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A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors your Evansville Rescue Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Lawrence, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help, and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing, and safe shelter... to long-term healing and stability through our

discipleship program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 58,750 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent, and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at your Evansville Rescue Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Tracy L. Gorman, President/CEO

You're invited to our Grand Opening

Please join us as we open the doors of The Susan H. Snyder Center for Women and Children!

When: March 13, 2025

Where: 1400 Professional Blvd., Evansville, IN 47715

Thanks to the faithful support of donors like YOU, we are thrilled to be opening the doors of this beautiful new facility – offering safe living space, protection, recovery, resources, and love for vulnerable women and children.

We will be honored to have you join us as we cut the ribbon and begin this exciting new chapter of bringing God's love and healing to the most vulnerable people in our Tri-State community.



Join Our

2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

58,750

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families.

For just \$2.93, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:


Safe, welcoming shelter


Warm clothing, coats, & shoes


Classes & job training


God's unconditional love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [EvansvilleRescueMission.org](https://www.EvansvilleRescueMission.org).



Scan to see how you can help this fall!

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Lawrence was raised by his grandma until he was 12, but when she died, he was forced to live with his mother. “My mom was an alcoholic,” he remembers, “and my daddy was an addict who wasn’t really in my life.”

Without parental support or encouragement, he turned to drugs and alcohol as a distraction from boredom. “I went from occasional partying to full blown daily addiction... I was out of control. I chose the street and drugs over my family, and it derailed my life.”

His downward spiral of addiction was made worse by an increasingly bad temper that got him into trouble. A violent altercation while under the influence resulted in him being sent to prison for 10 years.

While serving his time, Lawrence began to see he needed a real change in his life. “I came to grips with myself, I realized I wanted to get closer to God, and I committed to making changes.” That commitment led him to your Evansville Rescue Mission.

In our Oasis Program, Lawrence had the support he needed to get clean from his addiction and work on his anger issues. “Controlling my temper has been such a struggle for me in the past, but they’ve helped me overcome my anger.”

His work training on the housekeeping team and the safety and security team has helped prepare him for employment and life after your Evansville Rescue Mission. “The people here gave me the drive to do better and be better. They saw something in me and have stayed beside me to help prepare me for the next step.”

This fall, Lawrence gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life. “I’ve got a roof over my head; I’ve learned how to save money and how to get around; I’ve got people I can talk to and a plan for my future... most of all, I’ve got hope now.”

**“THIS PLACE IS A BLESSING; THEY GAVE ME THE TOOLS
I NEEDED TO CHANGE MY LIFE FOR THE BETTER.”**





Your greatest gift could be your time!

It is only with the care and help of an army of volunteers that your Evansville Rescue Mission is able to serve all those who come to us in need. Ways to help out include:

- **Meal Service:** We serve 3 hot meals a day, 7 days a week, at our Residence Center. These meals are open to our guests and the general public. We're always looking for helping hands to better serve those dining with us.
- **The Thrift Store:** ERM's The Thrift Store in Evansville sells gently used clothing and household items to support our programs. Here, volunteers help sort and tag clothing, and organize the sales floor for our customers.
- **Administrative Offices:** Help with basic clerical work such as stuffing envelopes, sorting mail, making copies, filing and shredding documents, etc. These types of behind-the-scenes tasks help our staff stay on top of administrative responsibilities so we can better serve our guests and our community!

If any of these volunteer opportunities sound like something you might be interested in, please contact ERM's Madison Black to begin the sign-up process!

Email: Madison.Black@ermstaff.org
Phone: (812) 962-6701



HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



Donate essential items!

Help stock our pantry with food items and provide warm clothing for our struggling neighbors. OR... host a donation drive and invite others to collect much needed items for our community.

To see our urgently needed items, visit [EvansvilleRescueMission.org/NeedsList](https://www.EvansvilleRescueMission.org/NeedsList)



Volunteer with us!

Sign up to serve a meal, lead a class, or share an encouraging message at a chapel service. There are many ways you, your family, friends, or church can volunteer with us this fall!

To learn more, visit [EvansvilleRescueMission.org/Volunteer](https://www.EvansvilleRescueMission.org/Volunteer)



Start giving monthly!

Join other generous supporters who give monthly through our Faithful Friends Club! Start giving monthly this fall to provide a steady stream of support for our neighbors during our busiest season.

To learn more, visit [EvansvilleRescueMission.org/GiveMonthly](https://www.EvansvilleRescueMission.org/GiveMonthly)