


VISION

Change Lives

FALL 2020

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MISSION



**Pete's heart
is filled with
gratitude for
YOU!**

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compassion and support
changes lives.

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Pete walked down the alley in the darkness, searching for a dumpster where he might find his next meal, grieving that his life had come to this. “For years and years, I’d been using drugs and alcohol. It was a vicious pattern that I couldn’t break,” he says.

His stepfather had been a drinker, and at 13, Pete followed in his footsteps, never dreaming it would set him on a life-long path of self-destruction. “I thought it was normal for me to drink, but it got worse and worse over time.”

For more than 25 years, Pete struggled with his addiction, costing him jobs, destroying his marriage and landing him in trouble with the law. Finally, he wound up homeless, living on the streets, and it was there that the Lord showed him the way to freedom.

“I was digging in a trash can for food and a friend from the church I’d attended walked up to me and said, ‘Have you ever thought about getting help?’ And he brought me to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.”

Pete entered our Transformers Program, where chapel services, Bible studies, counseling and life

skills classes strengthened his faith and taught him a new way to live. “When you’re in your addiction, you become programmed to think the way you’re living is normal, but through the word of God, the Rescue Mission taught me different values.”

“They taught me how to live again.”

Pete graduated from the program and is now on our staff, serving in our Maintenance department, mentoring men who are where he once was. “I caused pain all my life and I want to spend the rest of my life helping others,” he says.

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God’s love! “I’m grateful that God has a purpose for me. Before I came to the Rescue Mission, I was hopeless, but now I’ve been renewed.”

A MESSAGE FROM
LOU CARRICO

*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to Winston-Salem Rescue Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God’s faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving “the least of these.”

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others’ needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you’ll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



Lou Carrico
Interim Executive
Director

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MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our
2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we’ll provide for our hopeless and hurting neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

**faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more!**

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for struggling individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**



Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at wsrescue.org.



Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for your faithful support!

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$2.05
for 1 hot meal

AND



1
night of safe
shelter

CAN LEAD
TO



**Practical guidance
and God’s
life-changing LOVE**

READ PETE'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!



**Your HEART OF THANKSGIVING
Today, Tomorrow & Beyond**



Do you want to minister to those in need beyond your lifetime? If so, we have many wonderful giving options that allow you to make a positive impact in hurting and homeless lives today, tomorrow and beyond!

To learn more, please contact Matt Bohannon about remembering Winston-Salem Rescue Mission in your will or estate plans. Call ☎ **(336) 842-5300** or email ✉ legacy@wsrescue.org.

Thank you!

We Need VOLUNTEERS

Your helping hands and giving hearts will allow us to serve and care for the thousands of people who will turn to us this fall! **You can even volunteer remotely!**



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

Call: **Sandy Carrico** at
(336) 842-5294

Email: volunteer@wsrescue.org
Or visit wsrescue.org to find out more or sign up now!

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

Turkeys

Hams

Stuffing mix

Cream of mushroom soup

Milk

Dinner rolls

Recyclable cups and napkins

Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, onions, potatoes



Drop off your donations at
717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem.

Thank you for helping!

Don't Miss a Single Rescue Mission Moment!

Follow us on social media and sign up for our emails to stay up-to-date on our Thanksgiving activities, urgent needs, special events and how your partnership is transforming lives. Be sure to tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to help this Thanksgiving!

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