty, and very tired of living in a near-by squatter’s apartment, Ben began attending services and outreaches. He became hopeful that he could break out of the mess he was in. Ben found favor with Pastor Diane and has been given an opportunity to help at the ministry. During a recent church service, he gave his heart to the Lord, Jeshua Ha’Mashiach. He is so appreciative for all that God has done. The family atmosphere at the ministry has helped him, and has flamed his desire to be restored to his own family.

Amazingly, Ben’s squatters’ apartment was raided soon after he left it! Everyone was arrested, but God spared Ben. Another miracle! Please join us in praying for him. He needs our support. We want to see God’s best in his life as he learns to hear God’s voice, and follow His leading.. ♥

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Jeremiah 29:11*



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A Word From The Pastor's Desk...

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones." 1 Thessalonians 3:2

These past few weeks have been very cold and difficult. Someone asked me if we had continued to go out even during the frigid temperatures that we were having in New York. I thought of that one Monday evening that real feel temperatures were supposed to be 8 below zero. The police had rounded up all the homeless out of the parks, and street alleyways to encourage them to get into shelters. Somehow those guys who normally received a hot meal from us every Monday evening knew we would be there, and so they waited for us at Penn Station (one of our normal spots) before going to the shelter. "We knew you would come Pastor. We just knew you would be here."

When asked why we still go out in such weather I thought of the many times we had folks waiting, knowing that we would be there because of our commitment to them and to the Lord. Commitment is not easy. It's extremely difficult at times because God is trying to develop us. He is developing Christ's nature in us.

Christian love is strengthened by commitment. Without commitment you don't have love. Have you made a commitment to the Lord, to get involved in ministry? Have you committed to give, and have you followed through? If not, it's never too late to take up your cross, deny yourself and follow him. Thank for your commitment to this ministry to see that it continues. We deeply appreciate all you have done. May the Lord bless you for your prayers, support, and service. ♥

Sincerely In His Service,
Pastor Diane Dunne