

VISION

Change Lives

Easter 2021

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LaMari is celebrating *Hope!*

Your support brings
hope to the hurting
this Easter.



DON'T MISS...

2 Celebrate NEW LIFE

3 "Now I've found
meaning in life."

4 New Executive
Director

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"I'm building
a **close**
relationship
with God."



"I WAS LOST, BUT NOW I'VE FOUND MEANING IN LIFE."

LaMari grew up in a world of poverty, violence and neglect. His parents were addicts who let their little boy wander alone in their dangerous neighborhood, and one day, LaMari was sexually assaulted. "I told my parents and they brushed it off," he says. "But it took the life right out of my soul. It was almost unbearable to go on another day with that memory."

When he was 12, LaMari began numbing his pain with drugs. "It put a cloud over the memory," he says.

Still, his wounds remained. At 15, he was diagnosed with depression and prescribed medications, but his parents convinced him to stop taking them. For the next 20 years, LaMari self-medicated his depression, costing him jobs, damaging his relationships and leaving him homeless.

Eventually, he was hospitalized for suicidal thoughts. He learned about the Rescue Mission, and entered our Life Builders Program immediately after he was discharged. "That's when the miracle started in

my life," he says.

Through chapel services, devotions and Bible studies, LaMari's faith has grown strong. "I had no spiritual strength, but now I have His Spirit," LaMari says.

LaMari is back on his depression medications and, through counseling and life skills classes, he has healed emotionally and learned healthy coping skills. **"They've given me the guidance, motivation and tools to combat addiction and process my pain,"** he says. "I have a new perspective on life."

After graduation, LaMari plans to stay here while he earns his commercial driver's license, finds a job and saves money for his own place. "Now I know God has a purpose for my life," he says.

Thanks to the blessing of your support, LaMari is celebrating Easter as a new creation in Christ. "Before I came to the Rescue Mission, I was lost, homeless and suffering, but now I've found meaning in life."

Thank
you

for making a difference
during COVID-19

2020 was such a challenging year – but your support and compassion helped so many people find help here at Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL
FOR YOU!**

Thanks to you, we continue to provide the care our community relies on: Food. Shelter. Clean clothing and hygiene items. And special assistance for those struggling through extremely tough times. We do so while following safety precautions to keep our guests, staff and volunteers protected and healthy – and to minimize the impact of COVID-19.

Thank you again, and may God bless your generous heart!

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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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Celebrate hope by caring for our most vulnerable neighbors!



15,872
meals

\$2.05 for a meal!



3,040 nights of
shelter



75 men to care for
in our Life Builders
and Transformers
Programs (on
average)



1,295 hours of
education &
counseling

*Thank you for your
compassion & support!*

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." - John 10:10, KJV



A Message from **LOU CARRICO**

THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help hurting men find healing in the gospel of Jesus Christ and hope through the new life Christ gives them.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in the Triad

today. Every heart that's broken... every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like LaMari (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

Lou Carrico

Lou Carrico
Executive Director



Celebrate **NEW LIFE** this Easter

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and hurting. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.05**
- Clothing, hygiene items & Christ-centered care

YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter. A nourishing meal, provided with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

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

*Thank you for your support of our Rescue Mission guests.
Have a blessed Easter!*

New Executive Director

We're pleased to announce that Lou Carrico has been named our new Executive Director!

Lou's education, skills and experience, along with his heart for ministry to the hurting and homeless, make him the perfect choice to successfully lead us in the coming years.

He has a bachelor's degree in Bible/pastoral studies from Appalachian Bible College, a master's in Bible studies from Capital Bible Seminary and is working towards becoming a state certified alcohol and substance counselor.

After completing his master's, Lou served as Men's Chaplain and Director of Family Services at Union Mission Ministries in Charleston, West Virginia. Then he came to work with us, and over the past 15 years, has served as Chaplain, Case Manager, Supervisor of Education, Men's Program Manager and Program Director.

Lou became our interim Executive Director in May 2019, and demonstrated wise, effective and godly leadership. He is truly a man after God's own heart.

"My objective as Executive Director is to honor God in all that is done at and through WSRM, ensuring the Rescue Mission remains committed to reflecting Christ and the biblical principles we were founded on through our addiction recovery programs, community outreach, fundraisers, donor/church/vendor relationships and staff training."

Congratulations, Lou. We're thankful for your leadership!

OUR EASTER CELEBRATION NEEDS LIST

Friday, April 2: Our Easter Meal is at 5 p.m. and Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.

Easter is almost here! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to provide **thousands of hot meals...** and supply scores of individuals with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.** *Our hopeless and hurting neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!*

Drop off donations at the Rescue Mission, 717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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HELP WITH EASTER MEALS

Drop off any of these urgently needed food items by Friday, April 2:

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- BUTTER
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- POWDERED MILK
- DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- COFFEE
- CREAMER