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Celebrate **HOPE** This Easter!

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EXPECTATIONS

Serving the Homeless in Jesus' Name Since 1892

***"This is definitely
where God
wanted me . . ."***

inside

**During his time in jail,
see how you gave
Theron new hope . . .**

**Read his story
on page 2**



"May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." —Romans 15:13 NIV

"There was nowhere else for me to go." —Theron

After Theron was injured at work, he turned to alcohol for relief. Before long, he had become what he describes today as "a full-blown, raging alcoholic."

The day came when he did serious damage, and he found himself serving time in jail.

But there, he heard a life-changing message: *God loves you.*

Did you know . . . your generous support for Springfield Rescue Mission sends a member of our team to that jail to lead Bible studies, and it was there that Theron connected with the Gospel message—and never missed a meeting.

Yet, as his release date drew close, Theron knew he had no place to go. His sister's home was the only possibility—but he knew what that environment would mean: "I would've got back into drugs and alcohol, and eventually become either homeless or locked up again."

You opened the door of the Mission to Theron.

You allowed us to welcome him warmly . . . sit with him over a hearty meal . . . give him a safe place to sleep . . . provide him with the basic necessities of life . . . and *offered him hope.*

That day was the beginning of a whole new life.

"I realize now that this is definitely where God wanted me!" Theron says with a joyous laugh.

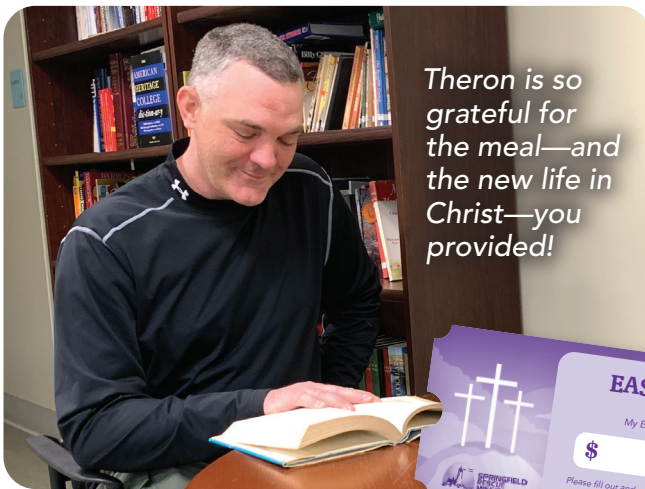
As you read these words, Theron is looking ahead: "I'm praying that God will allow me to find a job and save the money I need to get back on my feet again."

Meanwhile, when he thinks about the people who give to keep the Mission going, he's full of gratitude.

"If it wasn't for the people who donate here, this place wouldn't be what it is," he says. "Thank you so much for letting God use you and speak to your heart!"

When you give to Springfield Rescue Mission, you offer *new life* to someone like Theron. And it all starts with a simple meal.

This Easter, we'll serve hundreds of meals to people in need. Please return the enclosed Easter Meal Ticket with the gift God is leading you to give. Every \$2.32 you give today will touch another life. Thank you! God bless you!



Theron is so grateful for the meal—and the new life in Christ—you provided!



Because You Care . . .

Hungry, hurting men, women and children from across Greater Springfield will head to the Rescue Mission right now for an Easter meal—and hope! Your generous Easter gift today will share a delicious meal and the life-transforming Resurrection message—for more than 500 people! ***Thank you for celebrating the HOPE of Easter by sharing with your neighbors in their time of need!***



Your Giving in Action!

Look how God used your generous support to touch and transform lives this past year!

DURING THIS DIFFICULT YEAR JUST PAST, YOU ALLOWED US TO . . .



Serve 76,653
wholesome meals



Distribute 136,237 items
of clothing, blankets & essentials
through our Give Away Center



Provide 17,914
nights of safe shelter

The equivalent of 751,245 meals were donated to local churches and community organizations meeting similar needs.

REPORT: COLDEST DAYS VIRTUAL CHALLENGE

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

This year's **Coldest Days Virtual Challenge** community outreach was out of the ordinary—it happened entirely virtually—but it was still a fun, fantastic success, with more than 200 men, women and children joining the Rescue Mission family to share stories and rejoice with one another while raising funds for the ministry of the Rescue Mission.

All proceeds raised by this annual event provide meals and hope for your neighbors most in need. ***They're grateful, and their thanks goes to YOU!*** To celebrate the grand total raised by our generous community, go to: springfieldrescuemission.org

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A special thank you to all of our community sponsors and supporters for an awesome event!

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**A personal
message from
Kevin Ramsdell**
Executive Director/CEO

Easter: Not Just One Day

Around here, Easter isn't just one day. It's every day—because the power of the Resurrection, the gift of new life, is something you're sharing with people in need day-in and day-out.

When I look at the impact of your giving . . .

I see Theron—and so many more whose lives have been touched and transformed by the power of God's love . . . the direct result of your generosity, your compassion, your willingness to get involved personally in the work of Springfield Rescue Mission.

And my heart soars with gratitude. I thank God for you!

It's remarkable that such a huge impact can begin with something as simple as a meal . . . but it's true. We see it again and again. Someone arrives hungry, weary, broken . . . they're homeless, hurting, feeling hopeless . . . but then, we pull out a chair just for them. We listen; we offer comfort; we share the love of Jesus.

And somehow, by God's grace, in those moments of fellowship, hope springs up in their heart. They begin to sense that they really do have a heavenly Father who loves them. They catch a glimpse of their potential . . . the amazing reality that *life can be made new.*



It is truly a privilege to serve in ministry with you—and I warmly invite you to reach out today to help it happen again, this Easter.

A gift of \$2.32 provides this special Easter meal . . . and paves the way for Resurrection. New life. Fresh hope.

Hundreds will turn to us in need this Easter season. To minister to them, we need your help. Please return the enclosed Easter Meal Ticket, and be as generous as possible.

I thank you in advance, from my heart . . . and I know someone coming to us this Easter will thank God for you, too.

Fill out your enclosed Easter Meal Ticket and return it now with the attached reply form and your generous gift today, celebrating the HOPE you're sharing with those who need you most this Easter!

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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.



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