

# City Mission of Schenectady

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City Mission exists to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our community. We help people who are in poverty, we help people get out of poverty and we help people stay out of poverty.

## Mission Statement

*City Mission of Schenectady, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of*

*Jesus Christ in word and deed. Our ministries seek to comprehensively meet the needs of the poor in a manner that dignifies and strengthens the individual, the family, and the community.*

We do this through our three branches of service:

- Community Outreach & Emergency Shelter Services serve meals to the community on a daily basis, and emergency shelters are available for both men and women, as well as women with children.
- Bridges to Freedom offers both long and short-term Discipleship & Recovery Programs
- Transitional Housing and Schenectady Works Programs help people through their transition (after graduating from Bridges to Freedom) and into sustainability, focusing on employment and contributing to the community.

**Larry Lonczak Men's Shelter – "The Ark"** Our 76-bed dormitory provides emergency shelter and other basic needs for homeless men. "Powerline Connection" offers opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

**Family Life Center** - The Family Life Center is a 35-bed facility that offers a Discipleship Program for women and children, and an Emergency Shelter for women. It provides a place of refuge for those in need, as well as opportunities for life change.

**Community Outreach (COR)** assists individuals and families in the community with basic needs of food, clothing and household items. COR offers other resources and referrals to other agencies in the community when necessary, to help an individual or family get the resources they need. Community Outreach hosts an annual Coat Drive, Christmas Toy Store, Summer Picnics and Back 2 School Boost events. The annual Summer Youth Adventure offers recreation, field trips, arts & crafts, camping, and educational activities for local children.

**Bridges to Freedom (Discipleship & Recovery Programs)** offers both a one-year and 90-day rehabilitation program that includes counseling, Bible study, Chapel, vocational training, job readiness and life skills training.

**The Transitional Housing Program** provides City Mission graduates with an opportunity to continue their growth amidst the supportive environment of the City Mission campus. Assigned Life Coaches assist clients in their transition to full independence and sustainability.

**Schenectady Works** is a job training, retention and career advancement program. Our purpose is to equip people for long-term success in the workplace by helping them move to lives of sustainability. Programs within Schenectady Works include the Employer Resource Network, Drive to Success and the Downtown Ambassadors.

**Many Grace Chapel members volunteer at the Mission**, providing countless hours, skills and compassion to the men, women and children. We couldn't do this ministry without volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus! We have occasional and regular opportunities on weekdays, weeknights and weekends to make a difference in someone's life. Volunteer opportunities include preparing food, serving a meal, sorting clothing, playing with kids, tutoring, driving, mentoring, teaching a class, providing job coaching, and much more! To learn more or schedule a time to meet with the Volunteer Team and find the best fit, please email [volunteer@citymission.com](mailto:volunteer@citymission.com) or call (518) 346-2275 ext. 311.

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’”*

*~ Matthew 25:35, 36, 40*

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