# VISIOChange Lives

Easter 2025

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### Robert has a NEW LIFE in Christ this Easter!

Thank you for opening the door to his transformation.





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## MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE PROUD OF ME, AND I'M ACTUALLY PROUD OF MYSELF.

Robert was just 6 years old when he experienced a trauma no child should face: his father tried to kill his mother with a knife. Thankfully, she survived. Robert's father was imprisoned, leaving Robert and his sisters with his mom – and the pain of knowing their father tried to take her away from everyone.

Raising kids on her own, she worked a lot, leaving for a late-night job when the kids would arrive home from school. "We didn't have any supervision. We got to do what we wanted to do," Robert says. The lack of supervision during his middle school years led Robert to experiment with substances, and started him down a road of addiction and quitting school.

Robert eventually went to the Job Corps and earned his GED. When his girlfriend got pregnant and he struggled to find a job, Robert began selling substances to support his family. Selling turned into using, and using led to an overdose.

Robert found the Rescue Mission and went through our 90-day Life Builders Program and secured a job. But the influence of a coworker led him to fall back into old patterns. "I ended up deciding I needed to come back," Robert says. "I knew where my life was headed... I would've OD'ed and I probably wouldn't come back this time."

Despite his nervousness about coming back and admitting his mistakes, Robert found a warm welcome. "The people that work here actually care about you," Robert says. "The Rescue Mission is giving us tools to be able to work on ourselves, and show us ways that we can help somebody else."

Now over 10 months sober, Robert is in our 1-year Transformers Program. He has been giving back to others by working on the house crew at the Rescue Mission, welcoming new residents who come in.

This Easter, Robert is experiencing God's gift of new life! Thank you for empowering him to follow Christ's calling in his life. "I'm thankful to the Rescue Mission because they made me a better person than what I used to be."



The Gift of New Life in Christ

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." - 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### A Message from LOU CARRICO



## All things new...

People often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry and struggling with shame. For many, the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that help rebuild their lives!** 

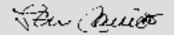
We believe God is "making everything new" (Rev. 21:5) for our hopeless and hurting neighbors. Whether they come for nutritious meals and care or life recovery – your generosity helps transform lives like Robert's, whose story you can read on page 3.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb – a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

#### Thank you for believing in our hopeless and hurting neighbors.

Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!



Lou Carrico

Executive Director



## YOU helped change lives last year!

In 2024, friends like you joined together to make an incredible impact for our neighbors who are hopeless and hurting...



**199,045** meals filled hungry bellies



**24,577** nights of shelter kept people safe



Your compassion opened the door to other life-changing services & care

#### Thank you!

Because you showed you care, our community's most vulnerable neighbors are looking forward to a brighter future!



## This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$3.99 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal given with love at the Rescue Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care and healing in our recovery programs!

#### **Every meal you provide this Easter matters!**

Just \$3.99 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and shares hope for a new life in Christ.

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Give online anytime at wsrescue.org.



## MAKE THIS THE MONTH YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

The Rescue Mission is always in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to lend a hand in all areas:

Provide an evening meal
Adopt a family
Work in the office
Become a mentor
Preach or sing at a
chapel service



## Walk the halls where YOU help change lives

#### Schedule a tour and see your impact at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission!

You'll get an inside look at how your support goes to work in a variety of our programs, including our:

- Life Builders and Transformers Recovery Programs
- Clothing Closet Ministry
- Medical and Dental Clinic
- Client Choice Food Pantry

Join us to see how your partnership with our ministry is changing lives. To schedule a tour, contact Alena Aldrich at (336) 723-1848 x.153 or alena.aldrich@wsrescue.org.

We hope to see you soon!



