

VISION

Change Lives

Summer 2021

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MISSION

YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING JAMES A SECOND CHANCE

and he can't thank
you enough!

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2 Love Your Neighbor!

2 Our Summer 6

3 "God is first in my life now."

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James grew up in a big Connecticut city. But, when he was 12, his family relocated to North Carolina. “My siblings got in a lot of trouble up there and my mother wanted to get me away,” he says. “But when I came down here, everything was so laid back and people didn’t understand or know what I was talking about. It messed me up.”

He felt like an outcast and grew up wondering where he belonged. “I graduated from high school and started working, but I felt empty,” he says. “I did a lot of soul searching, trying to find out who I was and my purpose in life.”

Along the way, he began numbing his pain with alcohol, but the emptiness only grew. Then, one night, the Lord intervened. “I was drinking at a club and I heard a voice. It was God calling me,” he says. “That was a turning point.”

James stopped drinking and entered our Life Builders 90-Day Program, where Bible studies, devotions, chapel services and Christian counseling strengthened his faith. **“God drew me here and I got the foundation I needed.** Now I know I can keep holding onto Him when things go wrong,” he says. “I count on nothing else.”

James completed the program, has his own place and works at his church. “I’m the maintenance man, but I do whatever God needs done,” he says.

He’s now found his purpose in life – to lead others to Christ – and he comes back to the Rescue Mission to share his testimony. “God wants to love people. And when I spread His word, I compel people to look toward Him.”

James is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like him. “God is first in my life now and I’m never going back. It’s the Lord’s way or no way.”

“Now, I pray and trust in God.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.12!



A Message from LOU CARRICO

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Rescue Mission – the meals we provide during June, July and August require \$105,213 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our hopeless and hurting neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Rescue Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Lou Carrico
Executive Director

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community's needs!

Your gift today provides:



49,629 meals



5,222 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR
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98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! wsrescue.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

Do you know our

SUMMER 6?



Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for our Rescue Mission guests all summer long.

We'd LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items!

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 718 N. Trade Street in Winston-Salem, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's a great way to care for our guests at the Rescue Mission this summer!

1. Bottled water
2. Toilet paper
3. Paper towels
4. Razors
5. Deodorant (solids only)
6. Flip-flops (men/shower)



**Great
deals
for a
great
cause!**



The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Thrift Store offers so many opportunities to help people in our community. Just look at how lives are changed through this one store:

- Guests in our recovery programs learn on-the-job training and employment skills while working here.
- Your local neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from items sold at the Thrift Store go directly to the Rescue Mission to support life-changing programs and services.

Everyone benefits! To donate items or to shop with us, you can visit 704 Oak Street in Winston-Salem, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule a pick-up right from your home, call **(336) 842-5322**, or visit **wsrescue.org/thrift-store/** to learn more.

Thank you for your support of our Thrift Store to give donations a second life and give hopeless and hurting people a second chance!

Why your monthly gift is **LIFE-CHANGING!**

Your monthly gift as a monthly giving partner ensures that whenever local people are in need, Winston-Salem Rescue Mission will be ready to help them rebuild their lives. That's because your partnership provides the reliable, steady source of support that ensures the Rescue Mission can care for our hopeless and hurting neighbors all year long.

For someone like James, that ongoing support made a real difference!

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Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly giving partner today! To join this important group, visit **wsrescue.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.