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# BILL WANTS TO

Bill's heart is full of thanksgiving because of God's love & your generosity!

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Thanksgiving Season Needs ......4 NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, God doesn't give up on you.

B ill grew up in a dysfunctional family, and he thought that was how love should be. "I decided no woman was going to treat me the way my mom treated my dad. I had trouble with women because I put up the defense mode... I wasn't going to let anybody into my circle."

Bill thought he was doing just fine until he underwent open heart surgery. He became addicted to pain pills during his recovery, and his life went into a downward spiral for the next two years. His addiction destroyed his relationship with the woman he loved, burned bridges with family members, and caused him to lose everything – including his home.

Then Bill came to your Evansville Rescue Mission, and God healed his heart and his life.

"At the Mission, I got hope and faith back. I learned God never walks away; a person walks away from Him. But He still loves you and forgives. Now that I'm in God's hands, things are working."

Bill entered your ERM's P.A.C.E.S. (**P**urpose, **A**ccountability, **C**hrist, **E**ducation, **S**ervice) long-term residential program, and he grew stronger in faith through Bible-based classes.

"I grew and got my faith back through chapels and hearing the different speakers. They showed me how to be independent, how to save money, and how to budget my life. I just opened my heart and let God fill it with the right stuff."

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Today, Bill has graduated from the program and lives in our transitional housing while he works on staff as the building manager and head of housekeeping at your Mission. He is reconciling with family members and grateful for each new day.

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I looked up to the sky and said, 'Boss man, my way ain't working. I'm putting my life in Your hands.'

Because of your generosity, Bill's heart has been filled with thanksgiving... and God's love! "The Mission saved my life. I beat my addictions and now I see a future ahead of me. God guides you and sets a path for you, then it's up to you to follow it."



YOU can make a difference in the lives of homeless and hungry neighbors. By giving today, **you'll help us prepare for some of the 68,750 meals we'll serve** from now until Thanksgiving Day.

#### LOOK AT WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE!

and often



for 1 hot meal



**\$23.26** for 1 night of safe shelter leads to 7 P A chance to share GOD'S LIFE-CHANGING

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Please share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2019 Thanksgiving Campaign gift now**. Our hurting neighbors will find the help and hope they need for a new beginning in their lives!

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Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Give online anytime at **EvansvilleRescueMission.org.** 

### **THANK YOU** AGAIN FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON.

#### A MESSAGE FROM TRACY L. GORMAN

# My heart of Thanksgiving for you!

Each time I think of you, my heart overflows with thanksgiving. Your generosity to our less fortunate neighbors reminds me of the story of the Good Samaritan. During his journey, he stopped to help a man beaten and left for dead by robbers on the road – a victim others had walked right by.

Jesus then asks a simple question:

"Which... was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36 & 37, NIV)

Many who come to your Mission have been beaten down by life... they long for a Good Samaritan to reach out and help them. This Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to take Jesus' challenge! The nourishing meals and safe shelter that your gifts provide are simple ways to give them a hand up.

I want to thank you for showing mercy to our neighbors who others often pass by. Your compassion helps our hurting guests recover and heal, and often opens their hearts to God's love today... and a transformed life forever!



TracyL. Gorman President/CEO

# Your HEART OF THANKSGIVING today, tomorrow, & beyond



Do you want to minister to those in need far beyond your lifetime? If so, we have many wonderful giving options that allow you to make a positive impact in hurting and homeless lives today, tomorrow, and beyond!



To learn more, please contact Adam Roth about remembering your Mission in your will or estate plan. Call: (812) 421-3800, ext. 1207 Email: adam.roth@ermstaff.org

# ->>> Thanksgiving Season Needs week

Please bless our homeless and hungry neighbors with a special Thanksgiving by donating any of these food items.



10-13 lb. frozen turkeys 5 lb. bagged potatoes 5 lb. bagged onions Fresh celery

14 oz. cans of green beans, corn, peas, cranberry sauce,

yams, & chicken

broth

Cornbread mix Macaroni & Cheese Stuffing mix Cake mix (no icing)

Drop off your donations at 500 East Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713.

## **BE A VOLUNTEER.**

With thousands of guests to serve this fall, we really need YOUR help!

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