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evin was working as an electrician when his ladder broke. His spine was severely damaged from the fall, leading to nearly a dozen surgeries and countless pain pills.

"In my mind, it wasn't a big deal because the doctor had written prescriptions," Kevin says. "But for years, when I tried to stop using the pills, it overwhelmed me every time."

Kevin's drug use led to problems keeping a job and maintaining relationships.

"After a while, the drugs rewire your brain completely. I wasn't very nice when I was addicted, so when my marriages failed, it was all my fault. I was mean and aggressive to people I loved."

Even though Kevin finally got clean after his second divorce, he says, "There was still something missing in my life." That's when he heard about your ERM's P.A.C.E.S. long-term restoration program.

The day he came to your Evansville Rescue Mission, everything changed for Kevin.

"Religion was never at the top of my list," he says, smiling. "But the Mission helped me understand it's accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior that's important."

In his second month at your Mission, Kevin accepted Jesus into his heart. The peace he felt was immediate.

"God changed me and showed me there's more to life than material things. Now I know every decision I make has to be interwoven with Christ in there."

As his body recovered from drug use, the routine of classes and daily Bible study here at your Mission has helped Kevin start healing emotionally too, and given him hope for the future. He now works in our Youth Care Center in security and hopes to find a place of his own after graduation.

It's what's in your heart, how you treat people, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior that's important in this world.

Kevin had been disowned by his family for the mistakes he made while struggling with addiction, but he prays for reconciliation one day. He knows that all things are possible through Christ.

Because you gave from your heart to help Kevin, his life has been changed by your goodness and God's love forever! "I've started to heal emotionally, and it's going to be an ongoing process the rest of my life. Now I ask, what would Jesus do?" A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

Give Where You Live... to Meet Our Summer Challenge

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July, and August cost \$136,236 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for faith-based recovery and practical guidance that empowers our guests to change their lives.

We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers, and compassion now more than ever.

Please give where you live to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to your Evansville Rescue Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially

in times like these.



Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer your gift today helps provide...



- Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ☐ Give online anytime at **EvansvilleRescueMission.org.**

This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!

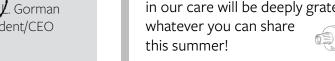


PLEASE HELP WITH OUR

SUMMER

Our "Summer Six" are essential items in high demand for your Mission guests all season long. Please deliver your donations to 500 East Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those in our care will be deeply grateful for whatever you can share

- 1. Bottled water
- 2. Hand sanitizer
- 3. Deodorant
- 4. Razors
- 5. Shaving cream
- 6. Flip flops/shower shoes



Pledge to Give Monthly at This Critical Time

Our **Faithful Friends Club** provides the funds we rely on to feed, shelter, and care for our most vulnerable neighbors. Their giving is consistent every month... and that's especially crucial when we're facing a crisis like COVID-19.

Giving monthly is the best way to ensure we can meet emergencies head-on today, as well as confront the challenges that will endanger those in need tomorrow.

Please prayerfully consider joining this vital group! Your monthly commitment will secure an ongoing foundation of support for struggling individuals and families who need assistance with daily essentials, as well as tools to rebuild their lives.

SIGN UP NOW!

Visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.





Your monthly gift of \$30 provides
no meals and care





Let Your LEGACY Live On

If you're like many Americans, you have no current will or estate plan. Being unprepared could mean losing control of what happens to your assets.

Make sure your resources are passed on to the people and causes you believe in. We'd love to help you! Contact us today for helpful, current advice and guidance in planning your legacy... and gaining peace of mind.

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