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Celebrating the HOPE You're Sharing
with so Many this EASTER!

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EXPECTATIONS

Serving the Homeless in Jesus' Name Since 1892

Celebrating
HOPE
THIS EASTER
because of you!

INSIDE:

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—Angel**

**See his story
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“May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.” —Romans 15:13 NIV

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Even as a child, "My life was hard. It was really hard," Angel remembers. Harder still, "my father died when I was 16 years old," he says, shaking his head at how much that still hurts.

When that happened, he found himself with no place else to go. Angel found himself easy prey and soon, he was not only alone, but addicted. There was "nothing else," he recalls. "I didn't have family, I didn't have *anybody*."

Just surviving on the streets became his whole life. It made him tough, but it made him bitter too. "I felt like nobody loved me," he says. "So I thought I didn't *need* anybody. And in that moment, I didn't care." Because he had nothing to care about.

But God had other plans for Angel, and he found a meal, help and HOPE at the Rescue Mission.

Like so many others right now, "People come because winter is cold. To get a warm bed, to get breakfast, dinner, a shower. People can clean themselves," he nods. "And they can get clean."

And to do just that, Angel entered our proven New Life program at the Rescue Mission. "It's really good, it really works," he nods. "But you've got to be sure *you want to change your life*."

Angel wanted that transformation more than anything and he's a new man today, thanks to this new family of friends you're a part of through your support and caring!

"Really, you need somebody," he says today. "And many have treated me so good!" he smiles.



Angel is so grateful for the meal and hope friends like YOU have shared!

"They told me about Jesus, and my life has started over. Everything in the program is about God, *because people here gave me love*."

And for perhaps the first time, Angel is looking out for others. "I talk to the guys. I say, 'if you have no place to live, no way to go, there's the program. It can help you, *because it helped me*.'"

Angel is grateful to hearts like yours for making that possible. And it all starts with the meal—and HOPE—you can provide a broken neighbor like him, for just \$2.32 this Easter!

To make an immediate impact, return your enclosed Easter Meal Ticket with the amount God is leading you to send to provide meals and HOPE this special season. Thanks and blessings!

Because You Care . . .

Hungry, hurting men, women and children from across Greater Springfield are headed to the Rescue Mission right now for an Easter meal and hope! And with support and prayers like yours, we can provide critical care, the resurrection message of Christ's salvation and a plate of delicious food this blessed season—over 500 at the Easter Celebration alone! **So thank you for celebrating the HOPE you can share this Easter with neighbors of yours in need.**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Celebration

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.
Meal Delivery: 11:00 a.m.
Dinner: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

With support like yours, hundreds of meals will be served at this year's Celebration. Each meal and moment of fellowship can make a lifesaving, life-changing difference—at Easter! What a blessing . . . and what an opportunity, so please join all those at the Rescue Mission in prayer if not in person, remembering those in deepest need in celebration of Jesus' resurrection!



Food donations for Easter meals and other life-changing essentials are needed by Easter Saturday, April 20. For how you can help, call 413-732-0808 or email info@springfieldrescuemission.org. Thank you!

NOW UNTIL EASTER

Operation Hope Tote 2019

Impact people in need by filling Hope Totes for the Rescue Mission this Easter season!

Each spring, our family of friends like you go out of their way to provide Hope Totes for neighbors in need! Simply fill as many grocery bags as you can this year with necessities like toiletries and underclothes and drop them off at 10 Mill Street by Easter. You can also pick up official **Hope Tote** bags to fill and return to the Rescue Mission this special season. *Thank you!*



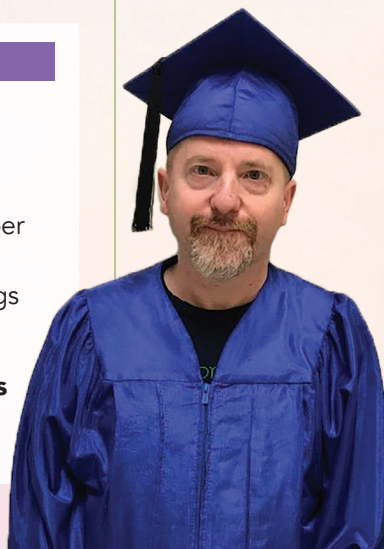
Use an empty bag or Hope Tote from the Rescue Mission for your giving, or box up larger quantities of new items you'd like to donate. For more info, contact Barbara Brizzolari at bbrizzolari@springfieldrescuemission.org or 413-732-0808, ext. 225.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Rescue Mission 2019 Graduation

Time/Location: 7:00 p.m. at Pioneer Valley Christian Academy

Your compassion in action is never more in evidence than during the Rescue Mission's annual Men's New Life Rehabilitation Program graduation! Make your plans now to witness the new life in Jesus expressed by this year's graduating class and you'll be blessed by joyful testimonies and the grateful tears for all you make possible through Christ's redemption, renewal and rebirth!



All are welcome!

EASTER NEEDS: DINNER & MEAL DELIVERY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift cards for all food needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Green beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Syrup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hams | <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner rolls | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon | <input type="checkbox"/> Butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt/Pepper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrots | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonings |

Call 413-732-0808 about Easter grocery donations or email info@springfieldrescuemission.org. Thanks for sharing as God has blessed you!

REPORT: Coldest Day 5K

Friends & neighbors joined the Rescue Mission family this year to raise awareness, funds and change lives!

This year's **Coldest Day 5K** community outreach was a fun, fantastic success on Groundhog Day, with over 200 men, women and children joining the Rescue Mission family to walk, run, share stories and laugh with one another along the route. A total of \$8,544 was raised by the **Coldest Day 5K** to provide meals and hope for your neighbors most in need, **and their grateful thanks is shared with you!**



A special thanks to all of our sponsors & supporters for a truly impactful event!

Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ WITH HELP & HOPE!

There's no time like Easter to provide meals, help and HOPE for renewal, restoration, rebirth and redemption! And each and every lifesaving meal and offer of hope you provide for just **\$2.32** this season of resurrection, can turn a life around and point the way to a positive future!

So please take a moment to look to the Lord for His leading to provide for neighbors in need. **Then fill out your enclosed Easter Meal Ticket and return it with the attached reply slip and your generous gift today, celebrating the HOPE you're sharing with those who need you most this Easter!**

EASTER
MEAL
& HOPE = \$2.32



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MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892 is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.

The Springfield Rescue Mission is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.



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GIVING AWAY HOPE!

All across our region, hundreds of hardworking neighbors still struggle to put meals on the table, food in the pantry, clean sheets on the beds and other basic necessities most take for granted. Sadly, for many households, no matter how careful the planning, they run out of paycheck before they run out of month!

That's why the Rescue Mission's vital **Give Away Center** is such a blessing for hundreds in Springfield, like Rosa who says, "Water from a storm came into my apartment and I lost practically all my clothing and necessities. This made a big difference in my life," she nods, "pots and pans that I could find, and socks, boots, coats and toiletries. Some of us do need it, really need it! Thank you, God bless and keep it up!" she says gratefully.

Andrew, another neighbor in need, echoes Rosa's thanks, "You had what we needed and didn't have money for. It was definitely a big help"—especially, "with winter, you need warm clothes!" he affirms. "You can come down and get your soap, bathroom needs, shampoo. All the little things that maybe you can't afford right now, you can get here. It's so helpful"—so hopeful—"Absolutely!"

