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The Bowery Mission and New York City Rescue Mission Join Forces, Enabling Greater Collective Impact for Homeless New Yorkers

NEW YORK – As they continue to serve homeless New Yorkers during one of the coldest winters in recent years, The Bowery Mission and New York City Rescue Mission are joining forces, leveraging nearly 300 years of combined service. Under the leadership of David P. Jones, President & CEO of The Bowery Mission, two historic organizations join to become one, and reimagine the fight against poverty and homelessness.

Homelessness in New York City has reached the highest levels since the Great Depression. There are more than 63,000 people homeless in New York City—that’s nearly one in every 130 New Yorkers. In fact, the number of homeless New Yorkers sleeping in city shelters has increased 71 percent in ten years.

“The response of city government and nonprofit organizations to the homelessness crisis over many years can be characterized as fragmented and a competition for resources. Last year, the City released a plan, built on a guiding principle of community, to end the use of stop-gap measures within the shelter system. And today, two privately-funded organizations, The Bowery Mission and New York City Rescue Mission, are offering new hope for a sustainable solution by sharing resources, collaboratively fundraising, and providing an enhanced continuum of care to New Yorkers in need. Both organizations are committed to investing in our neighbors with a return on investment that is priceless – the restoration of human life.

New York City is the financial capital of the world. Yet our homeless and working poor neighbors have been forgotten. These New Yorkers represent enormous untapped potential – their knowledge, expertise, skills, and abilities are neglected and overlooked under the glare of their current circumstances.

“A challenge as big as homelessness in New York City demands a unified response,” says David Jones. “Together, The Bowery Mission and New York City Rescue Mission will be able to say ‘yes’ to more people more often with better services, to have a greater impact collectively than we do alone.”

Dr. Craig A. Mayes, CEO of the New York City Rescue Mission shares this belief, “Community collaboration is vital. Only with the help of our community, can we support our struggling neighbors in overcoming the cycle of poverty and homelessness.”

To join forces with The Bowery Mission and New York City Rescue Mission, go to bowery.org/donate.

About The Bowery Mission & New York City Rescue Mission

The Bowery Mission and New York City Rescue Mission have served homeless and hungry New Yorkers for 138 years and 145 years respectively. Last year, these two organizations provided more than 653,500 warm meals, 167,300 nights of shelter, distributed 46,380 articles of clothing, and offered 1,300 onsite medical, dental and optometry exams. Each meal and every service is an invitation to residential and community programs that help clients make progress towards their goals. Last year, The Bowery Mission served 354 adults in its residential recovery programs and served 800 more at the Community Hope Resource Center. To empower children to thrive and succeed, The Bowery Mission also offers year-round opportunities for enrichment through City Camp culminating in a weeklong experience at our 200-acre summer camp in the Pocono Region of Pennsylvania. **www.bowery.org**.

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