

VISION

Change Lives

Summer 2025

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MISSION



**Your love
helps Robert
know he is
not alone...**

LOVE  YOUR
NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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Growing up with an absentee alcoholic father was difficult for Robert. “My mom took care of me and my brothers and my dad was never in the picture. With three kids, it was hard for her but she did the best she could.”

To cope with the emptiness of having no father in his life, Robert turned to alcohol and drugs. “It made me feel good for a while. But after that, it just took everything I ever had.”

The turning point for Robert came when he overdosed on the day of a loved one’s funeral. “I had just buried my family member, and I was putting my own life in danger,” he says. “At that point, I knew God had a better plan for me than what my plans were.”

He walked from West Virginia to Winston-Salem, a trip that took 14 days, because the Rescue Mission had availability for him. “Everywhere else I tried was booked.” His determination to get help paid off. When he arrived, he felt welcome and safe and joined our Life Builders 90-day addiction recovery program.

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I just felt the presence of God, saying, ‘This is where I want you.’

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As a graduate of the 1-Year Transformers program, Robert’s faith has been restored, his vision (he received glasses), and his teeth were restored, through a partnering local dentist. After securing employment and housing, he transitioned from the Mission and is now enjoying his new life in recovery.

Thank you for loving neighbors like Robert “as you’ve loved yourself.” Your kindness has reminded him that he is not alone and that a better life is possible! “Now I know that I’m a child of God. At one time, I saw myself as nothing. But now I know that I belong to God’s family.”



A meal and care provided with LOVE for a neighbor in need...
just \$3.99!



A Message from LOU CARRICO

You're sharing **God's love** this summer.

I don't have to tell you that our community is special. You see for yourself local acts of care and compassion. When neighbors feel lonely and forgotten, we step up to show love. It's what makes the Triad strong.

But people like YOU make the greatest difference... generous friends who go above and beyond to show love to neighbors in need. That's why I know I can count on your support over these crucial summer months – when so many local people remain hopeless and hurting.

This month we're kickstarting **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign** to help meet the basic needs of our guests this summer season – like shelter from the heat, nourishing meals and bottled water.

Each month is an opportunity for you to respond with a generous gift that reflects the words of Matthew 22:39... to *"love your neighbor as yourself."*

Your support will show struggling people in our community like Robert that they are never alone. Read his story on page 3 of this newsletter – he literally walked here from West Virginia! – then consider how you can best respond to help more people like him this summer. We'll be so grateful.

Lou Carrico
Executive Director

"Love your neighbor as yourself..."

- Matthew 22:39



Building a **BRIGHTER FUTURE**

Many people who turn to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission are simply trying to survive.

But thanks to you, they are empowered to face tomorrow 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 build a brighter future for themselves and their families. Thank you!

YOU CAN SHOW A HURTING NEIGHBOR THEY'RE NOT ALONE!



It's not just a meal...



it's a life renewed!

Your gift of \$3.99 provides a hot, nourishing meal – a key ingredient to other life-changing services like shelter, Christ-centered counsel and recovery.

Give to our Love Your Neighbor summer campaign... and show local people who are hopeless and hurting that you care.



Give now!
wsrescue.org

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FREE Ways to Make a Difference This Summer

Join the conversation on social media!



Learn how God has been at work in our community this year by following and engaging with us on social media! Like, share and comment on our posts to boost the reach of our message.



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Donate gently used items!



Help stock our Clothing Closet and Thrift Store with gently used clothing, furniture and more to meet the needs of our hopeless and hurting neighbors.

To schedule a pick up, visit [wsrescue.org/donate-goods](https://www.wsrescue.org/donate-goods).

Encourage residents with your presence & prayers!



Join us for a chapel service, attend our program residents' graduation or volunteer – experience the life-changing work made possible by your generosity. And above all, please pray for our residents!

To learn more, visit [wsrescue.org](https://www.wsrescue.org)

Meet Christine: A Story of Strength and Faith

At 55, Christine is a proud mother of four children. But above all, she says, "I'm on fire for Jesus."

When asked about the challenges that brought her to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Food Pantry, she shared, "Keeping my bills paid – my house isn't based on income right now – and staying in recovery. Those are my two biggest challenges." But through it all, she leans on her faith. "Really, when I put God first, they're not even challenges. If it's too hard, I give it to God."



Her experience at the Food Pantry has been nothing but positive. "The people are pleasant. They pray with me, give me Bibles and even let me borrow books. Some food pantries have old food that makes you sick, but not here. The food is always good."

For women who may need help but feel hesitant to ask, she offers encouragement. "I would even go with them to be a shoulder to lean on. A lot of people are too proud, but if God is blessing you, no matter where it comes from, it's a blessing."



Because of the generosity of supporters like you, women like Christine receive the care and resources they need to thrive. Thank you for being part of this mission.

Find out more about how you can support the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Food Pantry by visiting [wsrescue.org](https://www.wsrescue.org).

