



**A Message
from
Tracy L.
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As we begin our 97th year of caring for people who are hungry, homeless and in need, I want to thank you for being a “door opener.”

For many of the people who come to the Evansville Rescue Mission, life has been so hard for so long that it’s often difficult for them to believe that there is another way to live, “a door to a better life.”

You are the person who helps open that door!

It may start with a simple meal or a night of safe shelter. A chapel message. Or a conversation with a staff member.

Tomorrow, new faces will come through our doors. They will be hungry, homeless and lost.

Please enable us to continue to feed them, give them a warm place to sleep and begin the work that returns them to their homes, their families and their communities. Use the enclosed gift slip to make your gift, or give online at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.

Your support is a great blessing that is never taken for granted.

Tracy L. Gorman
President/CEO

Finding a Firm Foundation

Chris didn’t know where his life was going and didn’t much care. “I was living day to day, paycheck to paycheck. I didn’t have any goals,” he says. **“I’ve never been real big on responsibilities and taking action. I was kind of floating around.”**

After moving from Arizona to care for his dad, who’d suffered a heart attack, Chris moved in with his cousin to help her care for her injured son until he passed away. When they had a falling out, he found himself homeless. It was then that Chris read a pamphlet about the Evansville Rescue Mission and decided the P.A.C.E.S. men’s program was for him.

Since coming to the Mission, Chris has grown through the program’s focus on **Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education and Service**, nurtured through Bible studies and classes. “It’s really opened me up. It made me realize that there’s more out there. I’ve set goals for myself,” Chris says. “A lot of people here want to help you out. I’ve never been in an environment like that.”

Chris has gained valuable experience through the P.A.C.E.S. program’s mandatory work detail



component as well, working in the Mission’s laundry room and providing security at the front desk. **“It’s done a lot for me and I thank God every day for it,”** he says. “My dad said, ‘I can tell a difference just by listening to you...you don’t sound dreadful and weary all the time.’”

Chris is currently looking for a job, and plans to stay involved with the Mission after graduation. “It helps a lot of people,” he says. “Maybe somebody out there who is lost and doesn’t know where they’re going in life will need a structure, a foundation like this place gives you, not only with God, but they help you find a job.”

Thank you for your support in 2013!

These are truly wonderful reminders of all the great work you've made possible here at the Evansville Rescue Mission during the past year.

If you volunteer, you may find yourself in one of these pictures! Dedicated groups and individuals, churches, schools, companies and families donated more than 39,600 hours of their time to make life better for homeless men, women and children.

Emergency Food & Shelter

More than 43,000 nights of safe shelter were provided for men who might otherwise be sleeping in cars or on the streets of Evansville.

Nearly 175,000 nutritious meals were served to hungry neighbors including men staying at the Mission and the general public.

Nearly 1,500 homeless men over the age of eighteen received nightly shelter at the Residence Center.

P.A.C.E.S.

This year, 150 men who desired to change their lives by growing spiritually and having a relationship with Jesus Christ joined our long-term residential program, P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose Accountability Christ Education and Service).

Chapel

An estimated 39,000 hours of chapel services, Bible studies and elective classes for those in our shelter and long-term program were led by staff and volunteers from dozens of local churches who shared God's love, healing and hope.

Building on its history as the oldest and largest provider of services for those who are homeless, hungry and in need, the Mission opened a new Residence Center in February of 2013. In addition to increasing our capacity to provide emergency meals and shelter, the new center houses our long-term residential and spiritual development program, P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose Accountability Christ Education and Service).



Warm smiles and home-cooked meals. Our kitchens serve meals every day of the year to those in need. This year, hundreds of volunteers helped serve more than 43,000 home-cooked meals.



At Christmas, nearly 250 children received gifts thanks to the support of our faithful donors.



Sharing the Good News. Every day is chockfull of activities, and each one provides an opportunity for staff and counselors to lead by Christian example and share the Good News of Jesus.



More than 300 children enjoy a "summer of blessings." There was so much to do at Camp Reveal this summer that the days just flew by! When they weren't cooling off in the cool waters of the lake, campers were playing basketball, taking part in crafts and games and enjoying great meals.



The 2nd annual Drumstick Dash, a fun-filled walk/run through the streets of Evansville on Saturday, November 23 was a resounding success! More than 700 runners and walkers – twice as many as last year – raised money to provide Thanksgiving food baskets for thousands of Tri-State families.



Move your feet so others can eat! This is what it looks like when hundreds of runners and walkers dash to catch Butterball, the Drumstick Dash mascot. Participants also enjoyed a costume contest, Lil' Gobbler run for children and an amazing food court. Thanks to our sponsors and volunteers who helped with our 2013 Drumstick Dash. We couldn't have done it without you!



The Gobbler Gathering, the Evansville Rescue Mission's 91st Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway, provided more than 1,500 food boxes for local families and individuals. Packed and distributed with the help of more than 700 amazing volunteers, each box included a turkey and fresh vegetables along with enough additional food to last up to three days.



Last year, more than 1,700 Tri-state families received clothing vouchers through our Thrift Store.



Y.C.C. Nearly 1000 boys and girls are safely contained at our YCC youth facility.

2014 Forecast



The Mission never closes. Ahead of us are 365 more days of providing food and shelter, healing and hope, to homeless, abused, addicted and poor individuals.

What the statistics do not count are the tens of thousands of hours of care, counseling and classes that help people get back on their feet. Or the

tremendous amount of compassion and generosity shown by our donors, volunteers and staff – gifts of time, talent and treasure that help achieve such outstanding successes.

Please continue to partner with us to create a better life for people who are hungry, homeless and in need of your help.

You change people's lives and give them hope!

As we marvel at all the good works that have been done in 2013 and look forward to 2014, one thing is crystal clear: **None of this would happen without your support.**

Your generosity provides meals and shelter. Your gifts make it possible for homeless people to receive the help they so desperately need to get off the streets and into programs that will change their lives and give them hope!

Evansville has an enormous number of people in need right now.

We need your generous support today to feed, clothe and shelter them, heal them physically and show them the love of Christ that will mend their broken hearts and souls.

Please help us start the New Year off strong. Use the coupon below to send your gift today. Or give safely and securely online at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.

Thank you in advance for your compassion and love!

