

# The HEART of TEXAS

A newsletter of Dallas LIFE



**DALLAS LIFE**  
HOMELESS RECOVERY CENTER

SUMMER 2022

## LERAY IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given  
him new life!



**DON'T MISS...**

**2** Congratulations,  
Graduates!

**3** "I'm looking forward to  
what the future holds."

**4** Take Our  
Virtual Tour

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Lera had a dream that he had nurtured since childhood. But after a tragic accident, he knew he never could achieve his life-long goal. Disheartened and bitter, he found himself drifting, with no sense of direction, and adopting destructive habits including alcohol and drug use.

As his life slowly spiraled downhill, he was in and out of jail and couldn’t hold a job. “I was unemployed for a good amount of time due to laziness and my criminal record,” he says.

Eventually he found himself homeless, staying with anyone who agreed to take him in. When he finally ran out of options – and his family could no longer help him – he came to Dallas LIFE.

“I just wanted shelter, really,” he says. But soon, through our Homeless No More Program, he found we offered so much more.

“THEY HAVE REALLY STARTED TO MOTIVATE ME, ENCOURAGING ME...  
THEY’RE THE LIGHT AT MY FEET IN THE DARKNESS.”

With compassionate counseling and guidance, Lera identified unresolved issues in his life and began to heal emotionally. Through his workforce development task as a security monitor in our shelter, he regained a sense of direction and purpose.

As he opened his mind to new possibilities, he rekindled a passion for cooking, which replaced his shattered childhood dream. Now he hopes to go to culinary school, receive mentoring and tutelage from a chef, and one day have his own food truck.

“Dallas LIFE has given me a chance to take a look at myself, and I’ve found I have more positives than negatives,” he says. “I’m really going to try to make something of myself.”

**Lera is grateful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you who’ve given him peace and hope for the future.** “Dallas LIFE has shown me that I’m worth something. I have something to provide in this life and to the world.”

*“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”*

– 1 John 4:11, NIV



A Message from  
REV. BOB SWEENEY

## Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? Clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At Dallas LIFE, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in Dallas. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities.

***That's why I'm grateful we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!***

I know you won't let these precious men, women, veterans and families be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Sweeney'.

Rev. Bob Sweeney  
Executive Director



On February 21, we honored four individuals who had completed Dallas LIFE's 10-month accountability-based Homeless No More Program. The graduation ceremony was complete with caps and gowns. We're so very proud of these men and women for their hard work and commitment to their own recovery. They'll be grateful for your ongoing prayers as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

Now they will never be  
homeless again!





# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.50!

## SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



98,000 meals



34,300 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of counseling & education



life-transforming decisions for Christ



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER... PLEASE HELP TODAY!**

**Give now! [dallaslife.org](http://dallaslife.org)**

*Support our Summer Campaign now!*

THESE

*"Summer 6"*

CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our ministry's guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

1. Bottled water
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Deodorant
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. High-efficiency laundry soap

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to Dallas LIFE at 1100 Cadiz Street, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thank you for caring for Dallas LIFE guests during the summer season!

## See Your Love

### **IN ACTION** on Our Virtual Tour

The remodel of Dallas LIFE's campus and facilities is now complete, including our intake lobby, Chapel and Counseling Suites and the addition of our new Child Development Center. We hope you'll take a few minutes for a virtual tour to see all the amazing changes, as well as our ribbon-cutting ceremony. Just go to **[dallaslife.org](http://dallaslife.org)** and click on "TAKE THE TOUR."

We so appreciate your continued support, which is giving individuals and families experiencing homelessness a new beginning!

