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A Message from
TRACY L. GORMAN

Sharing the gift of hope this *Christmas*

On the night of His birth, Jesus' family was turned away because there was "no room at the inn." I find it so profound to think that they experienced the same fear and uncertainty our guests face when they have nowhere else to turn.

Here at your Evansville Rescue Mission, we are committed to welcoming and caring for every hurting person who comes through our doors. Yet many of our guests have endured years of homelessness, poverty, and hardship that have left them feeling forgotten and alone.

During the holidays, friends like you help share God's compassion and remind them they are seen and deeply valued. Your gifts to provide hot meals, safe shelter, and Christ-centered programming become meaningful expressions of God's love and care in their lives. Above all, you give the gift of hope and a second chance during these dark winter months.

This Christmas, I invite you to share love and grace with neighbors in need – like Rachelle, whose story you'll find on the next page. Through your generosity, you'll open a door when so many others are closed to them – and let them know that there is room for them here.

Thank you, and may God bless you throughout Christmas and into the New Year.

Tracy L. Gorman,
President/CEO

A Christmas they look forward to, thanks to YOU!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to local toy & donation drives and the generosity of people like you, your Evansville Rescue Mission guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.

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, our neighbors 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!

Give a meal. Share the gift of *hope!*

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

$2.93 for 1 hot meal → **SHARES HELP & HOPE** → **That leads to new life!**

Please send your Christmas gift today!

"I was lost and had no home... but now I'm happy and *I'm proud of myself.*"

Rachelle's childhood was filled with the love of her family and a strong Christian upbringing. "My mom took me to church every Sunday." Her father worked hard to provide for them. "They made sure that all of us kids had 10 presents each underneath the Christmas tree every year."

But heartbreaking loss fell on her family. She lost her father to lung cancer and later lost her mother in a car accident. **"I lost them at a very young age,"** she recalls. The grief stayed with her, especially during the holidays.

When a conflict with a family member led to her spending time in jail, Rachelle was offered the opportunity to come to Rush House. There, a staff member encouraged her to interview at Evansville Rescue Mission.

When Rachelle arrived, she was nervous, but the community came alongside her, and she soon felt at home in the program. "All the women accept me for who I am, and that's such a blessing."

Today, Rachelle has found safety, support, and hope through your Evansville Rescue Mission. "I feel secure here. Being here has helped me out completely in every way." She is working to overcome fears, build healthy relationships, and prepare for independent living. Through opportunities like helping in the kitchen, she is gaining confidence and practical skills for the future.

> **"They gave me a place to rest and recover, safe off the streets."**

Most importantly, Rachelle sees a difference in herself. **"I was homeless and lost before, but now I am happy and proud of myself."**

Looking ahead, Rachelle is preparing for the next chapter of her life. She hopes to find work in a kitchen or cleaning role and eventually move into her own apartment. **"I'm working to make a better life for myself."**

This Christmas, Rachelle is experiencing the hope and stability she once thought were out of reach. Thank you for helping provide a safe place, compassionate care, and a path forward for neighbors like her. "Before coming to Evansville Rescue Mission, I was homeless. Now, I am happy and proud of myself."

YOUR YEAR OF *Impact*

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, in 2026, you gave more than just meals and shelter... you gave healing and hope to our neighbors in need.

See what you made possible!

370,700
meals served

74,750
nights of shelter provided

60
new jobs obtained while in our programs

150
individuals who got sustainable housing

Thank you for supporting our life-changing programs to help more people get back on their feet this year!

There's So Much More Online!

Get to know us better, see more stories of lives you've changed, read about our latest news and events, and donate at **EvansvilleRescueMission.org**.

Plus, follow us on social media to connect with other people who share your heart for our neighbors in need.

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