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Serving the Homeless in Jesus' Name Since 1892

Sharing Resurrection & New Life

at the Rescue Mission

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“It’s not easy, trying to be a man in the world,” says Dana, a hard worker who fell into depression and drinking when his dreams didn’t turn out the way he’d always hoped.

“I’d learned about Jesus when I was little. I went to church, but as soon as I was an adult, I was off to conquer the world,” he says. “I didn’t know how to deal with setbacks that kept piling up.

“You’re supposed to be strong, figure things out and just plow forward,” Dana shakes his head, remembering. “I guess my attempt at doing so was just a road to disaster.”

That road eventually led him to unemployment, homelessness . . . and hopelessness.

“I no longer felt like I cared anymore—which caused things to crumble more. To cover up those feelings, I *drank* more,” Dana admits. “It got really, really bad.”

Yet, he discovered Christ had a plan and purpose for his life.

It started at the Rescue Mission.

“I needed somewhere to go,” he recalls. Feeling the Lord calling him back to Himself, “I wanted a program with God as the focus, and my brother happened to know one of the pastors here. That’s how I ended up coming,” Dana marvels. *And today, he’s turned his life around.*

“I’ve learned that everyone needs Jesus in their life,” he nods. “Not just certain people: it’s every single person!”

Of course, it’s your support, with God’s blessing, that provides HOPE in Christ’s resurrection at the Rescue Mission—and *new life* in Him for the lost like Dana, who smiles. *“I just knew that God was good, that He wanted good things for me, and for that to happen, I had to seek and follow Him.”*

So, for the hundreds more headed our way this special season, please take a moment to return your enclosed **EASTER MEALS & HOPE TICKET** with your generous Easter gift today. Every **\$2.32** will share an Easter meal, restoration and new life at the Rescue Mission!



Your Giving in Action!

Even as we approach our third Easter during these difficult days of the pandemic, *in just the last year alone, your gifts and prayers have helped provide . . .*

13,587
shelter beds

59,383
life-sustaining meals served in our dining room

106,506
items of clothing, blankets and other essentials at our Give Away Center

2,455,471
community outreach meals provided to community charities, churches and organizations doing like-minded work

365
days of life-changing care, counseling, education skills training through our Men's New Life Rehabilitation Program

Thank you!

COLDEST DAYS 5K REPORT



Friends and partners from across Greater Springfield joined the Rescue Mission's staff and volunteers in February to once again walk, run and enjoy one another's company in person and virtually to raise life-changing funds and awareness for the Rescue Mission!

All proceeds raised by the annual event go right to work providing meals, help and hope for those who are struggling in our area. And, as always, each life we help save and serve is so grateful for support like yours! To celebrate the grand total raised and see images from the event, check out springfieldrescuemission.org—and thank you for your part in this vital ministry!



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A special shoutout and thanks to all the Rescue Mission's vital sponsors and supporters for an awesome event, including . . .

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A Personal Message from Kevin



Executive
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Because the Stone Was Rolled Away!

My Friend,

What's more inspiring than Easter? And what's more compelling than helping transform lives in Jesus' name through the power and purpose of the resurrection?

It's why I'm newly inspired each year as I read the Easter account with our family—at home, at church and at the Rescue Mission—culminating in the angel's cry from the empty tomb *because the stone was rolled away* . . .

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. **Come and see**” (Matthew 28:5-6 NIV).

Yet, how many men, women and children in our community haven't found the foot of the cross . . . haven't heard that the stone was rolled from the empty tomb so they could join us in eternal life? *That's the privilege you and I share through this ministry to the last, the least and the lost.*



Just as Dana experienced, the path to resurrection and *new life* at the Rescue Mission starts with your support—and you can share it this blessed season of redemption, rebirth and renewal with every Easter meal you provide . . . for just \$2.32.

So, I encourage you to return the new **EASTER MEALS & HOPE TICKET** I've enclosed for you with this Easter **EXPECTATIONS**, along with your heartfelt gift to share as many meals and as much HOPE for *new life* as you can today!

Thank you for sharing resurrection and new life at the Rescue Mission through your faithful gift and prayers, and may God bless you and yours during this celebration season!

From the bottom of my heart,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Ramsdell'.

Kevin Ramsdell
Executive Director/CEO

Please send your **EASTER MEALS & HOPE TICKET** to share Easter meals and hope with your neighbors during these difficult days. **Every \$2.32 helps transform a life!**

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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.

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