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*Change
lives*

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YOU helped Robbie break free from a life of addiction

He should've been dead. But your generosity put him on the path to redemption, peace, and joy . . .

Robbie had a week left in his motel room. And he didn't even care.

"I did nothing but sit in that room and drink," he says. Robbie knew his life was spiraling. For so many years, he'd embraced it. But in that dark, messy motel room, God was getting ahold of Robbie's heart.

WINNING THE FIRST BATTLE

Robbie grew up with a life kids dream of. Loving parents raised him and his siblings on a farm out in the country. Every need was met. But behind their beautiful life, Robbie's dad struggled with a secret addiction to alcohol. Soon, Robbie was following in his father's footsteps.

"I can remember being 12 and having my first drink with friends," says Robbie. He was just trying to fit in. But this desire to belong turned into chasing a feeling — soon, drinking became a part of daily life. Robbie eventually found himself at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

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Every \$3.99 Christmas meal you give supports a man on his recovery journey!



Every \$3.99 Christmas meal you provide opens the



"Coming back, I felt like I was somebody again. Because I didn't feel like I was anybody," says Robbie. Because of you, Robbie is applying everything he's learned to live a life of sobriety and purpose with the Lord!

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

"I didn't really take it the way I should," says Robbie. "I did well for a while — graduated from the program and got a nice job." But after a year of sobriety, one pass by the beer cooler at the store flipped Robbie's world upside down.

"Next thing you know, I'm losing my house. I'm drinking it up. And then I was living in a motel," says Robbie. "I would pay my motel bill, then I would make sure I had enough money to get my beer, cigarettes, and some ramen."

Robbie started bringing alcohol to work. He soon found himself jobless with one week left in his motel room and no way to hide the addiction that gripped him.

"All of a sudden, I cried out to God," says Robbie. "Sometimes, there might be nothing else that's going to get your attention than hitting rock bottom."

But God works all things together for good, for

those who love him, who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28). Robbie called the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission once more, afraid and ashamed. But because you give, there was a place for Robbie to begin again.

NEW JOY, NEW PEACE

Today, Robbie has men in the program laughing "from breakfast to lights out." He loves to bring joy to people's faces, and for the first time in years, he feels confident in himself and confident in his future.

"I cannot count the times that I should've been dead or put in prison," says Robbie.

"It makes me feel like I have a purpose. God saved me for something."

To you, Robbie gives his deepest gratitude. "We don't need for anything inside this building," he says. "This place is run by people who love God and want to help. People don't have to do that. It's unbelievable what they are willing to do."



**Your
generosity
this Christmas
will equip men
for sobriety!**



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GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!

Men are seeing their lives transformed, thanks to YOU!

This holiday season, men who were once struggling in addiction will be celebrating Christmas — and a remarkable milestone! — with renewed hope.

At our last Transformers graduation, men walked across the stage and shared their testimonies of recovery for God's glory. Their stories inspired friends, families, and men still walking out their healing journey in the program.

Thank you for equipping men to walk in lasting sobriety and purpose with Christ at the center!



Humble beginnings



LOU CARRICO
Executive Director

On a quiet night in Bethlehem, under the light of a star, a simple barn suddenly became a place of Heavenly worship.

The humble beginnings of the first Christmas were transformed into a glorious reality . . . a light in the darkness . . . a story of relentless hope.

It reminds me of many men's journeys here at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. The work of recovery isn't flashy. It's humble and difficult — especially from the outside.

But the lowest moments are when we see Christ show up.

He comes when it's least expected, where others might wonder if there's any chance of transformation left. His presence changes everything — creating hearts of worship and undeniable stories of hope. And it's all made possible through your generosity and prayers.

Thank you for seeing the God-given potential in what others might call "hopeless cases." I pray you experience the very joy you share with each man in our care.



A \$3.99 meal will tell him, “Your life is so much more than addiction.”



Addiction doesn't just break the body. It breaks the spirit. But your gift now will help heal *both*.

Every day, we serve three meals a day to men in our program. Christmas will be no different except for one thing . . .

. . . for many of these men, this holiday meal will be the first time in years they experience it sober, sitting around a table in fellowship and community.

That's why a hot Christmas dinner is no small thing — it's a reminder of their dignity, how far they've come, and that God desires a relationship with them. Will you give Christmas meals today?

It takes just \$3.99 to provide a complete dinner and bless a man in recovery.

Please give as generously as you can to demonstrate God's loving presence at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission this Christmas!

3 easy ways to change a life this Christmas

Give now to share meals and vital care with men hurting from addiction and poverty in the Triad

- 1. MAIL** your gift and Meal Ticket in the enclosed envelope.



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



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



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