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Because of you...

“MY STORY HAS A NEW BEGINNING!”

Your gifts bring **JOY** to people like Mike at Christmas and all through the year!

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Now I know
HE IS ALWAYS THERE
for me.
GOD IS MY EVERYTHING.
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“I had exhausted all my friends and family, and alienated myself from everything,” Mike says.

Mike started drinking as a teenager to cope with the abuse he experienced at a young age. “I had a lot of things happen in my childhood that I always tried to not think about. I self-medicated and would drink to try to forget my problems.” Mike’s drinking led to the demise of his marriage and estrangement from his teenage sons, trouble keeping a job, and becoming homeless.

After months of living on the streets, Mike grew tired of his lifestyle and decided to get help at your Evansville Rescue Mission. **Here, through your gifts, he was blessed with the essentials of safe shelter... nutritious meals... and everything he needed to feel comfortable and at home.**

“I wake up now every day and don’t have to worry about where I’m going to eat... I actually have time to think about how blessed I am. I’ve given God so many chances to just be done with me, but He’s carried me through all of them.”

For the first time in years, Mike was able to celebrate the miracle of Christmas with God’s joy and peace in his heart.

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My goal is to build a stronger relationship with God,” Mike shares. **“I want that stability in my life and mind.”**”

Currently staying at your ERM’s Residence Center, Mike plans to take the next step and enter your ERM’s P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education, Service) long-term residential program. He’s taking things one day at a time – reconnecting with God, focusing on his sobriety, and gaining work experience around your Mission. He’s also taking steps to reconcile with his family members.

This Christmas, because of your compassion and God’s love, Mike’s story has a new beginning. Through the gift of Christ’s birth, his future is filled with joy and meaning. “I get such peace being here at the Mission. I can’t think of a job I’d rather have than helping people.”

97th Annual Gobbler Gathering Day • November 26

Thank you for being a blessing!

You are incredible! Because of your generosity, thousands of local individuals, families, and seniors were able to enjoy the gifts of Thanksgiving food baskets and a time of fellowship at this year’s Gobbler Gathering. We are so grateful for caring friends like you who hosted food drives, donated much-needed food items, volunteered, and made financial gifts. YOU are the reason this year’s event was a success! It was an incredible day for everyone who attended, and it was all possible because you cared about your hungry neighbors. ***May God bless you richly.***



A MESSAGE FROM
TRACY L. GORMAN



Your Gifts
Fill Hearts
With *Joy!*

The “Christmas story” isn’t fiction, fable, or fairytale. It’s God’s reassuring Truth!

Christ was born to bring hope to a troubled world and healing to broken souls.

That’s the joy-filled message we’re honored to share with our guests at Christmas, and remain faithful to every day of the year.

Jesus’ birth begins a new story for all of humankind. But for a new story to begin, an old one often must end. Through the Christ-centered care your generosity provides, we help individuals close chapters of loneliness, pain, and tragedy in their lives and ask the Lord to be the author of their futures. I invite you to partner with us in the coming weeks to provide gifts of food, shelter, and life-restoring guidance, as we celebrate the joyous new beginnings the season brings.

The redemptive story of Christmas continues today, each time friends like you reach out with compassion to those who are homeless, addicted, and downtrodden.

Thank you for keeping the story of Christ’s birth alive – and filling hearts with the joy of Christmas – every day of the year.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season and into the New Year.


Tracy L. Gorman
President/CEO



Give a Meal... *Change a Life*

18,833 meals by Christmas!

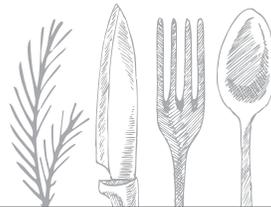
A plate of hot, wholesome food can change someone’s story from struggle to strength... from heartbreak to hope... from despair to joy. With each meal you give, you offer so much more:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing.
- Life skills classes and practical guidance.
- The message of God’s life-changing love.



It costs only \$2.93 to provide a meal and care for one hungry guest...

Please Send Your Gift Today!



✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

📄 Give online anytime at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.



December 3 is
#GIVING
TUESDAY

Now in its eighth year, **Giving Tuesday** unites compassionate friends and partners in caring for their neighbors and communities. On this special day of generosity and kindness, your gift will bring life essentials and life-changing guidance to those in our care at your Evansville Rescue Mission!

**No Need to Wait Until December 3...
Send Your Gift Today!**

📄 Give online at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.

✉ Add your special gift to the reply card and send it today.

Evansville Rescue Mission Thrift Store

*Your purchase transforms
hearts and lives!*

Did you know that when you shop at our thrift store, you'll also help provide food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities for the guests we serve? This holiday season, please consider stopping by our thrift store to help with our shopping needs. We also gladly welcome donations of gently used clothing, furniture, appliances, linens, and other items. For more information about our thrift store, visit our website today:

EvansvilleRescueMission.org/erm-thrift-stores.



A great big THANK YOU!

There simply aren't enough words to thank everyone who supported this year's Drumstick Dash. We are so grateful for all the sponsors, runners/walkers, and volunteers who generously donated their time and resources to make our 8th Annual Drumstick Dash a success! The proceeds generated from this event were used to provide thousands of families in our Tri-State area with food and fellowship at our annual Gobbler Gathering on November 26. We are so blessed to be part of a community that has such big hearts, and gives back to help those in need!