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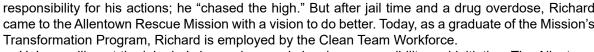
## Allentown Rescue Mission Christmas Card Winner Revealed

By Stefanie Appel

ALLENTOWN, PA – The Allentown Rescue Mission is thrilled to announce the winner of its Christmas in July holiday card contest, Richard G. Richard's moonlit forest scene topped eight paintings in a competitive race for the honor of becoming the Allentown Rescue Mission's 2025 Christmas card picture.

All the paintings were created in the Mission's Therapeutic Art Class by men in crisis who are residing at the Mission. As the winner, Richard will be highlighted on the card with his painting, and he will receive a gift card for a local eatery. "I'm 53 years old and this is the first time in my life that I won something, and it's so huge that it will be shared with the world for Christmas. I will cherish this moment for the rest of my life.

Thank you. It's an honor and a privilege," Richard jubilantly stated. Richard grew up in an intact, Christian family but began rebelling at the age of eleven. For four decades, he didn't take



He's excelling at the jobs he's been given and showing responsibility and initiative. The Allentown Rescue Mission thanks all the guests who participated in the contest. The contest and Christmas card would not be possible without their willingness to take a risk and put their talents in the public eye.



By IHMM

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