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wayne describes his childhood as normal, growing up with his mother and siblings. He graduated from high school, served in the United States Navy, and got his associate's degree in computer programming.

But when a family dispute left him homeless during the winter months, he had nowhere else to turn. "It was snowing and icy. I was walking down the street and a man picked me up. He said I looked like I needed to get warm and offered me some water."

That Good Samaritan brought Wayne to your Evansville Rescue Mission, where he joined the P.A.C.E.S. (Purpose, Accountability, Christ, Education, Service) program.

A safe place to sleep and stay warm is important for everyone – but due to some health concerns, it was especially critical for Wayne. "Since coming here, I've had the opportunity to get better medical care and to focus more on my health."

The holistic care offered by our discipleship program

has improved many facets of Wayne's life. "I learned how to control my temper better, grew in faith, and improved my communication skills. I learned how to do my finances and how to focus on my goals in life. The program gave me time to really think about my life and helped me to be a better person."

After graduating the program, he started working in housekeeping before being promoted. "Now I'm head of security here at the Evansville Rescue Mission." On a typical day, he oversees team members and welcomes new guests, takes their information, and shows them around. It's a full circle moment as Wayne shares the hospitality he received when he arrived.

This Christmas, Wayne is experiencing the gifts of peace and hope for a brighter future. Thank you for sharing the blessings of God's love with him! "I'm thankful to the Evansville Rescue Mission because of the care they have provided me."



"Coming to the Evansville Rescue Mission was the best thing that could have happened to me."

You share the gifts of peace and hope at Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner! We're busy with our preparations – and I know you are too. I invite you to remember our neighbors in need for a moment... and consider what Christmas means to them.

For people experiencing homelessness, there is no moment of peace or joy. They endure constant stress... uncertain of where they can sleep safely... how they'll stay warm... and when they'll get their next meal.

I know your heart breaks for so many of our neighbors who feel they have little to celebrate this Christmas.

That's why your support means so much.

You can share the gifts of peace and hope with our hurting neighbors – this holiday season and beyond. When you give a meal for just \$2.93, you open the doors to healing and transformation. People like Wayne (whose story is on page 3) will experience the blessings of God's love that restores hearts and lives.

You can join us in reflecting God's love to our neighbors at Christmas through your compassion toward men, women, and children who are hungry, hurting, and homeless.

Thank you for filling hearts with peace and hope this season... and every day of the year.

Tracy L. Gorman President/CEO



Give a meal. Share peace and hope!

For our neighbors experiencing homelessness or hunger, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gifts of PEACE and HOPE.** Just \$2.93 provides a nourishing Christmas meal – and opens the door to recovery and a fresh start this holiday season.











\$2.93 for 1 hot meal

SHARES PEACE & HOPE

That leads to new life!

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!



The Best Bargains in Town

Gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, and bikes! Your donations – and your purchases – not only raise money to support your Evansville Rescue Mission but also provide work experience for residents of our P.A.C.E.S. program.

Visit The Thrift Store

1107 Washington Square, Evansville, IN 47715 Hours: Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday: CLOSED

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Give Relief from the Bitter Cold

Falling temperatures will put lives at risk this holiday season.

With average lows of 27° in our Tri-State area – and elements like snow and piercing cold winds – our unsheltered neighbors are at risk of hypothermia and lifethreatening illnesses 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

A Christmas they look forward to, thanks to YOU!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to the generosity of people like you, guests will celebrate this Christmas in the comfort of our new Women and Children's Center.



Holiday Feast: Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our residents – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

The Miracle of Jesus: Worship, prayer, fellowship, and an uplifting message of God's love. Our guests gather in the chapel to celebrate the peace and hope of Christmas together.

Thanks to you, women and children don't have to spend this Christmas alone and on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals, fellowship, and a reminder of the true reason for the season in our new Women and Children's Center!

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