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sunday breakfast Rescue Mission

Helping the hungry, homeless, & hurting

WINTER 2019

Because you gave, Jamaica's life was transformed



**"WAYNE HALL WAS A STEPPING STONE
FROM GOD." -JAMAICA**

A kind, light-hearted woman sits beaming with joy on the pink quilted couches of Wayne Hall, "I am just ecstatic about life right now." Jamaica, 33, grew up in Northeast Philadelphia and graduated from the Women's Ministry Program at Wayne Hall in 2016.

Four years ago, Jamaica found herself sitting quietly in a jail cell feeling lonely and disconnected. When Jamaica was released, she stayed with family members for a short

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time. After calling several shelters and hearing that they had no room for her, Jamaica and her daughter stood homeless at a bus stop with nowhere to go. She lifted her spirit and decided to call one more shelter, Wayne Hall. After an interview with the Director of Women's Ministry, Jamaica and her daughter were accepted into the year-long women's program. Once accepted, Jamaica began to feel God's hand in her life.

Throughout the program, Jamaica remembers thinking "This isn't for me, this is for my child." This motivated her to take advantage of the career services and life skills programs offered at Wayne Hall. These classes helped Jamaica to transition back into the world of independent living.

Since graduating from Wayne Hall, Jamaica moved

into her own home with her husband and daughter. She is a successful real estate agent in the Philadelphia area and is happily expecting another child next year.

Her daughter Kailya, who is now seven years old, is doing well in school and is excited to be a big sister.



Kailya, Jamaica's daughter, sits at Wayne Hall

Jamaica learned how to live a life that was obedient to God through attending bible classes at Wayne Hall. She overcame guilt and learned to forgive herself and others in order to rebuild relationships. Some of Jamaica's favorite memories at Wayne Hall were the class times when she was able to share her faith with others. "In the program, God spoke to me. He told me that I wasn't just here for me." Jamaica built community and helped strengthen other women in the program.

Jamaica visits Wayne Hall from time to time to share her testimony and give hope to the women. She is thankful for the program and believes "Wayne Hall was a stepping stone from God."

Rita Whitaker, Director of Women's Ministry, reflects on Jamaica's stay at Wayne Hall, "I always say, Wayne Hall is a gold mine...so much potential in these women. I always tell them, 'You can do it!' Jamaica is doing it and I never doubted that she could."

For more information on our Women's Ministry at Wayne Hall, visit us at SundayBreakfast.org and click on "Women's Transitional Home."

Sunday B's new CEO seeks to build partnership in City of Brotherly Love

Rev. Jeremy Montgomery was raised in Rockford, Illinois with his natural parents, who fostered over 100 kids throughout his childhood. His family began fostering as a Christian Ministry to abused and abandoned children when he was 10-years-old. Growing up around those who were hurting and broken gave Jeremy a heart to care for those in need.

He attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary where he received his M.A. in Urban Ministry. He further pursued his educational studies at Eastern University where he received his M.B.A.

Jeremy spent his early years in ministry doing gang intervention in Boston Public Schools. He extended his passion for helping others to Sri Lanka where he ministered to the community through rebuilding homes and villages.



JEREMY, ON HIS VISION FOR THE MISSION

"To create social transformation through building stronger partnerships within the Philadelphia community and to meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of individuals experiencing homelessness."

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Jeremy now joins Sunday Breakfast as the newest President/CEO with more than 20 years of executive leadership experience. He formerly served as the Chief Operating Officer for Habitat for Humanity in Broward, Florida. Jeremy is excited for the opportunity to re-invigorate Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission's faith based approach to meeting the needs of the homeless. He plans to engage local churches and organizations to create contagious compassion for those in need. He believes "capturing the heart of the local church and turning it towards meeting the needs of the hurting and broken" will be key to the achieving new growth at the Mission. Jeremy's favorite verse, "Faith without works is dead," speaks to his dedication to serving others. With this hands-on approach, he seeks to create lasting and effective change within the Philanthropic community.

To schedule a time to speak with Jeremy, please email Elizabeth Hefner at EHefner@SundayBreakfast.org.



3 FACTS ABOUT JEREMY

- o He is a member of the International Thespian Society.
- o His favorite team is the Boston Red Sox.
- o His favorite verse is, "Faith without works is dead."
KJV, James 2:26

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DECEMBER 2018

Men's Ministry

Nights of emergency
shelter provided

 **18,353**

Nights of lodging provided
for program participants

 **3,010**

Meals served

 **47,680**

Women's Ministry

Nights of safe lodging for
women and children

 **2,089**

Meals served

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