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Niko is celebrating Easter with JOY – because of you!

> Thank you for showing him that new life is possible.

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### A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

## THE PROMISES OF **EASTER**

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at your Evansville Rescue Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter, and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting individuals in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future, and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!

Tra<mark>cy</mark> L. Gorman President/CEO





Join us for a day of fun on the golf course to help more vulnerable women and children in Evansville. Proceeds from your participation will help raise \$9 million during our Safe & Sound Campaign to renovate the Susan H. Snyder Center for Women and Children.

When: May 6th, 2024 Where: Rolling Hills Country Club 1666 Old Plank Road, Newburgh, IN 47630 What: Complimentary lunch will take place between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. with a scramble start time of noon.

Sponsorships start at \$100

Learn more & register online! EvansvilleRescueMission.org/ golf-scramble



## SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

## Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every guest who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...

18,298 meals just \$2.93 each!









Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
Give online anytime at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.

# "I'm thankful... the Mission introduced me to Christ."

Niko's struggle with addiction began at a young age, sipping his parents' unfinished drinks. By the time he was a teenager, the grip of alcohol had taken hold of him. **"It was a downward spiral, I just kept drinking and getting worse."** 

Throughout his life he endured the loss of many people including his baby sister, his parents, his son, and eventually, his wife – and each loss weighed him further down in grief and pain that he drank to escape. became a cornerstone of his recovery, and he felt God working in his life as he took part in our P.A.C.E.S. program and attended church and AA meetings regularly. **"I've never had friends that were sober before – they've helped me get my life back together. And I have a relationship with Jesus Christ now."** 

In addition to his physical and spiritual recovery, Niko has reconnected with his love of creating art, and plans to nurture that habit in his retirement. Niko's future is bright



At age 63, after DUIs and jail time, he found himself at rock bottom without a roof over his head, and mourning the death of his wife. **"It made me want to drink myself to death,"** he admits, but instead he turned to your Evansville Rescue Mission.

For Niko, arriving at your Evansville Rescue Mission felt like being found after wandering lost for years. The community with hope. He's saving money and plans to move into an apartment of his own soon.

Thank you for sharing God's love with Niko this Easter. His life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel! "I was lost, like I said, and now I've got a friend named Jesus, and I've got sober friends, and things are looking up."



# **YOU** Can Make a Difference in the Lives of Those in Need!

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."* Volunteers are critical to the success here at your Evansville Rescue Mission! And we're always in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to lend a hand in all areas:

- Assist with Meal Services at our main campus Dining Hall.
- Help sort and tag clothing, and organize the sales floor for our customers at **ERM's Thrift Store in Evansville.**
- Help with the behind-the-scenes work of stuffing envelopes, sorting mail, making copies, filing, and more at our **Administrative Offices**.

Donating your time to ERM as a volunteer demonstrates the unconditional love and acceptance of Jesus to our residents... and it's sure to bless your heart too!

For more information about volunteering, contact ERM's Kyle Gorman at kyle.gorman@ermstaff.org or visit EvansvilleRescueMission.org/volunteer.



You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at your Evansville Rescue Mission need... By becoming a Faithful Friends Club partner, you can help save lives with your monthly gift to provide:





MEALS







SHELTER

JOB TRAINING

Start giving monthly now to help provide the building blocks our residents need for a better life!

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#### God's Promise of Joy

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11