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CAUGHT THROUGH THE CRACKS

A LOVE STORY

Janie Ann was born in the 1960's and was a self-professed daddy's girl. She always wanted to be a momma although her mother was very jealous of the relationship she had with her father. In many ways Janie is stranded in her daddy's girl phase and intellectually in her early teenage years. Around thirty years ago she met a young man that would be her "bestie" and side by side they faced the world.

Sammy was also born in the 1960's and much like Janie struggled with intellectual deficits, health issues and a lack of outside support. Janie Ann and Sammy were married in 1993 and shortly after conceived a son. By the time their son was 8 years old he was removed from their custody by Sammy's brother. The couple struggled to manage their own needs let alone the needs of a child that would soon outgrow their intellectual ceilings.

This shattered the couple, and they still come to tears when talking about their child. After the support system of their remaining parents had passed on and with their child taken from them, they bounced around with several agencies trying to help here and there. Apparently, their cognitive ability was too great for "wrap around services" and certainly too low for self-sustainment. Eventually they were referred to a live with a payee by a volunteer advocate and the relationship seemed fine at first. As time went by the payee began refusing the couple access to their apartment stating she had guest coming for the weekend leaving the couple to fend for themselves often leaving them no choice but the streets.

The next was the payee's refusal to give them access to their finances. Eventually the couple was able to stop payment to the payee and leave the relationship, luckily landing on the doorsteps of an amazing short-term sheltering program in Gettysburg, PA called C.A.R.E.S. The team at C.A.R.E.S begin to source support for the couple, but it was very difficult because neither can read write or manage their finances yet didn't meet the standards for combined services. There were services available but individually and at separate locations that would have broken this couple apart.

By chance and the grace of God, Adams Rescue Mission's Agape House homeless family's shelter had an unexpected vacancy. The team at Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S through their close relationship with ARM was able to assist this couple that had seemed to fall through the cracks of society, land safely in a housing program that would teach them the skills they needed to attain and maintain housing of their own. The ARM/Agape team spent three amazing years developing the tools this very special couple needed to achieve a level of self-sufficiency that was thought unreachable. So, Sam and Janie Ann are moving into their very own apartment close to The ARM staff so we can keep on supporting them but also let them chase their dream of independence. To steal from the great John Mellencamp. Sam and Janie Ann are "just two American kids doing the best that they can".

MEN'S SHELTER SUCCESS

George

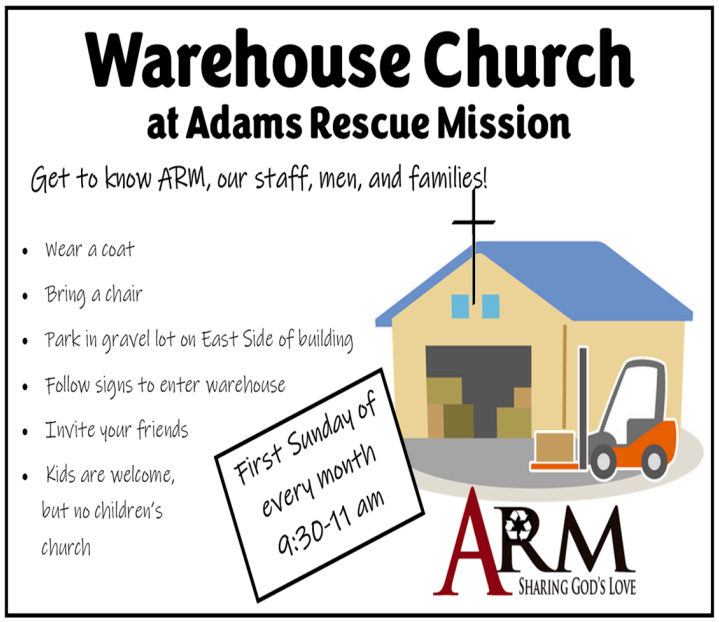
Growing up on a small farm in southern York County, George, has fond memories of working on the farm with his family. Dropping out of school at the age of 16 he went to work tending machines at the old LG Potato Chip plant. During this time, he started drinking became an alcoholic. Despite his addiction he worked steadily for many years. After being laid off in 2003 he defaulted on his mortgage and was referred to Adams Rescue Mission by a friend. After being accepted into our restoration program he recognized his dependence on alcohol and stopped drinking.

The Men's Ministry Director began to challenge him to dream of a better future for himself. With the help of ARM and a board member who is a realtor, he found a mobile home nearby. George was delighted with this unexpected new chapter in his life. ARM was giving the opportunity to introduce the scripture to George. Throughout the years he has grown in his faith. He plans to stay close to his friends at the Mission. He loves and feels gratitude for all the Mission has done for him.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATES

March 2 - Warehouse Church
April 6 - Warehouse Church
May 4 - Warehouse Church
June 1 - Warehouse Church
June TBD - Upcycle Art Show
July 6 - Warehouse Church
August 3 - Warehouse Church
September 7 - Warehouse Church
September TBD - Golf Tournament
October 5 - Warehouse Church
November 2 - Warehouse Church
November TBD - Giving Spree
December 7 - Warehouse Church
December TBD - Christmas Market



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