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**The Bowery Mission Expands Partnership with Goodwill Rescue Mission,  
Accepting Goodwill's Invitation to Lead Historic Newark Ministry;  
Goodwill Celebrates 120 Years in Newark This Month**

**NEW YORK** – As Goodwill Rescue Mission celebrates 120 years of service to the homeless in Newark, New Jersey, the organization has joined forces with The Bowery Mission, headquartered in New York City. Together, these two organizations will more effectively serve homeless and marginalized men, women and children throughout Metro New York.

Goodwill Rescue Mission celebrates this new partnership and its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, October 22, 2016, 10:00am-12:30pm (formal program 11:30am) at 79 University Avenue.

David P. Jones, President and CEO of The Bowery Mission, now leads the combined \$20 million operation, including more than 150 staff members and 8,000 volunteers serving nearly 500,000 meals annually and providing shelter, showers, clothing, medical care, crisis referrals, and faith-based residential life transformation programs, as well as summer camp and year-round opportunities for children.

The decision to combine Goodwill and The Bowery Mission was announced on May 19, 2016 by Jan Nagel, Chairman of The Bowery Mission and interim Chair of the Goodwill Rescue Mission. “At the invitation of Goodwill Rescue Mission’s Board of Directors, The Bowery Mission will assume control of the operations of Goodwill Rescue Mission. The Bowery Mission brings a 137-year track record of excellence in compassionate care and life transformation programs for the homeless and poor of New York City. The Bowery Mission will carry forward Goodwill’s 120-year legacy of service with the poor, homeless and addicted of Newark. With the management resources of The Bowery Mission, Goodwill will be better positioned to meet growing needs in Newark during a time of increased poverty and homelessness in the entire New York City metropolitan area.”

“The Bowery Mission and Goodwill Rescue Mission share a passion for the vulnerable people we serve,” Jones stated. “By joining forces we will meet not only immediate needs but invite each person into a transformed life that is reconnected to faith, family, community, meaningful work, a place to live and a plan for the future.”

Now a program of The Bowery Mission, Goodwill Rescue Mission will continue to operate as a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, distinctly branded and wholly supported by donations from its own donor base. Donations to The Bowery Mission will not be used to fund the operations of Goodwill Rescue Mission, nor will donations to Goodwill Rescue Mission fund the operations of The Bowery Mission.

**About Goodwill Rescue Mission**

Founded in 1896, Goodwill Rescue Mission's priority is to minister to the suffering and needy in Newark who endure the hopeless cycle of poverty, homelessness and dependencies by providing food, clothing, shelter, and spiritually rich and vocationally focused programs of sustainable comprehensive life transformation. For more information: [www.grmnewark.org](http://www.grmnewark.org)

**About The Bowery Mission**

The Bowery Mission has served homeless and hungry New Yorkers since 1879. Last year, The Bowery Mission provided more than 406,000 meals to men, women and children, 91,000 nights of shelter and 44,000 articles of clothing, as well as showers, haircuts, and expert medical and optometric care. Each meal and every night of shelter is an invitation to residential recovery programs, where men and women get a second chance and lives are transformed from hopelessness to hope. Last year, the Mission's residential programs served nearly 300 men and women who are regaining sobriety, reconnecting with family and faith, pursuing educational goals, and preparing for work and independent living. To ensure that at-risk children have a positive first chance at life, The Bowery Mission's city camp and summer camp serves nearly 1,200 at-risk children from poor city neighborhoods. For more information: [www.bowery.org](http://www.bowery.org)

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