

IMPACTreport

HOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE CHANGING LIVES

HARD LIFE to a Happy Life

Larry Reeves' road has been a hard one. Born into a crime-ridden Boston neighborhood in 1974, Larry dropped out of school in seventh grade and was arrested at 15 on drug charges. Another teen in juvenile detention, however, inspired him with a thirst for education. Soon he completed his GED and was educating himself through correspondence courses.

More difficulties lay ahead though. In 2014, a double aneurysm exploded in his brain, and he was rushed into surgery. Two seizures followed and his kidneys failed. Miraculously, Larry was released from the hospital after only 30 days, but now he was homeless.

After making his way to metro Atlanta, he found shelter at MUST's Elizabeth Inn. A caseworker helped him connect with the health services he needed and MUST assisted with his medication expense thanks to a grant from Kaiser Permanente of Georgia. A contact with the Lion's Club got him a much-needed pair of eyeglasses.

Larry now lives in MUST Permanent Supportive Housing in Cherokee County and has been helped by his case manager to get on track. Although he can't work, he gives a lot of his time to help others by volunteering. Leading a Bible study for his peers has engaged him more deeply in community -- and has proven to build his confidence.

"I was blessed at zero," Larry says. "At least from zero you know where you are and you can start anew. Some people don't have the choice or chance to start over. God used MUST Ministries as he turned all the bad things into blessings because of his love, mercy, grace and purpose for my life."

MUST's
Workforce Development
gives couple a new start!

665 Veterans
HELPED LAST YEAR!



'Pre-screened, qualified candidates'

Resumes and applications flood into the Human Resources offices of major corporations, and identifying the qualified candidates can be a major headache.

MUST Ministries Workforce Development brings real value to the table by pre-screening prospective hires, explains Nate Marsh, MUST's Senior Employment Specialist. "We connect them with candidates who are a good fit for them and provide them a badly needed resource in this current economic environment: people."

One global company working with MUST is FedEx, the international package delivery service whose networks reach more than 220 countries and territories. In the FedEx Human Resources office, Tracia Thompson has found MUST Employment Services to be a valuable source contact.

"The jobs we have reached out about are entry-level package handling opportunities with promotional opportunities for advancement," Thompson says. "We are looking for individuals willing to work in a part-time position that is manual, physical labor in our warehouse. MUST assists us by forwarding viable, qualified candidates."

Human Resources managers appreciate pre-screened candidates because many companies cannot hire applicants with criminal records.

"Pre-screening allows candidates to maintain their integrity and know ahead of time whether we are a company where they might want to apply," Thompson explains. "MUST seems to know who a good candidate for us would be. They are a valuable resource in our community that is not to be overlooked."

Last year, your donations helped **665** veterans in need, including **62** who found help and hope at the Elizabeth Inn, **26** who established stability in MUST veterans supportive housing, **149** who sought assistance through our outreach program and **82** who received Workforce Development counseling. Hundreds of visits to program services were life-changing for our valued veterans.



YOUR IMPACT
by the numbers

'We had no clue what we were going to do'



A heart attack launched Scott into unemployment, and he was desperate to provide for his wife, Jessica, and their teenage daughter, Elizabeth. A scammer duped Scott into an illegal check-cashing scheme. When they were caught, Scott suddenly landed in jail.

Released from lockup, Scott and his family had nowhere to go – until they heard about MUST's Elizabeth Inn. During their stay, MUST's Workforce Development program helped Scott create a resume and apply for a seasonal job at Six Flags White Water -- and even provided a nice suit for his job interview. Scott was hired and the family moved into a nearby extended-stay hotel. MUST provided groceries and cookware to help them settle into their new life. As the motel owner got to know them and heard their story, he hired Jessica to help with housekeeping and hired Scott as a handyman.

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"The owner considers us adopted family," Jessica says with satisfaction. "He tells his friends we have taken a huge load off his shoulders."

Scott adds, "MUST gave us employment classes, clothes and cookware and was extremely helpful. I'm always going to remember each MUST staff member who helped us. We're also going to remember when a snowstorm hit and none of the volunteers could get to the Elizabeth Inn, we helped the staff fix and serve a meal.

"When we first got to MUST, we had no clue what we were going to do," Scott concludes. "We just left it in God's hands and say every day, 'Thy will be done.'"



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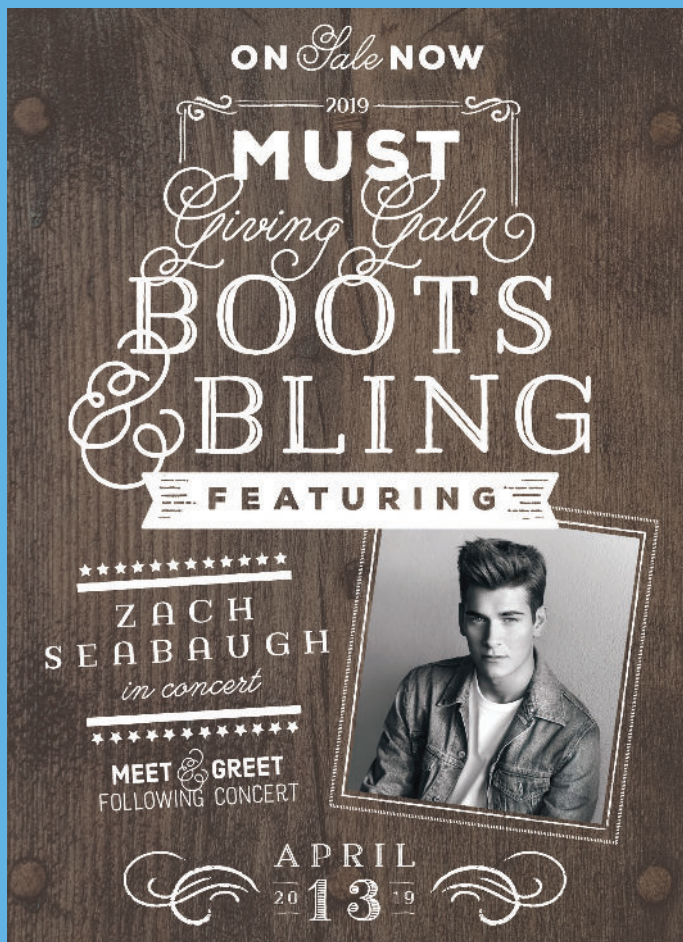
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