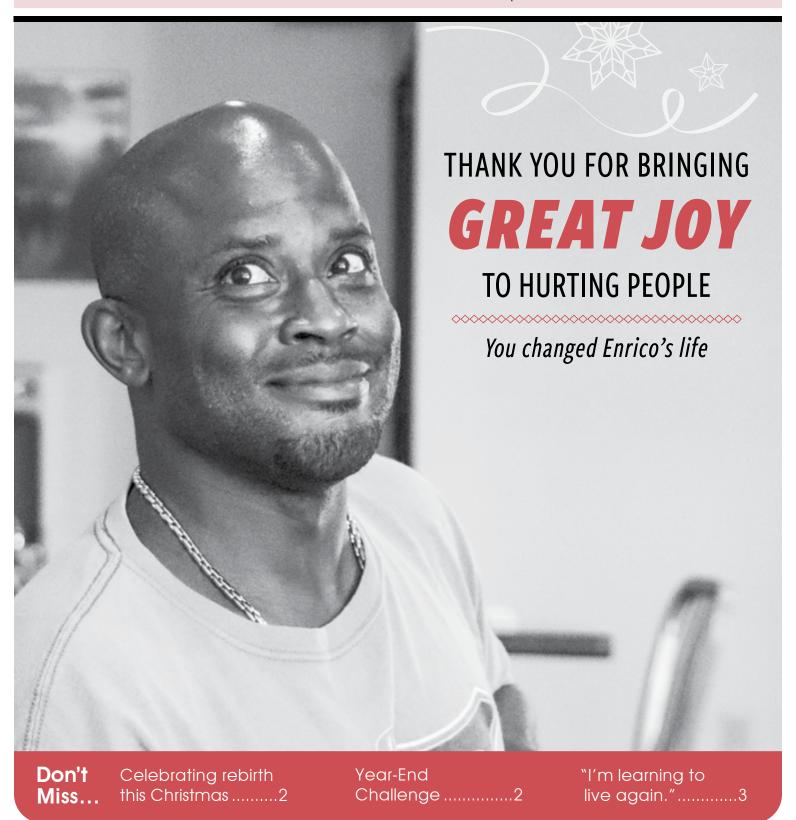
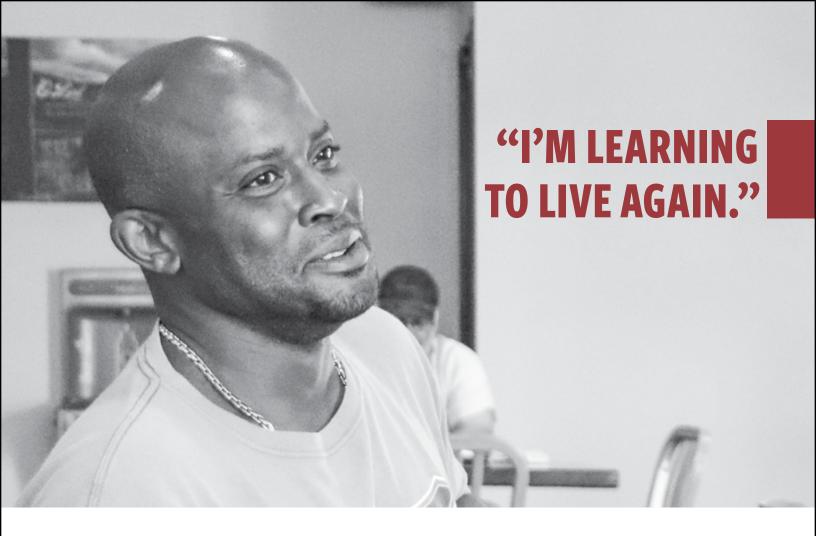
Holiday 2020

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nrico bitterly regrets trying alcohol at age 14.

"I hung around the wrong types of people, trying to fit in. Whatever the group was doing, I did. It just took hold of me more than the others."

Enrico had other close family members who suffered from

I didn't have anywhere to go."

The day he walked into your Evansville Rescue Mission, everything changed for Enrico.

"Coming here was when I realized I needed to change," he says, smiling. "The Mission took me in and gave me hope for the future."

In our care, Enrico is learning

encouragement of those he has met here, and their belief in him.

Enrico has also recommitted his life to Christ. "Spiritually, I was broken. I had lost all hope. Now I read my Bible, meditate, and pray for direction."

He works in our kitchen and is repairing relationships with his

# "I HAD A LOT OF RESENTMENT TOWARD PEOPLE AND GOD. NOW I REALIZE I WAS JUST MAD AT MYSELF."

alcohol addiction, and he fell into the same vicious cycle. He had trouble keeping jobs, his marriage was short-lived, drinking strained his relationship with his son, and he spent time homeless on the streets. After years of struggle, he finally hit rock bottom.

"My mom wouldn't talk to me. I couldn't see my son. I used to stay in garages and abandoned houses.

what it's like to be clean and sober. "I didn't know how to enjoy life without being under the influence. It's like I'm learning how to live again.... figuring out who I am."

Through our P.A.C.E.S. (**P**urpose, **A**ccountability, **C**hrist, **E**ducation, **S**ervice) discipleship program, he is building a strong foundation for his life. He is thankful for the support and

family. He still has a long way to go, but he knows the Lord will be with him every step of the way.

This year, Enrico will be celebrating Christmas as a new creation, filled with the great joy of God's love. "Everybody needs a chance. Evansville Rescue Mission helps people who are broken and shattered. They've given me something to believe in."

## A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

# Celebrating rebirth this

### Christmas

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of your Evansville Rescue Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.** 

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives our community's less fortunate the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose, and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



Tracy J. Gorman President/CEO

## It Starts With You...

### You make transformation possible!

This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in our Tri-State area who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love

Just \$2.93 provides a meal and care for one neighbor... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

#### Please Send Your Gift Today!







**\$23.26** for 1 night of safe shelter







A new life healed by God's LOVE

READ ENRICO'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

# YOUR GIFT TODAY... II = II II GOES TWICE AS FAR!

### **DEADLINE TO GIVE: DEC 31**

Great news! Any gift you make will be matched through the \$20,000 challenge grant from a group of donors to become \$40,000 to provide food, shelter, and care! This is truly a double blessing.

Your year-end gift will provide **twice the hope** for your neighbors who are struggling to get back on their feet after the pandemic!

- Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.
- Give online anytime at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.

THANK YOU
for blessing
others through
this year-end
challenge!



# Give 2X the *Hope* on GI**≫ING** TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 1

**Giving Tuesday** is the perfect time to give back... and a generous **\$20,000 Matching Challenge** makes this day even more powerful! During this special day of giving, your dollars will double to provide 2X the basic essentials and life-transforming guidance for your hurting neighbors.

This is the perfect time to join together to help people in your local community – especially those who are still trying to rebuild their lives after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Why Wait? Celebrate GIVING TUESDAY Now.

Thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.

### Share your Blessings this Christmas

### **FILL THE TABLES**



Donate these foods for the thousands of meals we'll serve throughout the holiday season. Please deliver them to **500 East** 

Walnut Street in Evansville.

turkeys & hams \* boxes of stuffing \* bags of potatoes \* canned fruits and vegetables coffee, creamer & sugar





### GIVE GIFT CARDS



Gift cards to these merchants allow us to purchase holiday gifts and year-round necessities for our guests. Simply mail or deliver them to **500 East Walnut Street in Evansville.** 

Walmart \* Target \* Dollar General \* Schnucks \* Meijer

### **MEET URGENT NEEDS**



These items are a vital part of your Mission's everyday operations and the comfort of our guests. Please drop off your donations at **500 East Walnut Street in Evansville, hours**.

garbage bags \* paper towels & toilet paper \* laundry detergent disposable "to go" containers for meals

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Tracy, please use my Christmas gift to bless our community's less fortunate who have had such a challenging year:	_
<ul> <li>\$20.51 to feed &amp; care for 7 people</li> <li>\$52.74 to feed &amp; care for 18 people</li> <li>\$76.18 to feed &amp; care for 26 people</li> <li>\$87.90 to feed &amp; care for 30 people</li> <li>helps!</li> <li>\$ to help as much as possible</li> <li>Plus, my Challenge gift to provide double the help: \$</li> </ul>	
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