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**121-Year-Old Goodwill Rescue Mission Launches Its First Women's Shelter
to Meet Critical Needs Before Winter**

NEW YORK – On Saturday, September 23 from 10:00–11:00am, at 79 University Avenue in Newark, NJ, Goodwill Rescue Mission will celebrate the opening of its brand new women's shelter to meet the critical needs of homeless and vulnerable women in Northern New Jersey. Before the dangerous winter months, the new shelter will offer a dignified, caring and safe place for up to 14 women to stay as they assess their options for long-term care.

Goodwill Rescue Mission will meet guests' immediate needs at no cost, while connecting women with resources that will help them take the next step towards independent living.

Every night, more than 2,000 individuals in Essex County are homeless for reasons ranging from systemic poverty to trauma, addiction and abuse. 24% of these women, children and men reside in Essex County, making it the number one county in New Jersey suffering from homelessness.

"We are grateful to generous donors, congregations and corporate partners who have helped us meet the rising need and fill a critical gap in our care of women who are homeless," said David P. Jones, President & CEO. "Our shelter opens at a critical time as temperatures turn colder, and will remain open year-round to serve women."

The Goodwill Rescue Mission's women's and men's shelters are currently the only shelters in Newark open to individuals who do not have identification or who are ineligible for government reimbursement for their stay.

About Goodwill Rescue Mission

Founded in 1896, Goodwill Rescue has served those experiencing homelessness, hunger and poverty in Newark and Northern, New Jersey. Men, women and children find food and shelter and are restored to a life of dignity and hope. Last year, Goodwill Rescue Mission served more than 88,900 hot meals to hungry men, women and children, provided 22,200 nights of shelter to individuals in crisis, and through the Goodwill Rescue Mission thrift store, provided 3,900 pieces of affordable clothing to hundreds of Newark residents. United since 2016 with The Bowery Mission, Goodwill Rescue Mission's continuum of care extends through the residential recovery programs for men and women at The Bowery Mission. Last year, The Bowery Mission provided more than 505,000 meals to men, women and children, 97,300 nights of shelter and 56,200 articles of clothing, as well as showers, haircuts, and expert medical and optometric care. For more information on Goodwill Rescue Mission, visit www.grmnewark.org