

***Partnering with the community to serve those who are in crisis to restore them to freedom and purpose through the transforming power of the Gospel.***

**New Guests Preparing for Panel choose to**

* Work to confirm our identity
* Complete daily chores to include cleaning your personal space.
* Attend classes and complete WorkStart assignments to prepare for Panel at the end of your two-week stay.
* Attend small groups, chapel, work, or other events as directed by staff.
* Be drug and alcohol free.
* Fill out application for Life Change program.

**We are People Who:**

* Actively pursue personal and spiritual growth. We choose to risk losing friends, habits, and familiar things to pursue the things of God.
* Choose honesty and authenticity.
* Choose to use kind words instead of insults. We do not spread gossip; we want to make peace and address conflict with wisdom.
* Choose to be forgiven, so we can forgive others.
* Choose to remain calm when we would rather be angry.
* Choose to take responsibility for our actions. We evaluate our behaviors and choices often. Our goal is to be like Christ.
* Choose to use our time at GRM to build a foundation worthy of God’s plan for my future.
* Choose to be comforting and compassionate to others and respectful of others’ property.
* Choose to withhold public displays of affection on site regardless of marital status.
* Accept that our value is in Christ, not in things of the world. Because we are all God’s beloved children, we treat everyone as equals.

**We Choose to be a Good Neighbor**

* GRM is a tobacco, dip, vape-free campus. If we choose to use these items, we will do so at least two blocks away from GRM.
* We choose to respect GRM neighbors by not loitering in front of houses and businesses in the neighborhood.

**We Choose Safety:**

* **Confidentiality:** we do not talk about other guests to anyone. This includes outside professionals who come to the mission. We will direct any questions to staff.
* We choose to report all emergencies or incidents to staff immediately. GRM is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
* We choose to not invite or bring anyone not staying at the mission on site.
* Choose to comply with GRM’s 9pm Curfew or make arrangements for an exception with GRM paid staff.

**We Choose Good Health**

* Practice good hygiene; shower, wash hands, and launder bedding regularly.
* Alert staff to any contagious conditions and comply with quarantine guidelines.
* NO OUTSIDE FOOD in the building. Drinks are allowed in a container with a secure lid. In the event of a spill, we will clean up after ourselves We will never bring liquids near electronics.

**We choose to have a Peaceful Community**

* We choose to not touch or borrow other guests’ belongings.
* We choose to stay out of other guests’ dorms and only sit or lie on our own bed.
* We choose to dress modestly.
* We choose to respect quiet time from 10:15 pm-6am.
* If we are here as a parent or if we are the caretaker for a service/therapy animal, we will choose to be gentle in our correction when disciplining them. Our children or animals are our responsibility; they will be in our supervision at all times.

**For the safety of our shelter guests, anyone choosing the following are choosing to leave immediately,**

 **no exceptions.**

* **Use or possessions of drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol**
* **Illegal activity**
* **Any behavior that presents a safety hazard to other guests and staff**
* **Assault**
* **Threatening behavior (physical acts, verbal threats, harassment or racist remarks)**
* **Possession of weapons**

**We Choose to thoughtfully consider our exit from the GRM Program understanding that:**

* **We must be out for a minimum of 30 days.**
* **Our mail will be returned to sender each week on Wednesdays.**
* **Our belongings left at the Gospel Rescue Mission will be considered a donation after 48 hours unless we make arrangements with GRM staff.**
* **We may not be permitted to return to the program without meeting with staff first.**
* **If we choose to require law enforcement to aid in our exit, we understand that we will be required to meet with the Chief of Operations before reentry can be considered.**

I have read the guidelines and I give my word that I will follow them during my stay at the Gospel Rescue Mission.

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Printed Name

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Signed Name and Date