

the REVEALER

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THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Keith* A NEW BEGINNING.



Because of you, he
has joy in his heart
this Easter!



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Breaking Free from the Prophecy



Keith's life has been a long, tragic self-fulfilling prophecy.

"My mom remarried when I was 12," he says. "My new stepdad always said I was stupid and that I'd never amount to anything. From that point on, I hated myself. I didn't do well in junior high or high school. I never fit in anywhere – and I started drinking when I was 15. It just escalated from there."

After high school, Keith left home. After serving in the military, he started drifting, always looking for purpose and somewhere to belong, but drinking always got in the way. In 1997, he finally met the love of his life and settled down. But after she died in 2011, Keith's drinking grew, as he says, "out of control."

When he fell into homelessness, Keith started drifting again, hopeless and alone. He even tried to take his own life.

"I just couldn't take it anymore," Keith recalls. "I swallowed 25 pills, lay down in my truck, and I said, 'God, please forgive me,' and I told my late wife I was sorry. The pills didn't work though, so I tried again less than a month later. I ended up in the hospital in bad shape, but I lived. I never tried it again."

Finally, tired and unable to stop drinking, he turned to your Evansville Rescue Mission.

"I'm 64 and I'd had enough," he explains. "They accepted me into the Oasis Program, and now, I'm going to classes and Bible studies. I was always treated with absolute respect."

**"Now I feel like I have a
purpose."**

Because of the help he received, Keith finally broke free of his stepdad's prophecy.

Now, with Jesus' love in his heart and hope for the future, Keith is grateful for your support this Easter. "Thanks to this Mission, for the first time in my life, I don't hate myself anymore and I feel like I have a purpose. I'm thankful they gave me a new life. I hope the donors continue to support the Evansville Rescue Mission, because there are a lot more people like me who need this place."



A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making our community's less fortunate feel welcome here at your Evansville Rescue Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**


Tracy L. Gorman
President/CEO



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more individuals this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.93 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **[EvansvilleRescueMission.org](https://www.EvansvilleRescueMission.org)**.


Easter 2023
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Life transformation starts with YOU!



18,298 meals
\$2.93 for a meal!



6,317 nights of shelter



35 individuals in our discipleship programs (on average)



400 annual hours of education & counseling

Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!

Play Golf & Help Transform Lives

20TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE



Attention all golfers and all those who care about children growing up in poverty! Once more, we invite you to join with other caring golfers to help send at-risk children from the Tri-State area to our Camp Reveal Free Summer Program.

It's our 20th Annual Golf Scramble on May 1!

The day will be filled with delicious food and fun on the links, all in the company of other friends of your Mission.

Individuals golf for **\$125**, teams of four for **\$500**, and sponsorships start at **\$100**. And whether you golf, volunteer, or sponsor a golfer, you'll be helping raise funds to give children from low-income families an experience they'll always cherish – a summer of exploring, making friends, and trying new things in a beautiful rural setting.

For more information, contact Taylor Humphrey at ☎ **(812) 421-3800, ext. 1205** or ✉ taylor.humphrey@ermstaff.org.

What: 20th Annual Golf Scramble
When: Monday, May 1, 2023
Complimentary Lunch: **10:30 a.m.**
Golf Scramble: **12:00 p.m.**
Where: Rolling Hills Country Club

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV



Ready to Volunteer?

Volunteers are a vital part of achieving our goal: that every man, woman, and child we serve is equipped to be a productive citizen who enjoy lasting success in Christ.

We rely on the community to come alongside us and help us accomplish what God has called us to do. We could not complete this significant work without the energy, enthusiasm, and compassion of our faithful volunteers.

Donating your time to ERM will give you the privilege to demonstrate the unconditional love and acceptance of Jesus to our residents.

For more information about how you can help, please contact Taylor Humphrey at taylor.humphrey@ermstaff.org.

Check out all the ways to volunteer online at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.