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RECOVERING ADDICT TO RUN FOR PURPOSE IN PIG

CINCINNATI (April 28, 2008) — Clyde Robinson says he feels free when he's running. He prays almost non-stop during his two two-mile runs each day through Over-the-Rhine, thanking God for removing him from a destructive lifestyle.

"I'm lucky to run one mile after all the cocaine and weed I did," says Robinson, 48, of Avondale. "The drugs put a lot of wear and tear on your body."

Robinson will participate on City Gospel Mission's relay team in the Flying Pig Marathon on Sunday, helping raise awareness for the homeless and for fellow recovering addicts.

Robinson currently is a participant in City Gospel Mission's men's recovery program, Exodus. He says he has been in and out of several recovery programs over the past eight years, and his five months in Exodus is the longest he's stuck with a program. Robinson wants to run his own men's recovery program when he graduates from Exodus, and he views his participation in the Flying Pig as a way to help men similar to himself.

"That pushes me," Robinson says. "It's not for myself."

Robinson says he started drinking at 12, and experimented with marijuana in high school. He went to the University of Cincinnati for one year, then went on to get married and raise a family and work for some large Cincinnati-based companies. But his drug use got worse. Still, Robinson has remained married for 25 years and has been involved in his three children's lives. His son, Clyde, was a star football player at Hughes and now is a wide receiver for the Mercyhurst (Pa.) College football team.

"I've been out there in the war," Robinson says. "I'm lucky to be alive."

City Gospel Mission is located at 1419 Elm Street in Over-the-Rhine. Since 1924, CGM has served hurting, needy and homeless people by providing help and hope through a variety of programs and services that are designed to meet physical, spiritual and emotional needs. Exodus is a residential recovery program, specializing in stabilization, holistic assessment and basic training for men in need of renewing their hope and rebuilding their lives.

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