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THANK YOU FOR GIVING CODY

a life-changing **GIFT THIS** Christmas!

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A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

Jou help make * Christmas + miracles possible

Get ready... the busiest time of the year is upon us! I imagine your calendar is filling up quickly. But **before the year ends, please save a few moments for our neighbors who are homeless.**

I know you agree no one should live in a car... in a tent... or outside in the cold. Certainly not a child. Being homeless means living with constant fear and uncertainty. It's a terrible way to spend any day... much less Christmas Day. If there's anyone in need of a miracle, it's them.

You can make a Christmas miracle possible for a neighbor who is homeless by giving \$2.93 to provide a hot meal at your Evansville Rescue Mission. It may not seem like much – but each meal you provide can be someone's first step toward discipleship and a new life. <u>Where you see a meal, a hurting</u> <u>neighbor sees a miracle</u>.

With your support, no one in our Tri-State area has to be hungry or homeless this Christmas. People like Cody (whose story is on page 3) can find the miracle of hot meals, safe shelter, and Christ-centered care at your Evansville Rescue Mission this holiday season... and all year round... thanks to you!



Tracy **L**. Gorman President/CEO

HELP CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR THEM

This holiday season, so many women and children in our Tri-State area are struggling to endure homelessness... unseen, alone, praying for the gift of safety and hope.

You can help build The Susan H. Snyder Center for Women and Children, giving shelter for up to 125 women and children.

Your gift today will help finish building this new shelter, offering:

- A safe and private living space for women and their children
- Discipleship in our life-changing programming
- Daycare and child development resources
- Christ-centered counseling
- Life-skills classes and job training opportunities

Learn more! EvansvilleRescueMission.org/seen







\$25,000 Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

BIG NEWS to end the year: **When you give between now and December 31, your generosity will go 2x as far** to provide food, shelter, and life-changing care for our struggling neighbors!

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

Return your special year-end gift in the reply card today.
Give online at
EvansvilleRescueMission.org.

THANK YOU for doubling your impact during our Matching Challenge!

"J'm healthy again, MENTALLY AND SPIRITUALLY."



F or years, Cody struggled with opening up to other people. He and his brother were raised by their grandmother, and when she passed away the loss weighed heavily on Cody. **"Losing her took such a toll on me, it was a trauma I didn't know how to recover from."**

He found himself homeless, struggling to eat or find work. For a while he spent his nights sleeping on the couches of the very few friends he had, as he tried to make a plan for his future.

But soon his anxiety made him pull away from even those people. "My mental state was not in a good place, with everything I'd gone through. I felt so low, and I just didn't want to be around people."

At his lowest, Cody realized that he had to fight through the fear and find help. **"I was at rock bottom, spiritually and personally.** I felt like I had no one and I knew I needed to reach out or I would have no future." Praying for a miracle, he came to the doors of your Evansville Rescue Mission.

In our Health and Wellness program, Cody began to flourish, as he opened himself up to Christian fellowship and the healing gift of God's love. "They understand what I've gone through in my life, and **the group here has helped care for my mental state in a way I really needed.**"

His work experience at your Evansville Rescue Mission is also helping him prepare to secure a job and a stable living situation once he's ready to take his next step.

"I felt welcomed immediately... LIKE I COULD OPEN UP HERE AND GROW."

This Christmas, Cody is experiencing all the joy this season has to offer – because YOU believed in the power of a fresh start and the promise of God's unending love. "The Mission has helped me open up to other people again and focus on my goals for the future. I'm building my faith back, and I don't feel alone anymore."

Give Relief From Colder Days

Falling temperatures <u>will</u> put lives at risk this holiday season.

With average lows of 27° in our Tri-State area – and added factors like rain and wind – our neighbors are at risk of hypothermia and other health challenges this winter.

You can give them relief from the cold at your Evansville Rescue Mission:

- **Safe shelter** includes a warm bed and a roof over their heads
- Hot food offers comfort and nourishment to cold, weary neighbors
- Winter clothes like coats, clothing, and shoes are in high demand

To see our most urgently needed items, visit EvansvilleRescueMission.org/ Needs

Give a meal. Spark a miracle!

It's hard to find a reason to celebrate Christmas when you're homeless or hungry. **YOU can give JOY and spark a miracle** with a gift to lead someone to join our discipleship program and experience a new life! It all starts by providing a meal for \$2.93... because where you see a meal, they see a miracle.





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Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!



Pray for Women and Children

Children experience Christmas in such special ways. It's magical and a time of such joy. This time next year, 125 vulnerable women and children will be celebrating Christmas in The Susan H. Snyder Center for Women and Children.

But this year – as construction of the new facility continues – will you say a special prayer for those who will soon call it *home*?

This Christmas, please pray...

- For children in our community experiencing adversity
- For single mothers struggling to afford gifts for their children
- For the construction of our Center for Women and Children

Thank you for your prayers!