



*Transformed from addiction
and despair into a life of
serving others*

From Needing Help to Helping Others

People often come to Pacific Garden Mission because they need help. They need a safe place to sleep, freedom from addiction, hope for tomorrow, or simply someone to believe in them. But God's work doesn't stop there. As He restores lives, He also gives people new purpose. Those who once came seeking hope often become the very people offering hope to others. Donald Grant Anderson's story is a beautiful example of that transformation. Because of your faithful support, a man who once arrived at Pacific Garden Mission in desperate need is now serving others, sharing the Gospel, and pointing people to the same Savior who changed his life.

DONALD

"My name is Donald Grant Anderson, but most people call me Grant. I've been through the ups and downs of life. I've had the best, and I've had the worst. I like to say I've slept with the maggots and soared with the eagles. I've had a wife, a house, good jobs, and I've lost them all.

"My addiction brought death to relationships, dreams, and the person God created me to be. The strange thing is I always knew who God was. I was raised in a loving Christian home, but it was also dysfunctional. My family taught me about the Lord. Even though I knew Him, I wasn't living for Him. My addictions

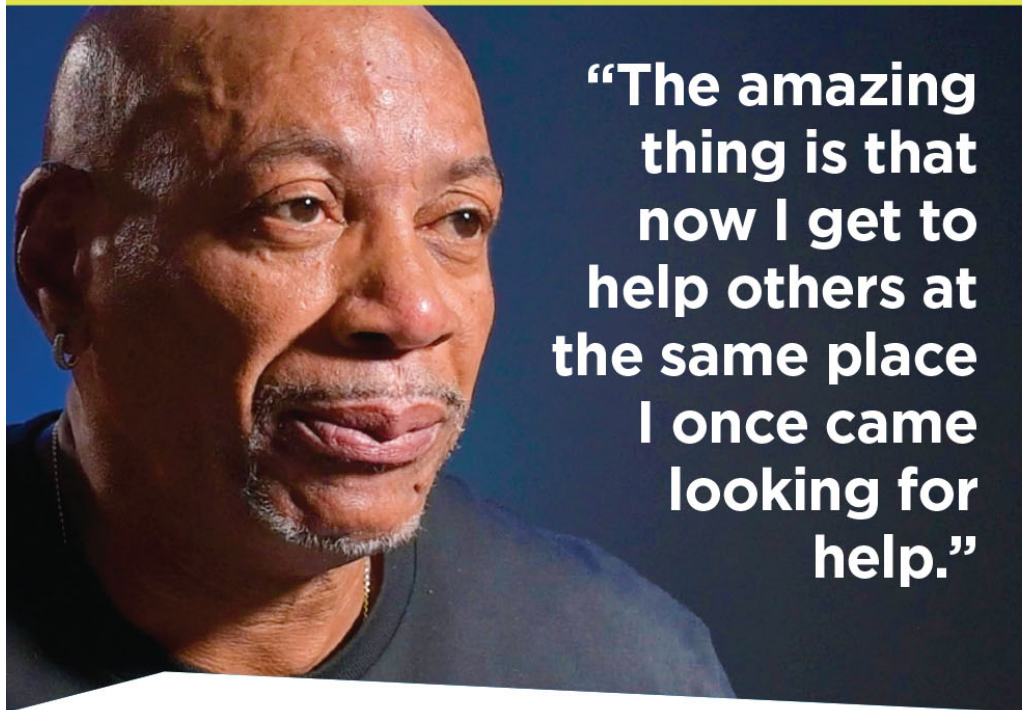
slowly took control of my life until I found myself homeless.

Finding a New Foundation

"When I came to Pacific Garden Mission, everything began to change. God transformed me spiritually, physically, and emotionally. My relationship with Him became stronger than it had ever been.

"One of the things that made me healthy was a deep saturation in God. I go to bed with God. I wake up with God. I spend my days with God. He showed me there was still a calling on my life, and I began learning to follow His direction instead of my own.

"God also restored relationships in my family. People who once didn't want



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to speak to me because of my addiction welcomed me back into their lives. That’s not because of anything I’ve done. It’s because of God’s grace.

“Pacific Garden Mission wasn’t just helping me get sober. They were helping me build a lifelong foundation in God’s Word.

From Receiving Help to Giving It

“Since coming to Pacific Garden Mission, God has continued opening doors I never imagined.

Today I have the opportunity to work in the clinic, caring for people every day.

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**“A man’s gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.”
— Proverbs 18:16 (KJV)**

encouraged new guests, helped members of my own family who came to PGM, and pointed people to the hope I’ve found in Jesus.

“When I talk with someone who’s struggling, I can honestly tell them I’ve been where they are. I know what it’s like to feel hopeless and think your life is over. That’s why I tell them what God has done for me.

“Now people ask me to encourage others, lead tours, and share my

testimony. That’s because God changed the spirit within me. He took a man who had lost everything and gave him a new purpose. Today I believe God is preparing me to be a light in the darkness. I have led 14 people to the Lord. My story isn’t about Donald Grant Anderson. It’s about what Jesus Christ can do when someone trusts in Him.”



Donald’s journey reminds us that God’s work of restoration is never meant to end with one life. As He heals hearts and renews minds, He also calls His people to serve others. Today, the man who once arrived at Pacific Garden Mission searching for hope is now helping others find it. He was hired by Lawndale Christian Health Center, our partner for our medical recovery program, and serves at PGM helping guests who are in similar situations he was once in. That is the beauty of the Gospel. Thank you for making stories like Donald’s possible. Your prayers and generosity do far more than provide meals, shelter, and care. They help transform lives into living testimonies that point others to Jesus Christ.



Donald now works for Lawndale Christian Health Care Center serving the guests at PGM.

Above: Donald speaking at the National Health Care Conference in Orlando, Florida

Seen, Known, and Loved



McKayla Bane
Ministry Services Assistant
New Life Discipleship

“My experience working at PGM has been nothing short of a blessing. When my path led me to PGM a little over a year ago,

I had no idea what God had in store for my personal and professional life. Working with our New Day, New Life, and New Beginnings ministries, the Lord has taught me the importance of cultivating an environment of stability through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of my favorite quotes is “Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.” Being able to sit with others in moments of grief, joy, anger, and everything in between is an opportunity to redirect them back to Christ who is their comfort, healer, and Savior. Helping our

residents experience the love of Christ looks like celebrating birthdays, laughing over meals, praying over sickness and pain, and drawing near when it seems hard.

I’ve especially loved serving alongside the many

incredible men and women on staff here at PGM. I have learned so much more about God through their testimonies and the way they interact with our residents; the same way they allow our residents to feel seen and known is the same way they interact with me when I arrive at work. It is clear God has his hand on this ministry and I’m truly blessed to be a small part of it.”



McKayla with members of the PGM community

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FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP: A Place of Welcome and Hope



Peter Leavitt
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The Webb Library on the second floor of the Women’s Division is much more than a room—it is a place of refuge, encouragement, and transformation. Named in honor of Julia Webb, who faithfully taught and counseled women for many years, this space reflects her unwavering love for the Lord and her compassionate ministry to women in need.

Today, women in the New Life and New Day Programs

gather in the Webb Library to study, complete homework, participate in staff-led devotions, and enjoy meaningful fellowship with one another. It is also home to a classroom and staff offices, making it the heart of ministry on the second floor.

Because of the generosity of our donors, the space was recently refurbished to create a warm and welcoming environment. Through this space, women are reminded that they are deeply loved by God and that, in Christ, new life is possible. **Thank you for your faithful support.**



A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski
President, Pacific Garden Mission

THE UNSHACKLED! IMPACT

Since 1950, **UNSHACKLED!** has been a staple on Christian radio, sharing dramatic testimonies of lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For some, those broadcasts have become the first step that eventually led them through the doors of PGM.

Tim shares, "I first came to know **UNSHACKLED!** through WMBI in 1995. I listened to the radio drama every chance I got. Last year, while I was in detox at a hospital clinic, I was praying and asking God to help me. During that time, the Lord brought my memories of Pacific Garden Mission back to mind. I called, and was accepted into the program. Through **UNSHACKLED!**, God met me at one of the most pivotal moments of my life."

Duane tells a similar story. "I first became aware of **UNSHACKLED!** in the early 1980s and listened regularly in those years. Then, after moving to Illinois three or four years ago, I began listening again. That's when I learned about the Men's Bible Discipleship Program at Pacific Garden Mission. I remembered it as I found myself slipping into homelessness. I first came to the shelter and later inquired about joining the program. It has been a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word. This program has opened my eyes to a much deeper understanding of the truths of Scripture."

God uses many different people, circumstances, and ministries to lead men and women through the doors of Pacific

Garden Mission. We praise Him that since 1877, those doors have remained open, proclaiming the same glorious, unchanging Gospel. Because we receive no government funding, this ministry continues only through the faithful prayers and generous support of dear friends like you. **Thank you for helping us keep these doors open so that more lives can be transformed by the saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

GLIMPSES INSIDE PGM



Every meal served at Pacific Garden Mission represents countless acts of loving service behind the scenes. Dedicated staff and volunteers prepare food, assemble trays, wash dishes, stock supplies, and work together to care for nearly 600 men, women, and children who call PGM home each day and night. If you would like to be part of this life-changing ministry, we would love to have you serve alongside us. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Calvin Shorter, to schedule your time to serve. Call (312) 281-1261 or email volunteer@pgm.org.

THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER: *Your gifts at work*

Pacific Garden Mission's budget is completely donor-funded.

We receive no government funding. We are eternally grateful for the individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations that make it possible for PGM to serve thousands of homeless men, women, and children each year. When you support us financially, you're not only giving to the Mission, but *through* the Mission to people who need your help the most.

In **AUGUST** your support made a true difference for many in need:



16,864 total nights of sleep and shelter provided to our needy homeless guests



40 men and women enrolled in Bible study programs and provided room and board



455 average number of homeless people who received aid and Gospel services each day



18 mothers with their **31** children were sheltered at PGM



18,500 clothing items were distributed to the needy at PGM (est.)



3,137 media outlets around the world broadcast **UNSHACKLED!**



33,251 plates of nourishing food were served (est.)



73 people professed saving faith in Christ and became new believers at PGM

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