



GRATEFUL THROUGH IT ALL: Paul is especially thankful for YOU!

Your compassion & support change lives.



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"THE RESCUE MISSION SAVED MY LIFE."

Paul knew the divorce papers were coming. He and his wife had been separated for some time. But he'd been trying to ignore the inevitable by numbing his pain. "I was married for 17 years and when we separated, I went head first into drugs and alcohol," he says.

When he finally received the divorce papers, his addiction spiraled out of control, alienating his children, costing him his job and leading him far away from the Lord.

Eventually, he found himself hopeless, living on the streets, praying for a way to change his life. "I needed someone to guide me back to the Father," he says. "One day, I was lying on a bench and I heard the words 'Rescue Mission' whispered in my ear."

Paul knew it was God, so he came to the Rescue Mission and entered our Life Builders Program. Through chapel services and Bible studies, he recommitted his life to the Lord. "The Rescue Mission introduced me to God again and helped me get closer to Him," he says.

Christian counseling, addiction recovery and life skills classes helped Paul process his pain and learn a new way to live. **"They taught me to be a man of my word, to live better and treat people better."**

Paul completed the program, has his own place and is a certified substance abuse counselor. He refers many of his clients to the Rescue Mission and visits regularly to share his testimony with our residents. "The Rescue Mission saved my life," he says.

He's remarried now and has good relationships with his ex-wife and their children. "My kids love my new wife and they love me."

As Paul celebrates this Thanksgiving, he feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it's given him a fresh start in life. "I was dead. This is where I started to live again."

GOD BROUGHT ME HERE.

A MESSAGE FROM LOU CARRICO

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. **Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at Winston-Salem Rescue Mission than right now, as we prepare for the fall and Thanksgiving season.**

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Safe shelter. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate!

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day. God bless!

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Lou Carrico, Executive Director

2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

It's been <u>another</u> challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

60,783 Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them!

For just \$2.12, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this fall and Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes



- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love that changes lives

YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!

Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our hopeless and hurting neighbors during the busy holiday season! **Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Give online anytime at **wsrescue.org.**

READ PAUL'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!







You clearly care about those in need. You've demonstrated your compassion time and time again.

Did you know that you can make a bigger impact by including the Rescue Mission in your will or estate plans? Your bequest ensures your legacy of generosity will continue for years to come.

To learn more, please contact Matt Bohannon, at (336) 842-5300 or legacy@wsrescue.org.

If you have already included the Rescue Mission in your will, please call so we can say, "Thank you!"

OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

There's still so much to do to get ready for the fall and Thanksgiving season! Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these critically-needed items.

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 the Rescue Mission, 717 Oak Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Calling all VOLUNTEERS

Put your God-given talents to work at the Rescue Mission to help serve and care for the men, women and children 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!

