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MARK IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given him new life!

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Mark walked along the streets of Evansville, homeless, filled with uncertainty and fear, grieving that his life had come to this.

He'd been a hard-working, selfreliant man. Then he fell seriously ill and had to be hospitalized. He lost everything and, when he was discharged, he had nowhere to go. "I was just walking around not knowing what to do," he says. "Finally, I got on my knees and prayed. I said, 'I need help' and God led me here."

When Mark arrived at our Residence Center, our compassionate staff welcomed him with open arms, a warm bed, and nutritious meals. Then he met with a Case Manager and, together, they assessed his goals. A closer relationship with the Lord. Healing of Mark's self-esteem. A good job, leading to self-reliance.

For Mark, the answer to reaching his goals was clear – the Vocational Track of our P.A.C.E.S. (**P**urpose, **A**ccountability, **C**hrist, **E**ducation,

Service) Program. Through Bible studies, chapel services, and faithbased classes, Mark has drawn close to the Lord. "My connection with God is stronger than ever. I've learned to love Him with all my heart, mind, and soul."

He's also learned to love his neighbor. "As soon as anybody walks in the Mission, they're like a brother to me. If they need a friendly chat or a hand, I'll talk with them and do what I can."

GOD IS IN THIS PLACE.

Meanwhile, Mark has found a job at Western Green, is saving 60% of his income, and is looking forward to moving into his own place after he

completes the program. "I have self-esteem again," he says.

Mark is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future. "Before I came to the Mission, I was lost. I felt like a lamb that couldn't find the Shepherd. But the Mission brought me close to Christ. I'm in His care now and He's got me on the right path."

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR! It starts with a meal for \$2.93!





"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." - 1 John 4:11, NIV

A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At your Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in our Tri-State area. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious neighbors be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting – we need it!

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Tracy Gorman President/CEO

Make This the Summer YOU Make a Difference!

The ministry of your Evansville Rescue Mission simply wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our faithful volunteers. This summer, we are looking for caring, compassionate friends to lend a hand in the following areas:

- Serve an evening meal
- Organize a collection drive for food or other supplies
- Work in the office
- Preach or sing at a chapel service
- Help tutor people
- Plus other opportunities to serve!

For more information about how your family, church group, coworkers, or organization can help, please contact Taylor Humphrey at **taylor.humphrey@ermstaff.org** or check out upcoming volunteer opportunities online at **EvansvilleRescueMission.org.**

> Thank you for choosing to love your neighbor by volunteering!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:







hundreds of

hygiene items

46,497 meals

13,362 beds



countless hours of counseling & education



life-transforming decisions for Christ



DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SVMMER... PLEASE HELP TODAY!

Give now! <u>EvansvilleRescueMission.org</u> Support our Summer Campaign now!

How can you shop and strengthen our community?

Your support of the **ERM Thrift Store** helps your neighbors who are struggling. Look at how you help change lives at this one store:

- You can donate clothes or household items you no longer need.
- Guests in our P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education, Service) program learn on-the-job training and employment skills.
- Our neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from the Thrift Store support your Mission's life-changing programs and services.
 Everyone benefits!

To donate items and shop with us, simply visit 1107 Washington Sq. in the Washington Square Mall, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Please contact us at

(812) 421-3800 or Info@ERMstaff.org for more information. Thank you for supporting our ERM Thrift Store!



Leave a Legacy of Blessing

You care about the hopeless and hurting, the lost and broken. It's evident in the way you live your life and share your blessings.

Do you want to continue ministering to those in need beyond your lifetime? When you remember your Evansville Rescue Mission in your will or estate plans, you ensure that your legacy of generosity will continue for years to come.

To learn more about ways you can leave a legacy of blessing, please contact Tori, Director of Donor Relations at **tori@ermstaff.org** or **(812) 962-6708.**

Thank you!