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REVEALER

# Douglas has a NEW LIFE in Christ this Easter!

Thank you for opening the door to his transformation.



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# I'M NOT LOST ANYMORE.

When Douglas was just 11 years old, he was shocked by the sudden death of a beloved neighbor. "It's a trauma that still affects my life," he recalls. And it was only the beginning.

As a teenager, he lost his uncle and his father as well, leaving emotional scars that never fully healed. "After so many losses, I just felt like the sadness and sorrow would never go away."

Douglas began drinking heavily in an attempt to cope with the deep sadness he felt. **"I thought I could kill the pain with alcohol. I was just trying to escape."** 

His addiction led to pancreatitis and as his life spiraled downward, he found himself without a home and losing all hope. **"I was sleeping outside in the kind of cold that you can feel all the way to your bones."** That was when God led Douglas to your Evansville Rescue Mission.

Walking through the door, Douglas felt the warmth and love of a new home. "Before I got here, I was so lost. But they welcomed me, gave me a bunk, and fed me. I felt like I'd been found."

In our P.A.C.E.S. (**P**urpose, **A**ccountability, **C**hrist, **E**ducation, **S**ervice) Program, Douglas began to heal from the pain that haunted him for years. He found the support of a faith-based community that welcomed him, and he received medical treatment for his pancreatitis. **"I finally have the medication I need to be healthy."** 

He also found renewed purpose and joy, working in housekeeping and settling into the routines of life there. Planning for his future after your Evansville Rescue Mission, Douglas hopes to pursue a new career in cybersecurity.

### "THE EVANSVILLE RESCUE MISSION GAVE ME A HOME AND THE SAFETY I NEEDED."

This Easter, Douglas is experiencing God's gift of new life! Thank you for empowering him to follow Christ's calling in his life. "I was wandering aimless and without hope for so long, and then I came here. I'm no longer alone, and I am so grateful for this place."



#### The Gift of New Life in Christ

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." - 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN



All things <u>new</u>...

People often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry, and struggling with shame. For many, your Evansville Rescue Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that help rebuild their lives!** 

We believe God is "*making all things new*" (Rev. 21:5) for our hurting and homeless neighbors. Whether they come for a meal, a safe place to sleep, or life recovery – your generosity helps transform lives like Douglas', whose story you can read on page 3.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb – a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

**Thank you for believing in our community's less fortunate.** Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!

Tracy L. Gorman President/CEO

## Opening March 2025: The Susan H. Snyder Center for Women and Children

**Please join us in celebrating this joyful occasion** and praising God for the lives that will be changed at this new Center for Women and Children.

Here, the unseen and **vulnerable women and children** of our community will find renewed hope and **a safe place to feel protected and loved as they start over.** 

This brand-new facility will offer 125 women, and their children, the space to recover from homelessness, abuse, and other heartbreaking challenges in their lives. <u>And your support helped</u> <u>make it possible!</u>

Learn more about The Susan H. Snyder Center for Women and Children here!





## This Easter... EVERY MEAL MATTERS

#### Just \$2.93 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at your Evansville Rescue Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care, and healing in our discipleship program!

#### Every meal you provide this Easter matters!

Just \$2.93 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and shares hope for a new life in Christ.

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
 Give online anytime at <u>EvansvilleRescueMission.org</u>.



### **AN EASTER PRAYER**

As struggling people turn to your Evansville Rescue Mission for help, they'll need you in their corner!

# Pray for your neighbors' journey of healing;

Lord, guide my neighbors as they rebuild their lives at the Evansville Rescue Mission.



Help them seek out godly fellowship.

Bless them with safe housing and fruitful work.

Let them feel Your presence and peace daily.

And welcome more of those in need into Your loving care.

Amen.

م Clip this article out and keep it in your Bible or on your fridge as a reminder to pray for struggling neighbors in our community this Easter... and throughout the year!

## HELP HUNGRY NEIGHBORS **THIS EASTER**



### Donate food items for our Easter Celebration! **Sunday, April 20** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You can help provide **thousands of meals** for our hungry neighbors this Easter! Donate these much-needed food items to help welcome our guests with a good meal – and give them hope for a new life.

	EDED ITEMS! ems by Friday, April 18:
⊐ SPIRAL SLICED HAMS ⊐ INSTANT MASHED	POWDERED MILK DESSERTS (homemade or
POTATOES	stove-bought)
🗆 BUTTER	COFFEE COFFEE
CANNED VEGETABLES	🗆 CREAMER

Drop off donations at your Evansville Rescue Mission, 500 East Walnut Street in Evansville.

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