# Change lives SUMMER 2020 WS Rescue MISSIONT

# MIKE'S LIFE IS CHANGED FOREVER

and he wants to thank YOU!

Your support touches lives with new hope.



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**2** Give Where You Live

2 High-5 with Summer Temps

**3** "Now I'm spiritually strong."

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#### AND MADE ME SPIRITUALLY STRONG."

ike was a gifted college athlete, earning him a tryout with the NBA, but he didn't make the team. "It hurt me. I hid it, but underneath I was weak and vulnerable," he says.

The disappointment of the people in his hometown further magnified Mike's feelings of failure. "They acted like it hurt them. So I went away and didn't go home for 20 years."

Mike was homesick and struggling with his feelings of failure when he began numbing his pain with alcohol. "I was self-medicating my low self-esteem, loneliness and depression," he says. "I had a good job and a nice place to live, but I was just existing. I wasn't living."

Then Mike entered our Life Builders Program, where Bible studies, Christian counseling and chapel services led him to surrender his life to the Lord. "I discovered that there was somebody greater than me who could help me," he says.



## "I LEARNED TO ASK GOD WHAT HE WOULD DO BEFORE I'D DO ANYTHING."

Mike graduated from the program and went home, where he was doing well, collecting disability after two hip replacements and sharing a home with his brother. Then, after six years, his brother married and moved out without telling Mike. "I couldn't keep the house by myself," he says. "My brother is my best friend and I was really hurt and angry."

Instead of turning to alcohol to cope with his feelings, Mike remembered the Rescue Mission, where he knew he'd find the support to process his anger. "The counselors helped get me back where I needed to be. I'm happy and content again."

Mike has a part-time job now, and is looking forward to getting his own place and continuing to grow in his faith.

Because you gave from your heart to help Mike, his life has been changed by your goodness and God's love forever! "God brought me here and made me spiritually strong. The Rescue Mission changed my life."



#### A Message from LOU CARRICO

#### Give Where You Live... to Meet Our Summer Challenge

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we provide during June, July and August cost \$80,596 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for faith-based recovery and practical guidance that empowers our guests to change their lives.

#### We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our hopeless and hurting neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion now more than ever.

Please give where you live to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to Winston-Salem Rescue Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially

in times like these.





Lou Carrico Interim Executive Director

# Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer your gift today helps provide...

39,315 meals for men, women and children in our community

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thousands of clothing items 7,452 nights of shelter for men in our recovery programs



life-transforming decisions for Christ



counseling & education

**Give Where You Live!** 

Our 92-Day Summer Campaign is underway now.

- Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
  - ☐ Give online anytime at wsrescue.org.

This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!



### HIGH-5



Our "High-5" are essential items in high demand for our Rescue Mission guests all season long. Please deliver your donations to 717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Those in our care will be deeply grateful for whatever you can share this summer!



- 1. Bottled water
- Hand sanitizer (non-alcoholic)
- 3. Toothpaste
- 4. Flip flops
- 5. High-efficiency laundry soap



#### 14th Annual



#### **Golf Tournament**

There's still time to join us for our **14th Annual Golf Tournament** to benefit our programs that transform lives here in the Triad!

Join other compassionate friends of the Rescue Mission for a day of Captain's Choice-style golf, light breakfast and lunch, and prizes.

We're seeking 30 teams of four players. Come join us and play a round of golf that will change a life!

#### **THANK YOU!**

**WHAT:** 14th Annual Golf Tournament **WHEN:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Flight tees off: 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Bermuda Run West Country Club in Advance

**HOW:** For more information, to register, volunteer or become

a sponsor, contact our Events Team at (336) 842-5300 or

□ golf@wsrescue.org.



# Let Your LEGACY Live On

If you're like many Americans, you have no current will or estate plan. Being unprepared could mean losing control of what happens to your assets.

Make sure your resources are passed on to the people and causes you believe in. We'd love to help you! Contact us today for helpful, current advice and guidance in planning your legacy... and gaining peace of mind.

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