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## "I know that I'm a different person now... I'm so blessed."

One of the most difficult challenges of Mike's life was watching his young daughter undergo four open heart surgeries. "She's all right now," he says, "but that was very hard on me."

What Mike didn't know at the time was that his own medical challenges would also arise ten years later, and that he would be the one in desperate need of care. The most difficult season of struggles began when Mike lost his home.

He was thrust into homelessness in an instant. "My apartment burned up," he remembers painfully. "It was horrible. I was on the street, not knowing where I was going or how I'd get by." In this dark hour, he turned to your Evansville Rescue Mission and found comfort and a second chance.

In addition to the shelter here, Mike found teaching and healing that he didn't know he needed. "I've learned so much from the classes, about my own health and wellness."

His faith also flourished in his new environment. "My spiritual life has changed completely. Going to chapel, praying every day... it's been so healing." And he relished the chance to give back through work assignments.

During his time here, he faced a medical scare that once again brought up the trauma and fear he'd dealt with when his daughter was sick. "I was diagnosed with cancer of the throat while here, but the Mission helped me get the care I needed. I'm cancer-free now."

Looking to his future, Mike plans to get settled in a new apartment, spend more time with his family, and maintain his spiritual walk through prayer, scripture, and church.

Your gifts are bearing fruit in the lives of people like Mike. Now, his heart is full of hope this fall... thanks to your kindness! "I'm so thankful for the Mission. They had that faith in me that I could still have a full and meaningful life. I've been changed and saved."



### Hearts and lives are full... thanks to YOU!





### A Message from TRACY L. GORMAN

As the seasons change, I'm reminded of Jesus' words to His disciples: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." As one of

our most devoted "workers," your support and care for our community's less fortunate is a powerful source of hope. For the people who come to us for help. For our staff... and for me personally!

This month, you have a special opportunity to make a difference for our struggling neighbors. <u>September is Hunger Action Month – and we're inviting you to provide 30 meals over 30 days for our hungry guests</u>. It's a meaningful way you can be a force for change here in our Tri-State area.

In September alone, we're preparing to serve 24,250 meals – and more in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Your support will help provide these life-changing meals that fill bellies with nourishment... and fill lives with hope.

Just read how your generous gifts are bearing fruit in Mike's life, whose story is on Page 3. He is looking forward to a more hope-filled future – because of the dedication of "workers" like you!

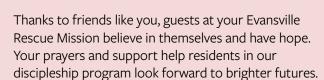
Thank you for investing in the lives of more people like Mike during Hunger Action Month and throughout the fall season!

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Tracy L. Gorman, President/CEO



## YOU'RE HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS...





"The Mission opened their door for me and gave me the chance to start over again. They've given me the opportunity to better myself and to heal my heart and spirit." - Peter

"I used to be lost, but they've helped me become much more grounded. They gave me a safe place to work on myself and to heal." – West



Thank you for believing in second chances and making it possible for people to rebuild their lives!

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org.** 



## SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT: HUNGER ACTION MONTH





24,250
Meals Needed by Sept. 30!



**September is Hunger Action Month!** Join our community in this month-long movement to fight hunger... and TAKE ACTION to help even more hungry neighbors we'll welcome this fall.



Sign up to serve a meal



Donate canned goods



Provide groceries



Invite others to join you

For just \$2.93, YOU can provide a nourishing meal to end someone's hunger. Send your gift today OR online at EvansvilleRescueMission.org.





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## We are so grateful for our Corporate Sponsor, ARC Construction!

ARC does more than build projects – they build

stronger communities. For years, ARC has helped meet the needs of our struggling neighbors in our Tri-State area through their generous support of our ministry.

Most recently, ARC gave back to our neighbors by completing all the renovations for your new Susan H. Snyder Center for Women and Children. They also served as the presenting sponsor for its grand opening in March, making the celebration even more meaningful.



We sincerely thank everyone at ARC Construction for their faithful support of those in need in our community.

# THERE'S SO MUCH MORE ONLINE!

## Visit **EvansvilleRescueMission.org** today to:

Read stories of lives changed
Check out current events
See our urgent needs list
Learn about volunteering at your
Evansville Rescue Mission
Donate safely and securely

### **INVEST IN SAVING LIVES!**

Make a lasting impact for our neighbors in need... while experiencing benefits for you and your family! Don't forget about these special giving opportunities before the year ends.

#### **IRA Charitable Rollover**

Are you 73 or older? If so, you can save on taxes while meeting your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution! A gift from your IRA is considered a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), so it's not taxable income.

### **Donor-Advised Funds (DAF)**

A DAF acts as a charity savings account that you can use to send money to your Evansville Rescue Mission. If you put money in today, you'll get a tax deduction for 2025. The money sits in the fund and can grow tax-free!

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