

# the REVEALER

Thanksgiving 2013

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## A Personal Word from Tracy

What a blessing it is to be able to share stories like Jeff's with you!

This incredible testimony of a life transformed is the reason this ministry exists. It is the goal that drives us – that keeps our doors open, offering a warm Christian welcome to each and every person who is hungry, homeless or in need of care and compassion.

But we can only do that because you share your blessings.

Your prayers. Your time. Your gifts. These are the blessings you bestow on those who are hungry and homeless. These are the blessings that change – and save – people's lives.

As Thanksgiving approaches, my staff and I will be sending up an extra prayer of thanks for your support and encouragement.

It truly is a blessing to have friends like you who help feed, shelter and care for “the least, the last and the lost.”

With grateful thanks,



Tracy L. Gorman  
President/CEO

## Homelessness can happen to anyone

Jeff worked in the IT department of a large company here in town. But when his grandmother became ill, he left his job to give her the round-the-clock care she needed.

After she passed away, Jeff began looking for work. It was 2008 and the recession had hit hard – jobs were nearly impossible to find. **Soon, he could no longer afford to stay in his home.**

“I moved into a motel for a year,” Jeff says. “Eventually, I couldn't even afford that.”

He crashed on friends' couches, but he “felt like a burden, and it was stressful for everyone.” Jeff knew he needed to find a safe place where he could stay long enough to get back on his feet.

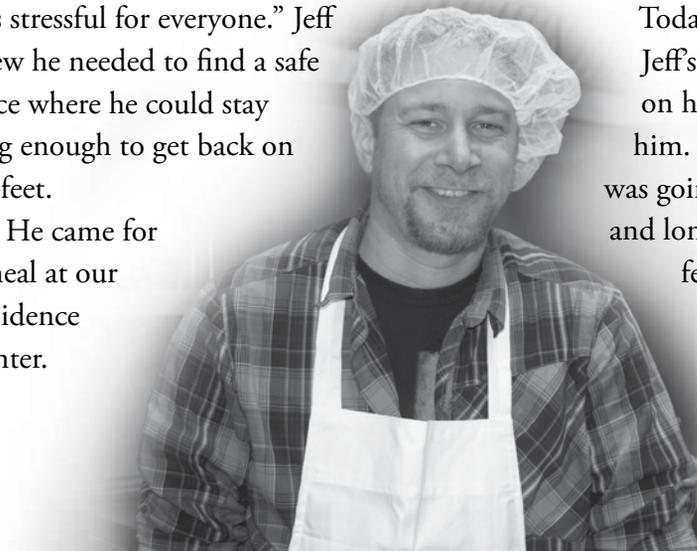
He came for a meal at our Residence Center.

“I didn't know the Mission existed,” he says, “and it was so different than I imagined. **The guests here are good people who just fell on hard times.**”

Jeff joined our long-term P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education, Service) program, for “more motivation to pursue my goals.” He's especially excited to study the Bible and apply its message of love and hope to his life.

Jeff helps out in our kitchen, cooking and serving hundreds of meals each day. **“The Mission gives people hope – and just reminds them that others care.”**

Today, there are tears in Jeff's eyes when he reflects on how the Mission's helped him. “I didn't know what I was going to do. I felt desperate and lonely,” he says. “Here, I feel stronger. And I see a lot of success stories. It's so encouraging.”



## Gobbler Gathering Needs

10-13 lb. frozen turkeys  
 5 lb. bagged potatoes  
 5 lb. bagged onions  
 Fresh celery  
 Canned green beans  
 Canned corn  
 Canned peas  
 Canned cranberry sauce  
 Canned yams  
 Canned chicken broth  
 Jiffy cornbread mix  
 Macaroni and cheese  
 Stuffing mix  
 Cake mix (no icing)  
 Egg noodles

Please drop off donations at our Administrative Offices, 500 East Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713 by Friday, November 22.

### Your Invitation to Join



#### Faithful Friends Club

Your compassion and care for hungry, homeless men, women and children in the Tri-State area is changing countless lives each day.

We invite you to continue that support by becoming part of a special group of people who really have faith in our work – **our Faithful Friends Club.**

Through regular monthly or quarterly gifts, these extraordinary Mission friends make sure our doors are open and all our services are available 365 days a year!

To learn more, or sign up to give, visit our website at [EvansvilleRescueMission.org](http://EvansvilleRescueMission.org) and click on “Get Involved” and choose the option for “Faithful Friends Club.”

Thank you for surrounding those in need with the promise of a better life today and a brighter, more secure, tomorrow. Thank you!

## We Need Your Help at Our 91st Gobbler Gathering

# A Box Full of Blessings

Thanksgiving is almost here! To make it a happy holiday for thousands of less fortunate individuals and families in the Tri-State area, **we need your help at our annual Gobbler Gathering.**



We’re expecting to distribute 2,000 Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need. Many families are counting on this box full of food – without it, there will be no Thanksgiving dinner.

Let’s make this year’s Gobbler Gathering the best yet! Consider volunteering at the event or donating food items from the list on the left. Together, we can make



sure everyone’s needs are met this Thanksgiving season.

For more information, call (812) 421-3800 or visit [EvansvilleRescueMission.org](http://EvansvilleRescueMission.org).

### Sign up today!

## Drumstick Dash 2013

There’s still time to sign up for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Drumstick Dash!

This run/walk through downtown Evansville is not only a great way to kick off the holiday – it benefits the Mission during our busiest time of year.

Thousands of people will

come here for meals during the week of Thanksgiving, including up to 2,000 for our annual Thanksgiving food basket giveaway.

With so many people at or below the poverty level – young families, seniors, veterans, homeless men and women – we could really



use your help to make this event a success!

Take part in one of two races: an **8K** (4.97 miles) run/walk that kicks off at 9 a.m. or a 1-mile run/walk that kicks off at 9:10 a.m.

Your entry fee (\$20 per person; children under 11 run for free!) will help provide needed food and care for less fortunate people in our community. For more information, visit [EvansvilleRescueMission.org](http://EvansvilleRescueMission.org) or call (812) 421-3800. See you at the starting line!



Saturday, Nov. 23, 9-11 a.m.  
 Move your feet so others can eat!

## Feed the need or fix the problem?

In the next couple of months, your mailbox will be filled with requests from all kinds of organizations asking you to “Feed hungry people at Thanksgiving.”

We think that’s wonderful. But, why just at Thanksgiving? And why just food?

People who are hungry and homeless need more than a meal. They need shelter. Clothing. Job training. And most of all, they need **life-changing** programs that will not only address



the causes of hunger and homelessness, but work to overcome them!

Addiction, hunger and homelessness can be fatal. Your support provides the year-round, all-day-every-day food, shelter, Christian care and counseling that save lives. Your gifts bless individuals with the ability to transform their lives through programs like P.A.C.E.S.

**Your gift today to the Evansville Rescue Mission will do so much more than feed the need. You will help fix the problem. Thank you!**