



McAuley Miracles

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A Life Transformed: Meet Lori Hill



When she was still on the street, she came to McAuley House to stay alive. She came for food, clothing and toiletries.

When she got sober, she came for help to pay her rent at a sober house, for support, for a hug. "Sometimes," she said. "That's what I needed."

Today, Lori manages an addiction recovery house. She strives to help other women reclaim what they've lost. "My life is not perfect, but it's good," she said. "I pray every night to stay on the right path."

And she still visits McAuley House.

"If it wasn't for McAuley House on my journey," she said. "I could be in jail. I could be dead."

McAuley Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that includes:

- McAuley House meal site for the hungry
- McAuley Village transitional housing for single parents and their children
- McAuley Village Child Care Learning Center
- The Warde-robe thrift store



Your donations help children like Lucia find safety and shelter at McAuley Village.

Lori Hill speaks plainly about her tumble to the street. "I lost everything to my drug addiction," she says.

She lost her relationship with her family and children, her home. She lost her freedom when she was sent to jail.

Finally, she vowed to reclaim her life. More than 2 years ago, as her mother lay dying, Lori made a promise to get clean. And, with the help of McAuley House, she's kept it: "This place welcomes you with open arms. Not just me. Everybody."

Since 1975, McAuley House has offered acceptance and healing to those in need.

Transformations like Lori Hill's are possible because of you, our donors, volunteers and friends.

Will you consider making a donation today, so we can touch the lives of people like Lori?

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Have Faith.....and a Plan: Message from the Executive Director



Daily the volunteers and staff of McAuley Ministries undertake their tasks with the faith that the small things they do make a great difference in the lives of the hungry, homeless and poor who come to McAuley House, McAuley Village and the Warde-Robe.

A hot meal, a bus pass, a safe place to live and raise a family, a pair of shoes, clothes for work, a

warm coat in the winter...these are small things to those who are financially secure but great things when you have nothing.

To serve 70,000 meals every year at McAuley House, to provide housing and guidance for up to 40 families and a daycare for 40 children at McAuley Village and the Child Care Learning Center and to serve thousands of patrons each year at the Warde-robe takes faith.... and a plan.

"Be faithful in the small things because it is in them your strength lies. - Mother Teresa

"Failing to plan is planning to fail" - Ben Franklin

We plan menus from donated and purchased food supplies to serve up to 300 meals a day.

We plan to maintain an apartment complex of 23 apartments, keep it repaired and warm in the winter.

We plan to have sufficient clothing in summer and winter for Warde-robe shoppers.

And, we need a plan to sustain all of this financially.

When you receive a "Pretend Dinner" or "Freedom from Hunger" mailing or a newsletter (like this one) it is part of a plan.

Writing a wide range of grants and securing support from corporations, schools and organizations for "Lunch on Us at McAuley House", and "Safe Passages at McAuley Village" are all part of our financial plan.

We have faith that our donors and contributors will support the good works of McAuley Ministries as **we plan to serve** the hungry, the homeless and the poor for as long as there is a need.

- Don Wolfe

The Soroptimists Club: Women with a Mission

When a Soroptimist member visits The Warde-robe to donate clothing and household goods, store manager Donna Benetti knows what to expect: Quality.

"They provide much-needed items in good condition, for struggling families," Donna said. "We're so grateful."

The Soroptimists of Greater Providence, a club of professional women working to improve the lives of women and girls, also provides gift cards for homeless mothers at McAuley

Village, and toiletries for McAuley House guests.

In McAuley, the Soroptimists found a partner in its mission to serve, said chapter president and founder Terry Moretti during a recent visit to The Warde-robe in Central Falls.

"What impresses me about this ministry," she said, "is that it maintains the dignity of every person who walks in."

To donate clothing and goods to The Warde-robe at 1286 Broad St. in Central Falls, call 401-729-0405



Terry Moretti at The Warde-robe

You Gave People in Need Summertime Joy

We hope all our supporters have had a wonderful summer. YOU ensure those we serve tasted summer joy, too.

While our donors and volunteers enable us to feed, shelter and clothe those in need, you also see that people need moments of hope and joy, too.

And so we thank those who made these moments possible:

- A trip to the beach. For McAuley House guests, one day at the beach is their summer vacation—a moment of peace away from the city heat and noise.



- A cookout in the McAuley House parking lot with music and laughter.
- An afternoon in the pool for children at McAuley Village Child Care learning Center

For these moments, Thank You!

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McAuley House Volunteer Stephen Andolfo

When veteran social studies teacher Stephen Andolfo retired last summer, he wasted no time in filling his calendar.

He began volunteering at McAuley House. His first duty was preparing lunch. “I was flattered to be substitute napkin folder,” he said with a smile.

Soon, the House staff also tapped Stephen’s passion for history and civics.

He began leading a weekly current events game for guests, and teaching afternoon history classes on topics such as the Civil Rights movement.

And when a new law required voters to have identification, Stephen arranged a clinic to enable McAuley House guests to obtain a free voter ID card.

“To see someone leave with a voter ID and say “I’m going to vote,” that is awesome,” he said.

Stephen’s enthusiastic respect for McAuley guests has been a blessing, said Associate Director Rev. Mary Margaret Earl.

“He cares greatly about our guests, and shows it in his kindness, his humor and his generous sharing of time,” she said. “We’re so glad he’s here!”



Retired Warwick teacher Stephen Andolfo helps bag donated rolls for McAuley House guests.



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