

Thanks to you... **Quinton** has been given a life-changing gift this Christmas.

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2 Celebrating rebirth this Christmas.

3 "For the first time in my life, I feel loved."

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4 Leave a legacy of hope

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uinton grew up longing to feel safe and loved. "I was abused physically, verbally and sexually many times during my childhood," he says. "I was always told that I was nobody, that I was worthless and ugly, that no one would ever love me."

He believed what he was told and, eventually, began numbing his pain with drugs and alcohol. For years, his addiction controlled his life, damaging his relationships and his health and leaving him desperate and hopeless. "I was worn out and tired of living."

Quinton attempted to take his own life, but God had other plans. He survived and, in a moment of clarity, decided his life was worth fighting for.

It was then he came to the Rescue Mission and, through our Transformers Program's chapel services and Bible studies, surrendered his life to the Lord. **"The Rescue Mission helped me discover my** **relationship with Christ,**" he says. "They showed me that I'm created in the image of God and that He loved me before I was even born."

Through Christian counseling and life skills classes, Quinton has found healing for his emotional wounds. **"My counselor helped me learn how to love myself and build my self-esteem. Now, I believe that I am somebody. I have great value."**

Quinton has graduated from the program and plans to spend his days sharing his testimony wherever the Lord leads. "I want to live sober, serve God and help others," he says.

It's going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Quinton – and he is so grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new life. "The Rescue Mission provided a healthy place for me to live and gave me a chance at a life I didn't think was possible. For the first time in my life, I feel loved."



A Message from LOU CARRICO

Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

We hear a lot about joy at Christmas, but true joy is being able to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior of the world and the gift of eternal life He gives to those who trust in Him.

That joy is what fills our hearts Christmas morning... and, hopefully, every day of the year. It's the same joy I see on the faces of those in need that have come to Winston-Salem Rescue Mission and experienced God's life-changing love up close and personal. The joy YOU help them experience through your heartfelt prayers and support.

This Christmas, as you reflect on the "reason for the season," I hope you will remember our neighbors who are hurting. As Quinton's story shows, your generosity offers help. Healing. And a chance to be held in the arms of a loving God.

I am continually humbled by the faithfulness of friends like you who joyfully bless others. Thank you, and may God fill your heart with peace and love.

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Lou Carrico, Executive Director

A delicious Christmas meal for our hopeless and hurting neighbors... ... STARTS WITH YOU!

As you prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, please remember our hurting neighbors. It's been another really tough year for so many in our community – and the very best gift you can give them is the help they need right now!

Just \$2.12 provides a meal and care for one person. That meal is often the first step toward a new life through God's love.





Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE QUINTON'S LIFE!

Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR HELP!

Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous group of partners, **any gift you make until December 31 will be matched up to \$100,000!**

That's right... your gift today <u>doubles</u> to provide <u>twice</u> the food, shelter and care. And that means twice the hope for many of our neighbors who are still struggling to get back on their feet.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

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

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

THANK YOU for doubling your impact during our matching challenge! "For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me... Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

—Matthew 25: 35-36, 40

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You care for the "least of these." Your heart breaks with the things that break the heart of God. And you reach out and touch the lives of those in need in tangible ways.

Would you like to continue ministering to the hopeless and hurting beyond your lifetime? When you include the Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan, you can do just that.

> For more information, please call (336) 842-5300 or legacy@wsrescue.org.

Thank you for your giving heart!

Give someone in need a **REASON** to **HOPE**

Imagine how it would feel to have no safe place to rest your head. To be hungry and alone and desperate. To have no one to turn to for help. These are the realities for many of our hopeless and hurting neighbors here in the Triad.

We're called to take them in, to feed and shelter and clothe them in Jesus' name.

And thanks to our Partners of Hope, we have the resources to do just that!

Will you prayerfully consider becoming a member of this extraordinary group? Your monthly gift will provide a reliable, steady source of support that ensures we can care for our neighbors in need all year long.

To learn more about becoming a monthly giving partner, go to **wsrescue.org** or call **(336)** 723-1848, ext. 139.