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The love YOU share

gives neighbors like David hope for a better life...

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A meal for \$2.93 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:34b-35

A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

Thank you for REMEMBERING your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever...

Between work, family, and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at your Evansville Rescue Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, <u>donations tend to drop off</u>. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help. As we enter our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season to help the individuals in our Tri-State area who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Tracyll. Gorman President/CEO

Celebrating new beginnings... **THANKS TO YOU!**

Join us in celebrating new graduates from our P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education, Service) program!



Months of Christ-centered counseling, classes, and training have brought them here. <u>With your</u> <u>support and God's grace, they have a new</u> <u>life of HOPE</u>.

As graduates rejoin our community, please pray for them. And thank you for your continued support, as new residents start their journeys of transformation.

Learn more about our recovery services for guests at **EvansvilleRescueMission.org.**

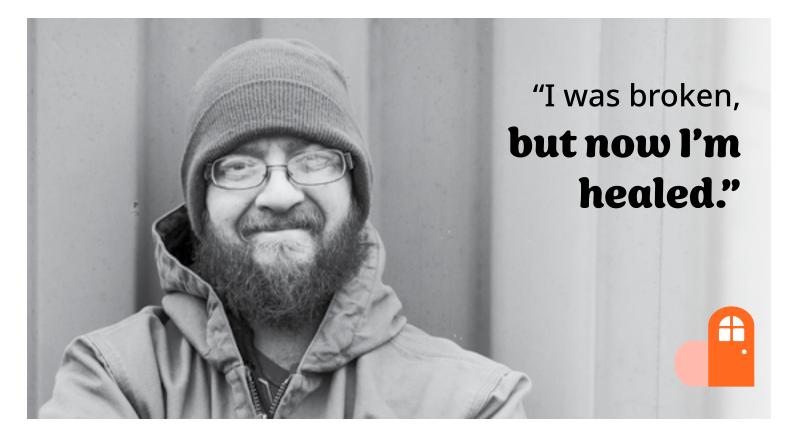
> We are also blessed to celebrate many baptisms! As these residents dedicate or recommit their lives to God, we join them in praising His redeeming work in their lives!

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... thanks to YOU!



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When David was just 15, he witnessed an unimaginable tragedy that changed the course of his life. "My best friend was in a car wreck and died right in front of me. It really messed me up."

He didn't have the skills to cope with his trauma and began self-medicating with drugs and alcohol. For 20 years, David's addiction controlled his life, destroying his self-esteem. Eventually, he wound up in a relationship with an emotionally abusive woman. Then, one day, she turned violent. "She beat me in the head until everything went black," David says.

Thankfully, he regained consciousness, and in that moment, he realized that he was worth more than the life he was living, so he came to your Evansville Rescue Mission. "I told myself, 'This is where I'm going to get my life straight."

Through our P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education, Service) program's Health and Wellness Track, he's done just that. In counseling and life-skills classes, he's healed from his trauma and developed healthy coping skills to manage his PTSD and face whatever life sends his way. "I've never felt this good before," he says.

With his emotions stabilized, David has been able to focus on his spiritual growth through Bible studies, chapel services, and Christian fellowship. "I know that God is on my side and I'm letting Him guide me. My spirituality comes before anything else."

Now, he's developing

"The Mission turned my life around." vocational skills in our Centennial Center coffee shop, and after graduation he plans to serve as an intern, managing the shop. When he's saved enough money, David is looking forward to getting a place of his own and becoming the independent and productive man God intended.

David now has strength for his future because of your heart of compassion for him and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God's love, he has a path forward in life. "I was broken, but now I'm healed."



Keep neighbors SAFE this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers, and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

But our neighbors out on the street have no relief. They're at risk of heat

stroke, dehydration, or even death - especially those who are most vulnerable, like seniors.

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$23.26 provides meals and a night of safe shelter for a quest in need – along with other services like these!



Cool water to drink & nourishing meals

(Socks are our most

requested item!)





Sunscreen & hygiene items

& safe shelter

Refreshing showers

Your gift of

\$23.26 provides 2 meals +

a night of

shelter!

Because of your support, hurting neighbors have everything they need to recover and rebuild at your Evansville Rescue Mission - so they can have healthier, more stable lives!

> To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org/** needslist or scan here!



You're allowing kids to dream again

Childhood is a time of innocence... unfettered hopes and dreams. A healthy childhood is foundational for overall development - physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

Yet children experiencing homelessness are robbed of this time. Without the stability of a safe home, they lose confidence in themselves and lose hope for their future.

Your support of your Evansville



Rescue Mission's Susan H Snyder Center for Women and Children helps protect our youngest, most vulnerable

guests by providing a safe, nurturing environment for children to learn, grow, and thrive. Thanks to friends like you, we provide them with medical care, academic tutoring, and social and spiritual encouragement - along with age-appropriate counseling for those recovering from past trauma.

Thank you for caring for children in our community whose futures are at risk. Together, we're providing child-focused care that restores their innocence and reignites their dreams.



One of the best ways we can help children is by helping their parents! Find out more about how we support families at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.