

October Employee of the Month

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(ALLENTOWN, PA) – The Clean Team Workforce announces its Employee of the Month for October, Robert L. Robert L. can't remember a time when he didn't feel emotional stress. Both of his parents were alcoholics and neglected him. At a young age, Robert lost his brother in a car accident. To deal with the pain, he turned to drinking and smoking weed. Then after his mom passed away in 2021, Robert elevated his drug use to methamphetamines.

With nowhere to go and no one to turn to, he came to the Allentown Rescue Mission after a nearly fatal overdose while living in a tent. He resided in the Emergency Shelter

for three weeks but was referred to a drug rehabilitation facility. After his rehab, Robert returned to the Allentown Rescue Mission and enrolled in the Transformation Program.

During his time in the eight-week Transformation Program, Robert enjoyed learning about the Bible, going to church, and being close to God. He said, "The program changed my life," and believes that he is now truly saved.

Upon graduation, Robert joined the Clean Team Workforce and immediately demonstrated his value as a hard worker who cares about getting the job done right. He quickly rose in rank, being promoted to a driver and crew leader. "I enjoy the responsibility I've been given as a leader and driver," Robert voiced.

He also stated that he feels appreciated by Clean Team Workforce customers and is grateful for this opportunity. Robert would like to obtain his forklift operator certification with the financial help of the Allentown Rescue Mission's education scholarship fund and ultimately find a warehouse job in the Lehigh Valley. Meanwhile, he continues to save money working for the Clean Team Workforce and is reconnecting with his son. They spend time together on the weekends and their relationship is "stronger than it's ever been before." Congratulations, Robert.



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