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New York City Rescue Mission Legally Merges into The Bowery Mission

NEW YORK, October 1, 2023 - In order to effectively meet the needs of our neighbors experiencing homelessness across New York City, New York City Rescue Mission (NYCRM) has finalized its legal merger into The Bowery Mission.

The two organizations have been operating under The Bowery Mission name since 2017 when they joined forces to leverage more than 300 years of combined service to people experiencing homelessness in the city.

The merger has added significant resources to The Bowery Mission's existing continuum of care. NYCRM's 132-bed facility at 90 Lafayette St. – today called The Bowery Mission's Tribeca Campus – serves as The Bowery Mission's primary site for emergency shelter and related care.

"By sharing strengths between the two organizations, we've been able to meet diverse needs. Together, we are providing better short-term emergency shelter and long-term residential care," said James Winans, President and CEO of The Bowery Mission.

New York City Rescue Mission was America's first rescue mission, founded in faith in 1872 by Jerry McAuley, a notorious criminal and convert to a life of faith and service, and his wife, Maria. The Bowery Mission was established only a mile away on the Bowery by The Rev. A.G. Ruliffson and his wife Ellen, after consulting with the McAuleys.

"I believe our founders would see the wisdom in bringing the two Missions together," said Mr. Winans. "We've always shared a common mission and common stories. As one, we can better meet the needs, and tangibly demonstrate God's love to our neighbors who are struggling, especially right now as our city faces so many difficulties."

"New York City is the financial capital of the world, yet homelessness keeps growing. Our unhoused neighbors represent enormous untapped potential — their knowledge, expertise, skills, and abilities are neglected and overlooked under the glare of their current circumstances," said Mr. Winans.

The Bowery Mission helps to create a community where individuals thrive in every area of their lives — emotional and physical health, connection to community, sustainable income, secure housing, skills and goals for independent living, and connection to faith and hope for the future.

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About The Bowery Mission

Since the 1870s, The Bowery Mission has promoted the flourishing of New Yorkers overcoming homelessness and marginalization. Last year, The Bowery Mission provided more than 320,000 hot meals, 66,000 nights of shelter, 32,000 articles of clothing, and 45,000 emergency showers. Every meal and service is an invitation to a community of care that helps clients make progress toward a transformed life of faith, sobriety, sustainable income and independent living. To empower children to thrive and succeed, The Bowery Mission also offers year-round opportunities for enrichment through Mont Lawn City Camp, culminating in summer camp for hundreds of children in the Poconos Region of Pennsylvania. To learn more, visit www.bowery.org.