



You gave him a place to break the cycle of addiction

Victor was stripped of everything to his name. But you helped him find recovery and more . . .

Victor remembers the moment everything changed.

It was his first night at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. He couldn't sleep. He'd lost his family home, his only remaining loved one, and very nearly his life.

But as he sat in the quiet of the Life Builders Center, a thought stirred his heart: "There's a reason why I'm here."

When everything went dark

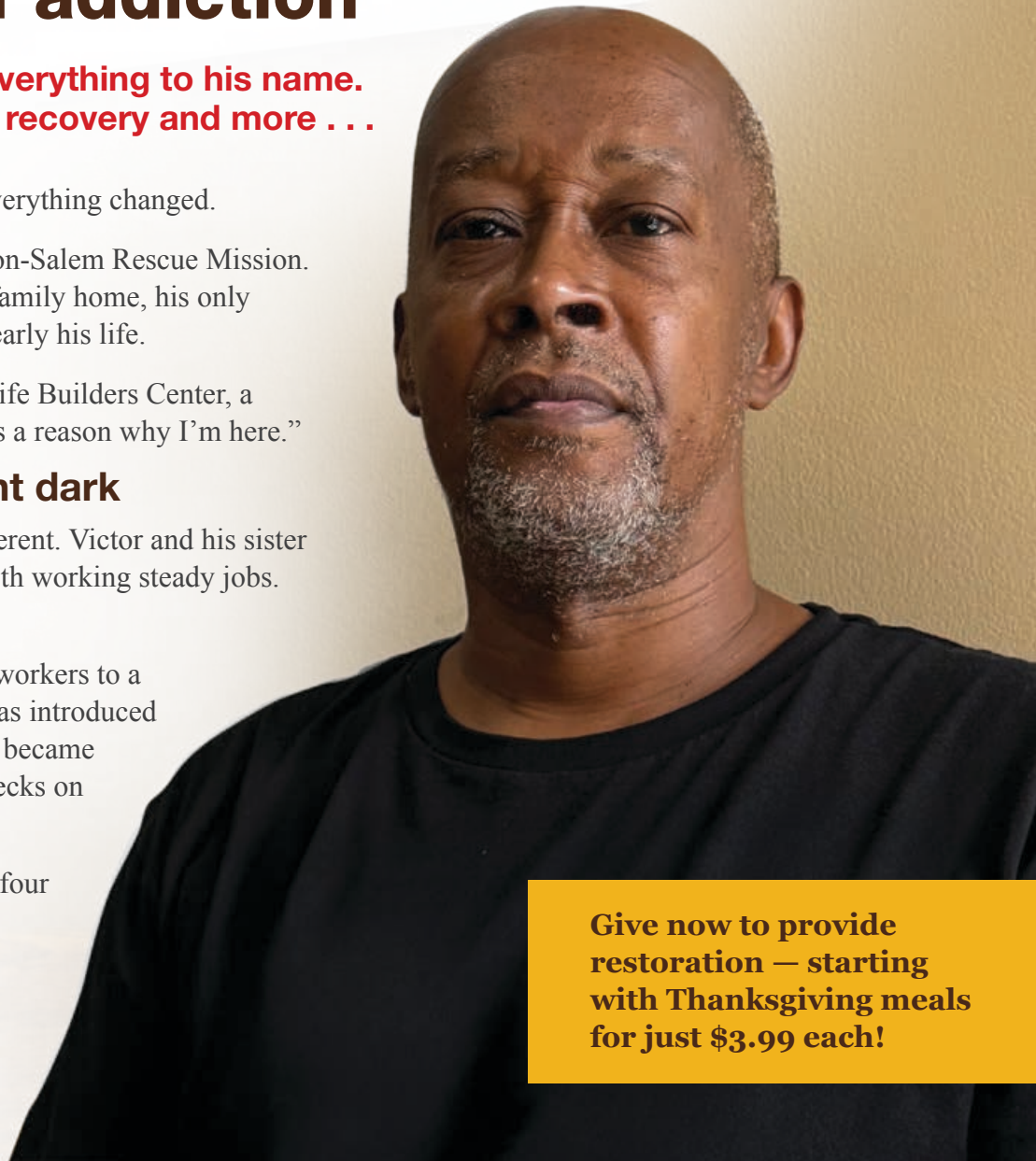
Years prior, life looked quite different. Victor and his sister lived in their childhood home, both working steady jobs. The siblings shared a close bond.

But one day, Victor followed co-workers to a "liquor house." It was there he was introduced to drugs at 30 years old. He soon became a regular user, wasting his paychecks on drugs and alcohol.

When his sister died from Covid four years ago, everything went dark.

She was Victor's only remaining family. The loneliness after her passing spiraled him deeper

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Give now to provide restoration — starting with Thanksgiving meals for just \$3.99 each!

Every \$3.99 Thanksgiving meal you provide will open the



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you give will provide a
meal and life-changing
care!

Because you stand alongside the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, Victor is living in renewed purpose, hope, and stability. Thank you for transforming lives locally!

Victor's story . . . (Continued from pg. 1)

into addiction. Eventually, the property taxes lapsed on his family home — something Victor never would've allowed sober. High on crack and sinking in depression, Victor attempted to take his own life. But God wasn't finished with him.

After Victor joined a treatment center, people claiming to be his friends offered to “help” him with his finances. But they deceived him — stealing his home and draining his accounts.

They dropped Victor off at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission and walked away. But God didn't.

More than recovery

Since that first sleepless night at the Mission, Victor has fully embraced the Gospel-centered care you

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make possible in our 90-day Life Builders Recovery Program. With help from his case manager, he opened new bank accounts and secured his retirement income — things that once felt impossible to redeem.

“I want to apply what I've learned here to the real world,” he says. “I know I've got to keep going and stay on track.”

On October 25th, Victor gave his life to Christ. After graduating from the 90-day program, he's only continued to grow.

“The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission is designed to help the hopeless and the hurting. It's more than rehab — it's a place of recovery that helps you take the next step into the real world.”

When asked where he would be without the Rescue Mission, Victor says, “I'd be in jail or in the ground.”

MORE THAN A MEAL . . .

You can provide an invitation to eat at the table . . . *and to heal*



The journey to stability begins in the Life Builders Recovery Program — a 90-day foundation where men receive trauma-informed care, Christian counseling, and life-skills training. Your generosity equips men with the tools and community support they need to heal from addiction, broken relationships, and deep-rooted pain.

Your giving opens the door to long-term support! Through our Transformers Residential Program, men can spend 12 months receiving biblical teaching, clinical support, job training, and mentorship — all within a safe, structured, Christ-centered community.



Here, healing is rooted in the grace and truth of Jesus. The Gospel-centered care you help provide speaks to the deepest wounds men carry. This foundation makes the Mission not just a place of recovery, but a place of restoration.



Transformation starts at the table



LOU CARRICO
Executive Director

When Jesus fed the thousands on the hillside, He wasn't just meeting a physical need for food. He was satisfying a deeper longing . . .

. . . a longing every man in our residential program feels: to be known, loved, and forgiven.

At our Thanksgiving table, men find their fill — not just physically, but spiritually. Over a simple, home-cooked meal, they receive the life-changing truth that Jesus restores everything.

Emotional and spiritual restoration start with physical restoration.

Meeting the practical need of hunger is an open door to helping neighbors heal from the root causes of homelessness. That's why your gift of Thanksgiving meals is the beginning of a person's transformation.

I know your heart is to see neighbors encounter God's redeeming love and turn their lives around. Thank you for praying and giving during this fall season!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Lou Carrico'.



Just \$3.99 puts a man on the path to stability and sobriety

Thanksgiving is spent around the table. Not in a tent. Not alone under a bridge. Not wandering the street.

But many men will spend their holiday season just like that. Substance abuse, trauma, and heartbreaking losses have driven them into homelessness.

All kinds of men will spend this Thanksgiving at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. They're working hard to heal from addiction and homelessness — and

a hot, home-cooked Thanksgiving meal will remind them they belong.

Every \$3.99 Thanksgiving meal doesn't just fill an empty stomach — it helps men walk in sobriety, stay connected to community, and rebuild their lives with Jesus at the center.

Please give the best gift you can to transform lives locally.

3 easy ways to change a neighbor's life this fall!

Give now to share meals and vital care with people hurting from homelessness in the Triad

- 1. MAIL** your gift and reply form in the enclosed envelope.



- 2. GIVE ONLINE** at wsrescue.org/FallMeals.



- 3. SCAN** the QR code to give now.



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