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MICHAEL IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!



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“The Mission gave me EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO GET BACK ON MY FEET.”

Michael was just 11 years old when his father died, leaving him overwhelmed with grief. But his mother was in prison and there was no one to help him cope with his pain. “I was so sad and I started drinking.”

He went to live with his grandmother, but she didn’t know how to help him, and Michael continued numbing his pain. “I was an alcoholic by the age of 15,” he says.

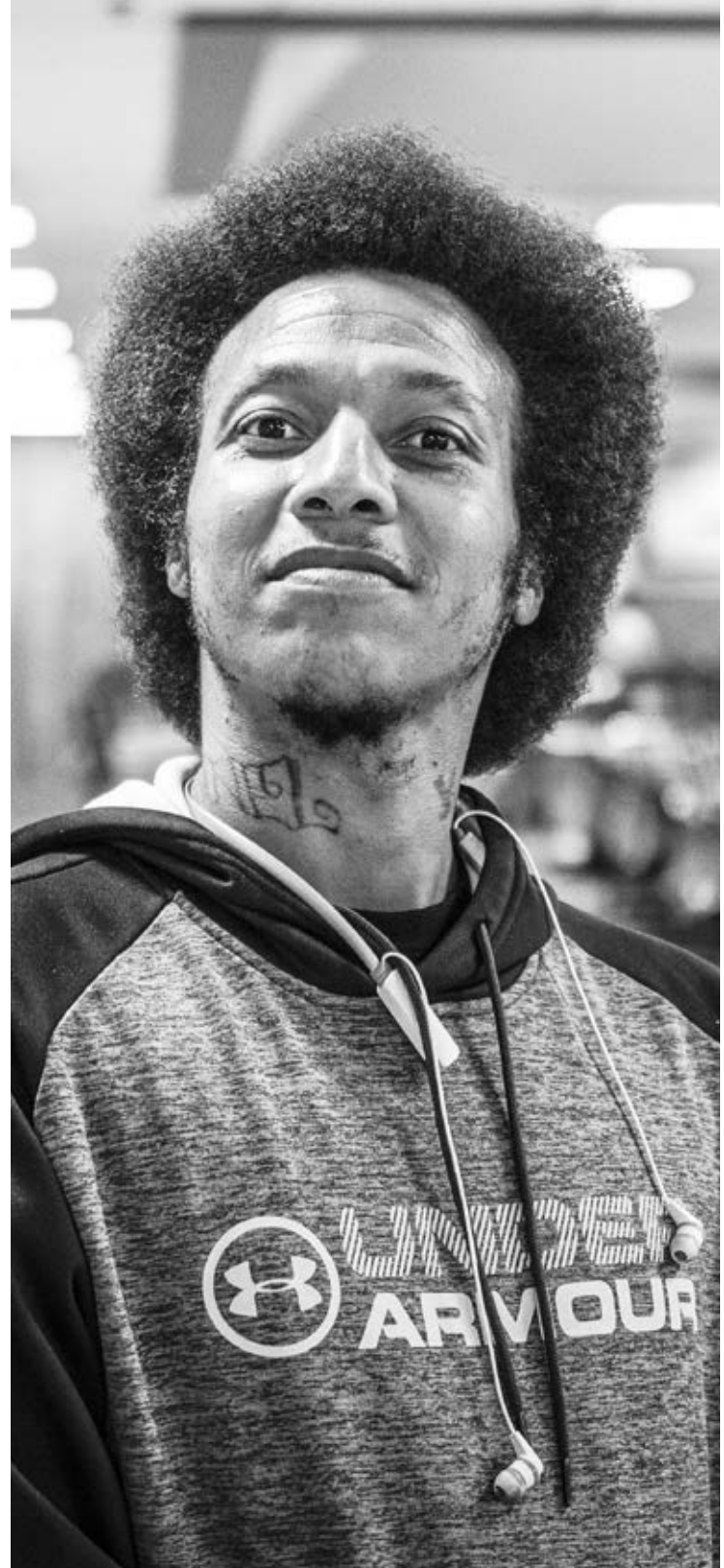
For the next 20 years, he struggled with an alcohol and drug addiction that destroyed his family and cost him custody of his children. Eventually, he wound up homeless, malnourished, and suffering from substance-induced psychosis. “I was hallucinating that people were chasing me. It was really bad.”

He wanted a different life, but he didn’t know how to find it on his own, so he turned to your Mission for help. Through our Residence Center, Michael found safe shelter, nutritious meals, and access to health care, which have helped him grow physically strong. “I was 116 pounds when I came in and now I’m 156 and feeling healthy.”

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Now, I feel closer to Jesus and
confident in myself.”

Meanwhile, Michael’s case manager has helped him identify and address his biggest obstacles to successful, independent living. Through mental health care, he’s processed his grief and found emotional stability. And our faith-based classes have helped him strengthen his faith and develop healthy coping skills. “I’ve been sober for eight months and I have no desire to use or drink anymore,” he says.

He already has a job lined up, and we’re helping him get a driver’s license and find affordable housing. When he’s all settled, he plans to seek custody of his children. For the first time in his life, his future looks bright.



Michael’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life. “The Mission gave me everything I needed to get back on my feet.”

Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food, and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at your Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas, and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Tracy L. Gorman
President/CEO

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

58,750

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.93 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats, & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.**

Read Michael's story – a life you helped change



Find a Bargain Bless a Life!



When you make a donation or shop at The Thrift Store, you're blessing others in so many ways!

Our impoverished neighbors find well-priced necessities. Our program guests receive on-the-job training. And The Thrift Store proceeds support our ministry that saves and transforms lives.

Shop or drop off your donations at 1107 Washington Sq.-Washington Square Mall, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, contact us at ☎ (812) 421-3800 or ✉ Info@ERMstaff.org



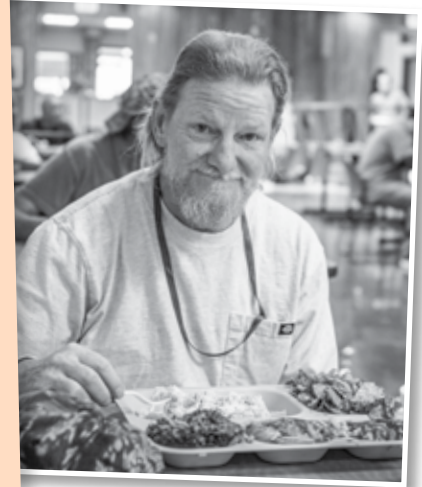
Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically-needed items, then drop them off at **500 E Walnut, Evansville, IN 47713, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

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| Turkeys | Cream of mushroom soup |
| Sweet potatoes or yams | French fried onions |
| Turkey gravy | Potatoes |
| Brown sugar | Pumpkin pie |
| Butter | Cool Whip |
| White onions | |
| Cranberry sauce | |



Thank you for making these meals extra special!

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart for people here at your Mission?
We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!

Or visit EvansvilleRescueMission.org
to find out more or sign up now!

Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: **Taylor Humphrey** at (812) 421-3800, ext. 1205

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