

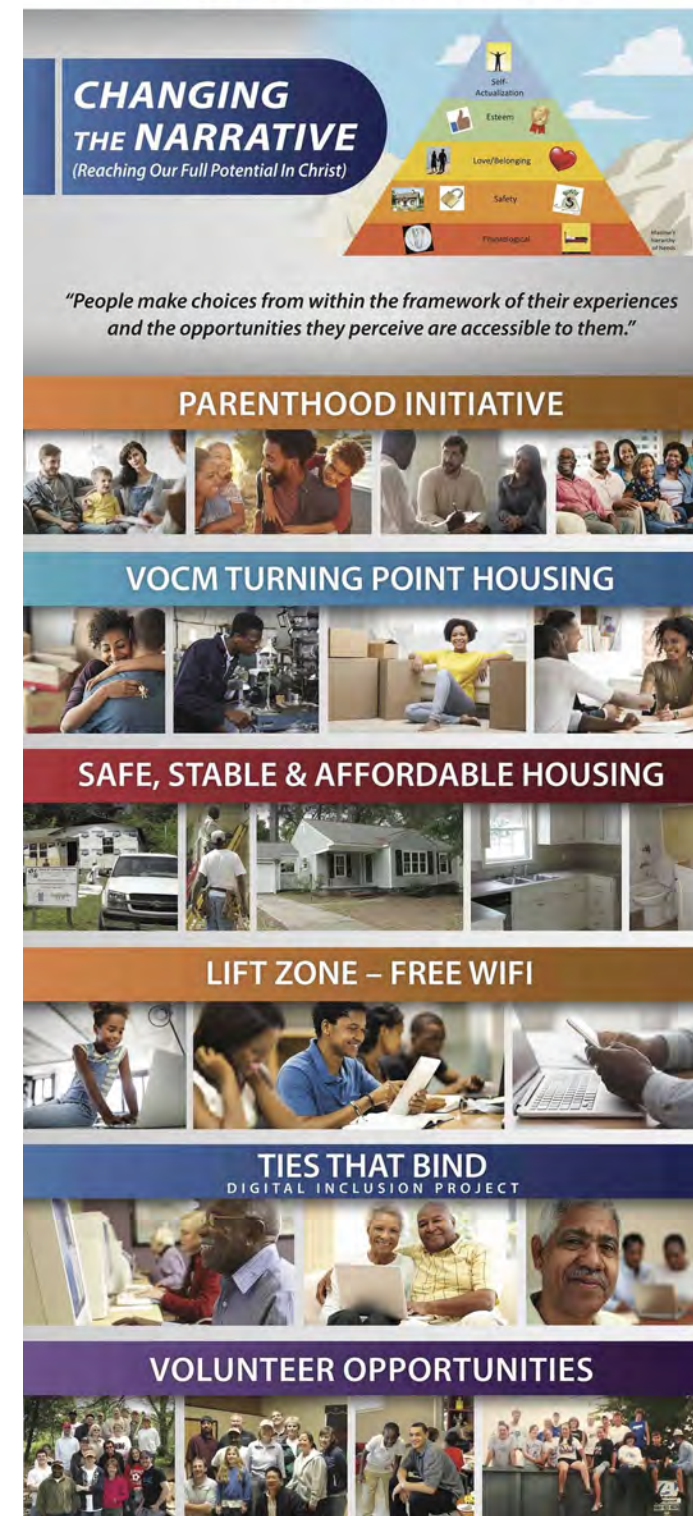
Voice of Calvary Ministries' Programs

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	2022 IMPACT
Parenthood Initiative	Providing parenting training, jobs skills training, and other social services to assist families in staying together and transition to self-sufficiency; established partnership with the MS Department of Human Services.	We assessed more than 200 families; we provided workforce training and certification to more than 50 participants; more than 30 graduates have jobs paying from \$40,000 to \$60,000 per year
VOCM Turning Point Housing	Assisting young adults who are aging out of Foster Care to attain stable housing, life skills training, job skills and other social services they need	We assisted 15 youth exiting out of foster care with housing assistance, utility assistance; educational assistance; and workforce development & life skills training
Delta Property Management Services	Providing residential services to 46 apartment complexes throughout the state, mostly in rural areas; connecting healthcare providers and other resources to tenants; established partnership with the MS Department of Health and Lynx Telehealth	We provided resident enrichment services to tenants living in 44 low income apartment complexes throughout the State
Emergency Solutions Grant	Providing rental assistance, utility payments and case management services to individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in the City of Jackson	We assisted 67 households in attaining and/or maintaining stable housing
HomeSaver Program	Working in partnership with the Mississippi Home Corporation to assist homeowners at risk of losing their homes; assist clients in completing the necessary paperwork and documentations	We provided foreclosure prevention services to more than 150 homeowners throughout the State
Homebuyer Education	Providing homebuyer education training and counseling for first-time homebuyers	We provided homebuyer education to more than 70 potential homebuyers
Madison County Rehabilitation Project	Assisting 30 low income, elderly or disabled homeowners in Madison County with minor home repairs	30 senior citizens homes were winterized, installed with new HVAC systems, new roofs, new flooring, ADA accessible
Ties That Bind – A Digital Inclusion Project	Program to teach basic computer skills to senior citizens and grandparents who are the primary caregiver for their grandchildren	Taught 12 classes at Golden Key Senior Apartments
VOCM Food Pantry	Assisting those experiencing food insecurity with basic food and household items; work in partnership with the Mississippi Food Network	Served more than 700 households experiencing food insecurity

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 Your
 Thanksgiving,
 Christmas &
 New Year
 Be Filled
 With
 Blessings!
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“GRATITUDE IN DIFFICULT TIMES”

“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”
~Meister Eckhart

Gratitude is the cornerstone of the success of the nonprofit community. The nature of nonprofit work is built on the generosity of people who want to make a difference in the world. At Voice of Calvary Ministries, we are grateful that you see your financial gift and prayers as investments in us; and your belief that we positively impact the lives of those we serve.

For the past two to three years, the world has been dealing with so many issues – pandemic, unemployment, inflation, food and basic goods shortages just to name a few. Unfortunately, these challenges have disproportionately impacted persons without means – people of no or low income. We are facing new challenges and dealing with uncertainty on a far more regular basis. When going through difficult times, it is harder to see the good that exists amidst our troubles. It is much more difficult to feel gratitude when we are challenged with relational strife, grief and loss, trauma, abuse, addiction, poverty, and/or alienation.

Gratitude is especially important right now....

All of us could use more gratitude in our lives – both receiving and giving thanks. By being more grateful for what we do have, we can take on a posture of gratitude and perseverance to plow successfully through all the challenges we face. At Voice of Calvary Ministries, we have so much to be grateful for:

- The opportunity to serve others who are less fortunate
- Our devoted donors and supporters
- Continuing the work that was started 47 years ago
- A committed and determined staff
- All our community partners

Gratitude is one of the few things that can change people’s lives in measurable ways. This is evidenced by a recent Parenthood Initiative client.

See next page for Ms. LouNeda Thompson’s Letter of Gratitude

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Hello,

My name is LouNeda Thompson. This letter is to give thanks to VOCM for all the great things they have helped me accomplish. I heard about the ministry while still being in treatment at Harbor House Chemical Dependency Center. Once I graduated from the center I came straight to VOCM to do an intake; from that day forward which was June 13, 2022, Monday through Friday, I went to the program there. Some days I would go there to be there because I didn’t have a job and I felt safe and comfortable just being there.



I was homeless, living in my truck going through a custody battle for my 2-year-old son. I began taking OSHA classes and got certified in OSHA within 1 month. Ms. Yolanda and Ms. RaShundra helped me gain employment at Conceptual Designs as an office assistant. Ms. Margaret and Ms. Barbara helped me with housing at The Vintage Apartments of Ellis – a nice 2-bedroom apartment and I couldn’t feel any happier! Mr. Wansley gave me moral support and motivational words every day that he saw me. VOCM assisted me with getting my vehicle repaired so that I had a way to work. I was also given food boxes, clothes and household items when I first moved into my new apartment – my truck was overflowing from the front seat to the trunk with clothes, dishes, and decorations for my apartment.

But the most heartwarming assistance I received from VOCM was the character letter written on my behalf that helped me regain custody of my son. I’ve been sober for 130 days now and with God and myself putting in the work, VOCM has made it so much easier for me mentally to want to continue on my productive journey. I’m forever grateful for VOCM. Ms. Margaret, Ms. Yolanda, Ms. RaShundra, Ms. Barbara, and Mr. Wansley have played a major role in my new life; before meeting them *I lived to use and used to live*. My life finally has a beautiful, meaningful purpose. I’m glad to have met sponsors who saw things in me that I didn’t see in myself.

Even now, every day I get off or if I’m scheduled off work, I still go by just to take out the trash, sweep, or wipe down to show my gratitude. I always go by because it helps me to remember that God has a plan and purpose for my life. I want to thank the program at VOCM because I have gained so much with being a part of them in the last 3 months that I have ever accomplished in 18 years of active addiction. Thank you VOCM. Keep changing lives one blessing at a time.

LouNeda Thompson

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