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You're Giving HOPE
for the Holidays!

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EXPECTATIONS

Serving the Homeless in Jesus' Name Since 1892

**“God has brought me
closer to Him!”**
—Adam

Adam had a normal upbringing and ended up with a regular job—in fact, always a hard worker, he had two: “I was cleaning, doing fire and water restoration,” he recalls, “and waiting tables.”

But his hard work and easy smile hid what his life had really become: a steep slide from prescription medication to an addiction to hard drugs—then *homelessness and hopelessness . . .*

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“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:15 NIV

ADAM'S STORY *continued*

"It got to the point where I was taking prescription medication all the time," Adam sighs. "I couldn't function without it." And from there, the bottom fell out of his life when he turned to heroin.

"I couldn't live without that," he reflects, knowing how easily he could have lost his life—and it's only by the grace of God he's alive today. "If God hadn't brought me to the Rescue Mission, I'd probably be dead," he says.

While salvation happens in a powerful instant, full recovery from addiction and life-restoration take time and diligence. While Adam graduated our proven Men's New Life Rehabilitation Program in May 2017, he has strived to remain free from his addiction and has moved forward into a settled, successful life. "I found a great support system, good friends and, yes, a great family!" he smiles. "And God has brought me closer to Him."

That's the kind of life-transforming difference you make happen at the Rescue Mission.

"I'm married now," Adam says. "And she would say my faith is strong—that I'm humble, patient, kind and loving . . . because I love the Lord!" *Thank you for giving Adam, and every man here, such HOPE!*

Not only has Adam left his troubled past behind, he's now celebrating Thanksgiving—newly married—and living a positive, productive life, *thanks to hearts like yours!*



2021 BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

Over 200 backpacks distributed to local children! Thank you for blessing them!

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION *This Holiday Season!*

This family of friends you're a part of at the Rescue Mission is the opportunity to *do more* together—far beyond just meeting basic needs for food and shelter! The Christ-centered care, counseling, education and life-skills training you help provide move our guests from the grips of hunger to lasting *HOPE*. And the true life-transformation you make possible through our Men's New Life Rehabilitation program returns positive, productive members to our community every year!

More than that, your compassion also makes these key outreaches possible during the holidays and all year long!



Operation SONshine—Our mobile Operation SONshine ministry reaches vulnerable neighbors across our community when they're unable to come to the Rescue Mission, including delivering as many as 300 meals a week!



The Give Away Center—Your donations allow us to offer gently used clothing, shoes, winter coats and staple groceries to those needing a little extra help to make ends meet! The Give Away Center is open by appointment to anyone in need, so every gift received reaches as many neighbors as possible!



Public Breakfast/Public Lunch—The hard fall and freezing winter months bring hundreds to our door for a hot meal, which we're thrilled to serve with your help alongside a welcome helping of *HOPE* for breakfast and lunch!

Mark Your Calendar!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE HELP & HOPE!

UNDIE SUNDAY/ UNDIE MONDAY

NOW Through October 31

All sizes and styles of NEW socks, underwear and t-shirts are welcome for men, women and children—especially men's boxer briefs: M, L, XL. Men's T-shirts: L, XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL.

Our 2021 goal (and we're getting close!): 4,000 sets of underwear, socks and t-shirts! Thank you.



FEED THE NEED RADIOTHON

Thursday, November 18

You can join other concerned members of our community by helping feed and care for your neighbors in need at the holidays by tuning into **The Q 99.7** for this year's opportunity to listen, pray and give from your heart!

COLDEST DAY 5K 2022

Saturday, February 5
10:00 a.m.

Make plans to join us in the new year for our landmark "Coldest Day 5K" event to raise support and awareness for the homeless in our community—and give them hope! See springfieldrescuemission.org for up-to-date info as we get closer to the event. See you there!

Holiday Meals for Your Neighbors in Need

Each and every holiday season in Greater Springfield, it's our privilege and pleasure to welcome those who are hungry, *body and soul*, for a delicious celebration meal—with all the trimmings! And for those who can't come to our table, the Rescue Mission is also pleased to arrange holiday meal delivery for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If someone you know is in need of a special holiday meal delivery, please contact Lenore Brooks at lbrooks@springfieldrescuemission.org or call 413-732-0808 ext. 220. Please contact Lenore by November 14 for Thanksgiving and December 13 for Christmas.

**Eligibility is determined by hardship, health issues or disability.*

And if you'd like to share the spirit of the season by serving or delivering meals and holiday HOPE, sign up now at springfieldrescuemission.org/get-involved. Thanks and blessings!

THANKSGIVING BANQUET November 24

Regular breakfast served
from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Meal Deliveries: 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving meals served
from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

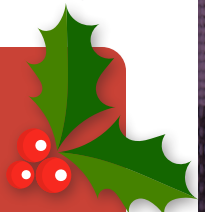
CHRISTMAS BANQUET December 23

Regular breakfast served
from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Meal Deliveries: 11:00 a.m.

Christmas meal served
from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Regular breakfast on
Dec. 24th, 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.



A Personal Message from Kevin



Executive
Director/
CEO

My Friend,

As we look ahead to this Thanksgiving season we'll have the opportunity to enjoy with family, friends—and lots of food.

Sadly, there are many facing the holidays and winter on our streets—experiencing hunger and homelessness for the first time after losing jobs, homes and loved ones to the long months of the pandemic.

That hurts me deeply, especially at Thanksgiving . . . a time that's all about being thankful for family, good health and hope.

So, even though this special season is one of the highlights of the year for so many, I encourage you to remember those who are suffering and struggling right now. Please stand with me to welcome them with Thanksgiving meals, Christ-centered help and holiday *HOPE*!

Knowing I have you partnering with me is one of my greatest joys this year, as—together—we hold our arms and doors wide open, with a hearty New England,

"Welcome! We love and care about you in Christ and want you to share with us—with *thanksgiving*—as we have been blessed!"

That will mean the world to those coming to our door hungry and hurting, like Adam, whose story is shared in these pages, and who has found a completely new life in Christ.

You see, it's *your* compassion that helps transform lives here—for good.

Thanks for passionately making it possible to reach old, young and every age between with meals, help and *HOPE* at the holidays, and for the future.

Nothing could happen here without this family of friends you're a part of—there's *nothing* like being with *family* for the holidays!

From the bottom of my heart,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin", written over a light blue background.

P.S. Hundreds will turn to us in the weeks ahead, and we must be ready with food, help and *HOPE* at the holidays! So, I encourage you to prayerfully fill out your enclosed **THANKSGIVING MEAL TICKET**. Then, return it as soon as possible with your heartfelt gift for the same amount, and know your neighbors in need are **THANKFUL for you!**



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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, and does not rely on government funding.

You can donate your used cell phone, ink and laser cartridges to the Rescue Mission!



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