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The Man in the Mirror

'm 70 years old and I haven't been able to look at myself in a mirror in years. I can't stand who's staring back. That's what a life-long addiction to cocaine will do to you. Cocaine cost me everything – including my dignity, self-esteem, and self-respect.

About six months ago, I was in a hospital about 400 miles from Evansville. They told me I could get help at the Evansville Rescue Mission. **I figured I had one more chance. It was time to do or die.** I have a son and daughter, a granddaughter, and two greatgrandsons, and I want them to be proud of me before I die. So, I spent \$450 on a cab ride to get me here.

I'll be honest, I was skeptical at first. But from the day I got here, the people here embraced me with so much love and compassion that I was overwhelmed. **They clothed me, fed me, held me accountable, and got me back in touch with God.** I'm surrounded by folks who've already recovered from various addictions – I've heard their stories, and they give me hope that I can do it, too.

After 70 years of doing the wrong thing, it's not

easy to do the right thing. But they're teaching to walk day by day, choosing to do the right thing moment by moment.

I've been sober now for six months, and I'm learning to live with myself again. I'm learning how to respect myself, how to treat myself better, and how to give the love I've received here to others. The love I feel here is more important than anything else.

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That's why I'm also grateful to donors like you. Your support helped me put my life back together. Thanks to you, for the first time in years, I can look in a mirror again – and like the man who's staring back.

"Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" - Galatians 5:13b-14

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A meal for \$2.93 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

Thank you for loving your neighbors as yourself

We all need a helping hand from time to time. No one makes it through life without a little care and compassion along the way. That's what loving your neighbors is all about, right?

And yet, you and I know that God's Word has a way of challenging us to go further... of stretching our faithfulness beyond what we thought possible. The Lord makes the impossible POSSIBLE at your Mission, thanks to the generosity of friends like YOU.

Now, as the summer months approach, I hope we can count on you during our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.

Time and time again in Scripture, we're told not just to "*love your neighbor*" but to "*love your neighbor* **as yourself**." That's a big difference! It's making the needs of others a priority equal with your own from the beginning.

I'm so grateful for friends like you who give in this way to help our Tri-State area's less fortunate. And I ask for your continued support through the summer, when the weather can be dangerous for people who live outside.

Thank you for offering a helping hand to your neighbors most in need – and for continuing to love them **as yourself**.





Tracy J. Gorman President/CEO



Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild lives!

Celebrating new beginnings... **THANKS TO YOU!**

We're proud of our P.A.C.E.S. graduates!

It's a special time at your Mission as **we celebrate our new** graduates from our P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education, Service) program!

After months of Christ-centered counseling, classes, and life-skills training, this is only the beginning. <u>Thanks to your support and God's</u> grace, they have a new life of HOPE.

As our graduates return to our community, please keep them in your prayers. And thank you for your continued support, as more people walk through our doors to start their own journey of transformation.

Want to learn more about our discipleship services for men? Visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org.**

Help your neighbors BEAT THE HEAT this summer!

You know how hot it can get in our Tri-State area in summertime... now imagine being out on the streets in this heat. **Our community's less fortunate are at risk of heat stroke, dehydration, or even death – especially those who are most vulnerable,** like seniors or veterans with health conditions.

But this summer, YOU can help! You can show our hurting neighbors they haven't been forgotten by providing them with essentials such as:





Cool water to drink & nourishing meals



Refreshing showers & safe shelter



Clean clothes & socks our most requested item!

Sunscreen & hygiene items

In addition to these basics, you'll welcome them to your Mission where they can be discipled and rebuild their lives. You provide medical care to treat any health challenges. Faith-based counseling to heal from past trauma. Classes and job training to promote independence. Everything they need for healthier, more stable lives!

To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org/how-you**can-help/immediate-needs/.

Visit Our Website: Help is just a click away!

Whether you're struggling and want to know more about your Evansville Rescue Mission's programs or services or just want to donate items you no longer need to our Thrift Store, our website makes it easy to find resources.

Here are just a few of the ways to get in touch or get help:



GET HELP NOW – If you or someone you know needs help, visit

EvansvilleRescueMission.org/whatwe-do/ to access information about our programs and contacts.



CONNECT WITH US – For quick access to the program staff, thrift

store, and other activities, visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org/contact.**

To learn more, visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org.**