

Justin's Story (20-something)

We first met Justin after he spent a few hours at the police station. This was not an ordinary day for Justin. He had lost hope. Upon arrival at the station, officers discovered that Justin had been without food for a while. They proceeded to feed him all they had on hand, which was not much, as they were not expecting a hungry guest. As they listened to his story, they realized his mother had recently died, and he had become homeless. In light of his situation, the officers made arrangements for him to have a bed at the downtown rescue mission. Without a place to sleep at night or food to eat, Justin had become desperate. To fix his situation he decided that his only chance of survival was to commit a crime so that he could acquire adequate sleeping arrangements with 3 square meals: Jail. The CARE Center is grateful for the partnership we have with the New Hope police department. After Justin arrived on our stoop that day, we were able to feed him a hot meal before delivering him safely to the mission. It is our prayer that we will meet with him again to ensure that he continues to find resources that will make a difference. Below is the voice mail call we received about a week after we met him:

"I just wanted to call and talk to you and let you know I am doing good. I am fixin' to start a job pretty soon, it's in construction. I appreciate all of your help. Thanks so much, it was a blessing."

We continue to pray for Justin as we have no way of reaching him. If it is God's will, we know that we will meet again. Hopefully the circumstances will be much different. As believers, we know that this is what we are called to do, stand in the gap for others like Justin as together we can become a Partner in Hope.