

$3.99 isn't just a meal . . . it's a way YOU can bring sobriety, healing, and stability

Men in recovery don't take hot meals and a safe place for granted. But the real battle isn't hunger or homelessness.

It's what has a hold of a man.

Recovery takes time. It takes faithfulness. It takes you and other friends who will hold the line against everything that's tried to rob men of their God-given purpose.

This Thanksgiving, you can meet people in the middle of their recovery journey and help them stay committed to the long road back home.

Every $3.99 Thanksgiving meal you give now provides nourishment so men can stay focused on the hard work of recovery.

It might seem small. But for men in our program, the Mission is their family this holiday season. A dignifying meal will remind them they're not alone.

3 easy ways to stand with a man in his recovery journey

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

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

2. GIVE ONLINE at wsrescue.org/Fall2026.

3. SCAN the QR code to give now.

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YOU helped Jared find victory over addiction and shame

The Bible was open on his bunkmate's bed to Mark 5 — the demon-possessed man . . .

The same scripture passage a spontaneous visitor told Jared to read. The same verses his fellow inmate just shared at evening prayer. Jared was in jail, and God was trying to get his attention.

"I couldn't deny it. I couldn't run from it. I couldn't play the game I'd been playing," says Jared.

That game started when Jared was 16. He was a smart kid who was just trying to save some money. His restaurant job quietly became a pill hub. "It was just something I fell into," says Jared. "I started taking 'em. Everybody was taking 'em."

For years, Jared could stop when he wanted. He never really considered himself "addicted." The pills and parties were only for fun. The dealing, for extra money. "I was always able to sustain

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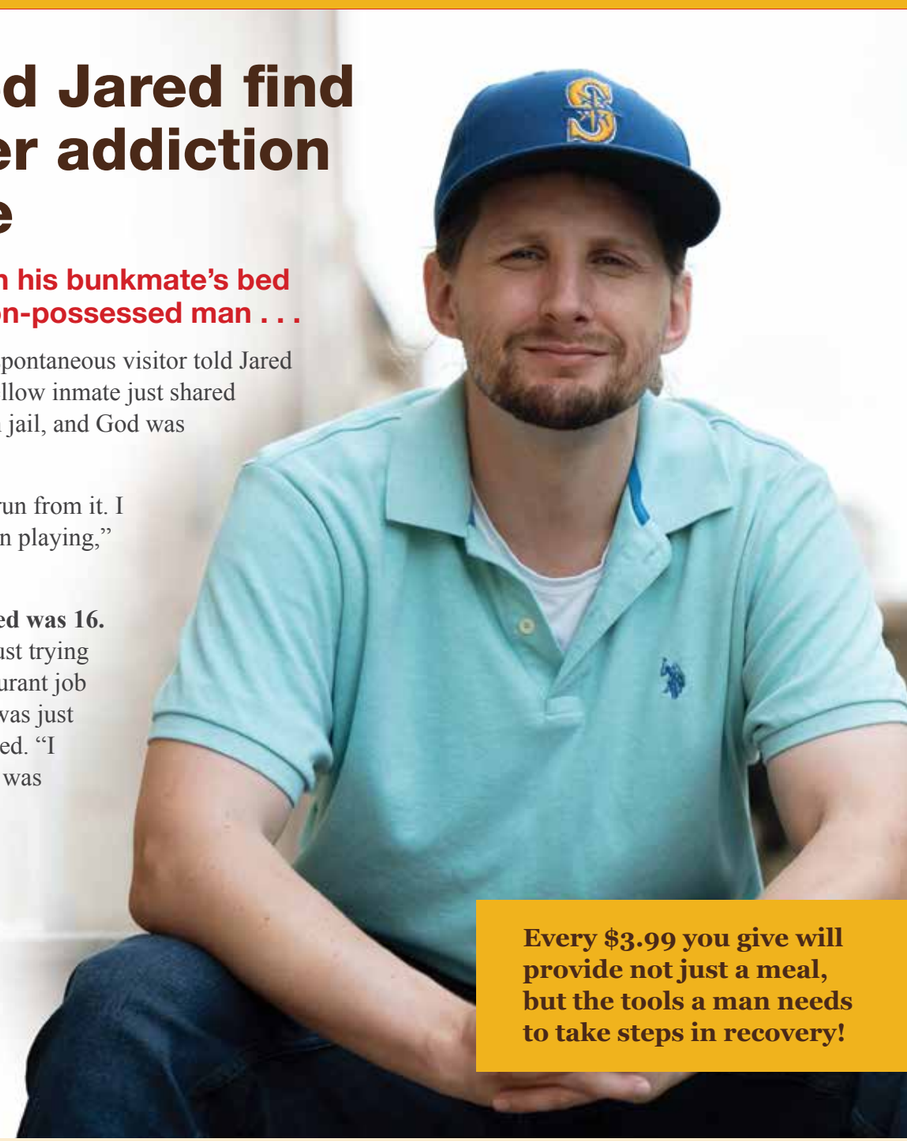

Every $3.99 you give will provide not just a meal, but the tools a man needs to take steps in recovery!

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Every $3.99 you give provides a Thanksgiving meal . . . *and* equips a man in recovery to rebuild his life



Because of you, Jared found a place to rebuild his life and break the chains of addiction. Thank you for helping him take back his life for God's glory!

Your partnership this Thanksgiving is the key to life change!

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

myself," says Jared. "I fixed computers and built a successful music channel."

Then pills became cocaine. Cocaine became heroin. Heroin became laced with fentanyl. For three years, Jared was able to kick the hard drugs. But when his girlfriend brought pills home one day, the cycle flared up again.

Just a few months after ending their relationship, Jared's girlfriend was found dead and alone in their old apartment on Christmas night. "That put me in a bad place. I started running and gunning even harder," he says.

Jared stacked up three violations. Back-to-back-to-back arrests. He had the chance to bond out. He chose not to. Because he knew he'd end up back behind bars. *Just let me sit here,* he thought to himself.

"I was detoxing the worst I ever had, feeling like I'm about to die," says Jared. "I went in there on forced sobriety. Now I know it was a God thing."

God behind bars

In those 60 days of jail, Jared received two unexpected visitors in one day — a minister who told him about the Mission, then the preacher who told him, "Read Mark chapter five."

"I'm stuck in jail, bound by chains every time I go out," says Jared. "But at that point, I had peace." Jared followed the peace to the Rescue Mission.

> *"You give us hope."*
> ***— Jared***

Today, Jared is completing our program. He's putting in the hours, the hard conversations, the prayer. Mark 5 still motivates him to stay free from the chains of addiction. The biggest change he's seen in himself is a dependency on the Word of God.

"I thought I could beat my addiction, but not permanently," says Jared. "Giving it to God? ***I know I can beat it for life."***

Because of you, Jared went from "turmoil and isolation" to "reborn and fixated." He says, "fixated on knowing there's something for me." Jared still has a road ahead of him. He knows that. But he's clear-eyed in a way he's never been before.

"You give us hope," he says. "A lot of people look at places like this and say, 'Oh, those are just druggies.' But there are people that say, 'There's something better for you — and we're going to help make that possible.'"

AN INSIDE GLIMPSE . . .

What does the "family table" look like in recovery?

On Thanksgiving Day, our dining room is full. So is the kitchen. Volunteers, staff, and, of course, men in our program all sit down for a meal. Turkeys get carved. We don't skip on pie. This is "family" for men in recovery.

They will be thinking of their loved ones, no doubt — people they're reconciling with, miss, or hope to sit at a table with next year. **Thanksgiving at the Rescue Mission is not a replacement. *It's a reminder.*** A reminder that this is not the end of the road, that men in our care are worth celebrating, and that God is good.

Yes, your generosity will provide meals on Thanksgiving day. But that's just *one day*.

A meal lasts only minutes. Your impact lasts for eternity. Thank you for meeting men in the middle of their recovery journey. Your partnership provides steady care that helps them rebuild their lives!





FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A testimony to take home



JEFF BEALE
Executive Director

Reading Jared's story, I keep coming back to Jesus' words in Mark 5 to the demon-possessed man. He says:

"Go home to your family and tell them the great things the Lord has done for you . . ."

This is what recovery is meant to look like. Not just getting clean — going back and telling the redemption story.

This Thanksgiving, men will sit at our table instead of their family's. We'll eat together. We'll laugh. Open up. Men will give gratitude for what God has brought them through and build each other up in faith for what He has yet to do.

This is the power of your generosity. It gives men a testimony to take home one day. It equips them for a life that *never* has to return to addiction.

As you head into the holidays, take a moment to remember your history with God, what He's done for you. Then tell someone about it. That's what men at our Thanksgiving table will do. It costs nothing, but don't underestimate it's power.

Thank you. What a privilege to be part of this work together.

