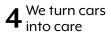


THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Richard* A NEW BEGINNING.

Because of you, he has joy in his heart this Easter!

DON'T MISS...

2 Help our hurting neighbors this Easter **3** "I'm becoming the man I wanted to be."



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When Richard was a little boy, he was very close to his mother, so when his parents divorced, he assumed she'd take him to live with her. He was wrong. "My mom took my two sisters and left me with my father. I was filled with resentment."

To make matters worse, his dad had a drinking problem, so at 11 years old, Richard had to fend for himself. "My father would come home from work and get drunk, so I had to do everything on my own," he says.

He felt like he didn't matter, like he wasn't loved, and, as the years went on, he turned to alcohol to numb his pain. "Eventually, I was drinking all the time because I was depressed and angry all the time."

But, along the way, he had children of his own and his love for them finally drove him to change. "I wanted to be a good father, but I didn't know how. I needed help."

That's when he came to the Rescue Mission, where he gave his life to Christ and his heart began to heal. "God's grace and mercy have allowed me to forgive and get over my anger."

His newfound faith, through one-one-one counseling and faith-based classes in our Life Builders Program, have helped Richard learn how to live his life in a new way. He's becoming the godly father he hoped to be. "I'm building a Christ-like character so I can be someone my kids can look up to."

Having completed the Transformers program, Richard has resumed classes toward earning a degree in Computer Engineering and continue growing in the Lord. For the first time since he can remember, his future looks bright. "Getting closer to Christ is the best thing that ever happened to me."

With Jesus' love in his heart and hope for the future, Richard is grateful for your support this Easter. "I was lost. But the Rescue Mission helped me get closer to God and become the man I wanted to be. Now, I'm found."

"Now, Christ is my Savior and I'm a different person."





A Message from LOU CARRICO





Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and adopted as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making our neighbors feel welcome here at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope** your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.

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Lou Carrico Executive Director

HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



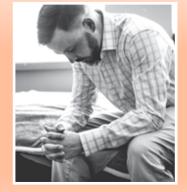
Help make a new beginning possible for <u>more</u> of our neighbors this Easter!

- A hot meal for \$2.99 often the first step to a new life in Christ
- An overnight stay in our safe Program facilities
- Christ-centered care & healing in our life-changing programs
- Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- Give online anytime at wsrescue.org.



17,144 meals \$2.99 for a meal!

Life transformation starts with YOU!



2,202 nights of shelter



62 men in our recovery programs (on average)



7,183 annual hours of case management & counseling

Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!



Donate your used vehicle to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission and you'll help provide food, shelter and life-changing care for our hurting neighbors here in the Triad.

When we sell or recycle your donated vehicle, proceeds go to support our programs that bring physical, emotional and spiritual restoration to those who've come to the Rescue Mission for help.

All donations are tax-deductible, and donating is easy!

Just call one of our trusted partners, and they'll handle everything – moving your vehicle, transferring the title, and all the necessary paperwork.

If your vehicle runs, contact Dane Smith at America's Auto Mart, Inc. at **&** (336) 785-1205. If your vehicle doesn't run, contact Foss Recycling at \$ (336) 788-9122.

For more information, go to **wsrescue.org/donate-a-vehicle.** Thank you!

FACING THE FUTURE

Many people who turn to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission have abandoned their dreams... they're simply trying to survive. **But thanks to you, they learn** how to face the future with confidence and hope!

Your gift helps educate and empower men through:

- Biblically-based counseling to heal from trauma
- Life-skills such as budgeting, grief and conflict resolution
- Job training to find stable employment
- Housing assistance networking to promote independent living

Because of you, our guests leave the Rescue Mission with the skills, courage and support system to better succeed in our community. **Thank you!**

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." - Romans 6:4