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Change Lives

Holiday 2020

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MISSION

Thank you for bringing
GREAT JOY
to hurting people

*You changed
Josh's life*



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this Christmas

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turned my life around."

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“The Rescue Mission turned my life around.”

Josh grew up in a happy, loving home, but he struggled academically and it filled him with shame. “I had too much pride to ask for help. I decided if I couldn’t figure it out for myself, then I’d run from it,” he says.

When he was 15, he began numbing his feelings of shame with alcohol and drugs. “They made me quit thinking about the problem. It was my way to escape.”

For 17 years, Josh struggled with addiction, costing him jobs, alienating his family and leaving him homeless. “My life became unmanageable,” he says. “I finally broke down and accepted that I needed help. I started taking advice.”

On his dad’s recommendation, Josh entered our Transformers Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and Christian counseling led him to an encounter with the Lord. **“I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior,”** he says. “I learned that He’s here to help me and I lean on Him more and more each day.”

Through our program’s Giant Killers component, Josh has also addressed the root causes of his addiction. “It’s helped me deal with my giants – lack of purpose, fear and procrastination,” he says. **“Now I’m clean, I’m healing and I’m moving forward.”**

His relationship with his family has healed, as well. “Everybody’s so proud of me. It’s the happiest I’ve seen them in years,” he says.

Josh plans to complete the program and find a job and a place of his own. He’s looking forward to becoming a productive, independent citizen, but whenever he’s in need, he’s committed to reaching out for help.

This year, Josh will be celebrating Christmas as a new creation, filled with the great joy of God’s love. “I was living in sin. I’d thought I’d always be an addict, but the Rescue Mission turned my life around. I’m becoming the man God wants me to be.”



“I’m becoming more like Jesus.”



A Message from
LOU CARRICO

Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of Winston-Salem Rescue Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.**

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these people the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



Lou Carrico
Interim Executive
Director

It Starts With You... You make transformation possible!



This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in the Triad who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing for men in our recovery programs
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$2.05 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

Please Send Your Gift Today!



\$2.05
for 1 hot meal



1 night
of safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed
by God's LOVE**

READ JOSH'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

Give Hope Before the Year Ends!



This has been a trying year for so many of your neighbors who experienced significant losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. **But your year-end gift will give them help... and hope.**

Your donation before December 31 may be tax deductible for 2020 – and it will certainly change lives in 2021!

Give online anytime at wsrescue.org.

Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.

Share your Blessings this Christmas



December 1 is GIVING TUESDAY

Please remember your hopeless and hurting neighbors by joining together as a community to support **Giving Tuesday**. On this special day, your gift to Winston-Salem Rescue Mission will provide basic essentials and guidance that can transform lives.

This has been an especially difficult year due to the unexpected hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your help is needed now more than ever for our neighbors trying to rebuild their lives. Thank you for caring!

📅 Mark December 1st on your calendar and don't forget to give at wsrescue.org.

Thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.

FILL THE TABLES



Donate these foods for the thousands of meals we'll provide throughout the holiday season. Please deliver them to **717 Oak Street in Winston-Salem, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

turkeys * hams * stuffing mix * cream of mushroom soup * milk * dinner rolls
fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, onions, potatoes * recyclable cups & napkins



GIVE GIFT CARDS



Gift cards to these merchants allow us to purchase holiday gifts and year-round necessities for our guests. Simply mail or deliver them to **717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101**

Walmart * Target * Food Lion * Lowes Food

MEET URGENT NEEDS



These items are a vital part of the Rescue Mission's everyday operations and the comfort of our guests. Please drop off your donations at **717 Oak Street in Winston-Salem, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

garbage bags * paper towels & toilet paper * laundry detergent tissues * razors

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Lou, please use my Christmas gift to bless my hopeless and hurting neighbors who have had such a challenging year:

- \$20.50 to feed and care for 10 people
 - \$51.25 to feed and care for 25 people
 - \$75.85 to feed and care for 37 people
 - \$92.25 to feed and care for 45 people
 - \$_____ to help as much as possible
- Plus, \$_____ to provide a special Year-End gift

This really helps!

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ADDRESS _____

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