



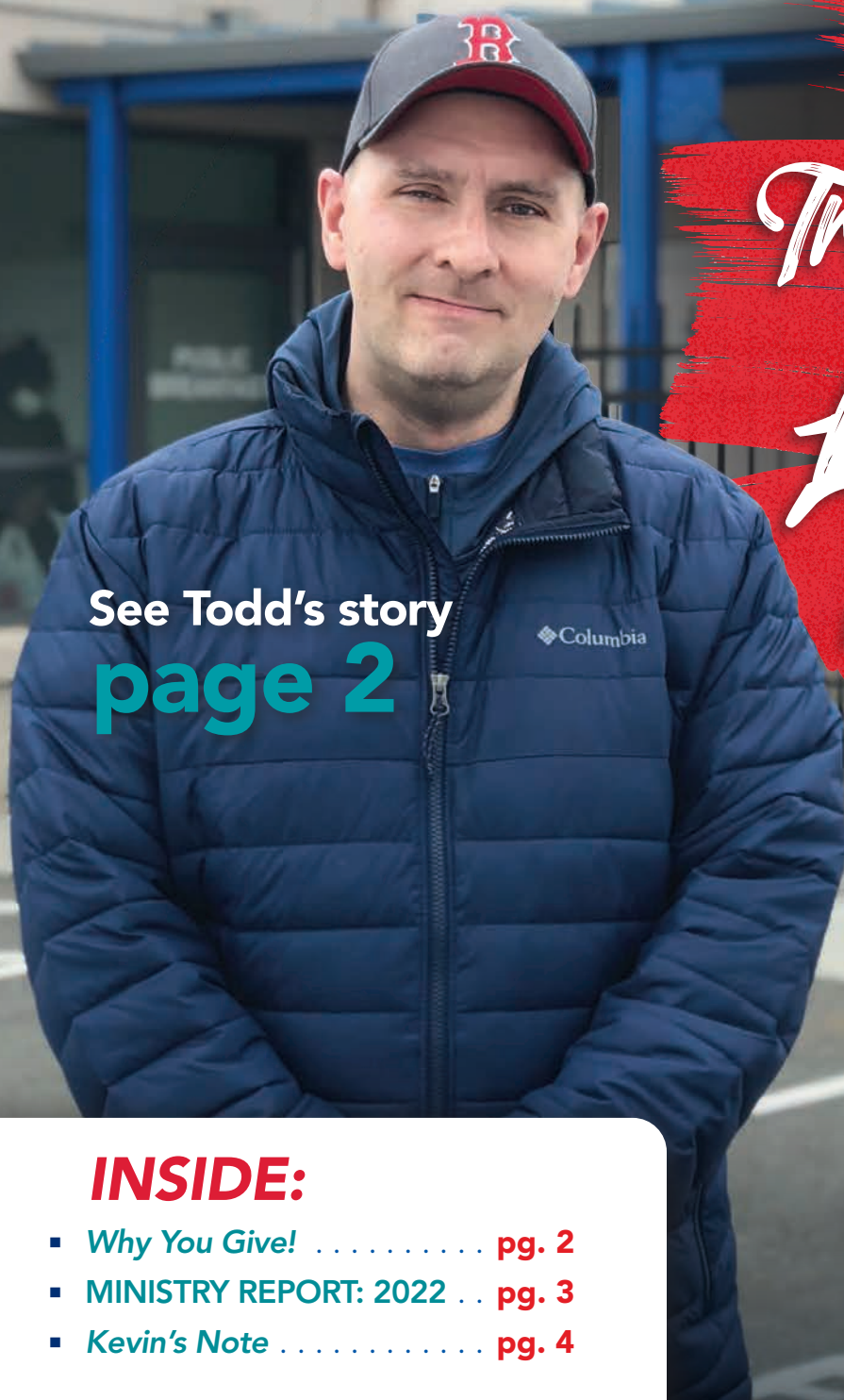
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found some hope there!" —Todd**

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EXPECTATIONS

Serving the Homeless in Jesus' Name Since 1892



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*Transforming
Lives*

**for 130 years with
Friends like You!**

MATCHING CHALLENGE CHECK

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Springfield Rescue Mission*

Please fill in the amount of your generous gift here

Date

No. 9990

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Kevin Ramo
Kevin Ramo, Executive Director/CEO

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**Fill out your
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Check TODAY!**

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*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV*

“I went to the Rescue Mission,

and I found hope!” —TODD

After years of working hard, Todd gave up his job when his only brother confessed he was struggling with liver failure and desperately needed someone to help—full time.

“I’d already lost my father and my mother, and losing my only brother would be devastating,” Todd remembers thinking. “So, I started taking care of him.”

But no matter how much care and comfort he was able to provide, there was no real hope for recovery. “It was really hard watching him waste away. And when he passed away . . . it just ruined me: I didn’t have any will to do anything.”

Out of work. Homeless. Suffering from devastating depression. “It was really a low point in my life,” Todd sighs. “I ended up



down at the Rescue Mission. Thank God you were there!”

Like so many the Lord directs to our door, he was hungry for more than a meal. “I needed to restore my faith. My faith had been worn down to a whiff of air,” he recalls. “God sent me, and slowly but surely, my faith was restored. I went to the Rescue Mission, *and I found hope there.*”

That’s the kind of impact your support has made through this mission of mercy and transformation for neighbors in need like Todd.

“The people here are wonderful!” he exclaims. “I’m really in your debt; you got me back on my feet and really restored the things I’d lost: not just ‘family,’ but *my faith.*”

***Why
You
Give!***

It’s only through compassionate hearts like yours that the Rescue Mission is able to reach out across our community to help transform so many lives.

That’s why we actively seek and welcome the gifts, prayers, and time spent in support of this ministry we share—and we’re eager to hear *why our family of friends like you give . . .*

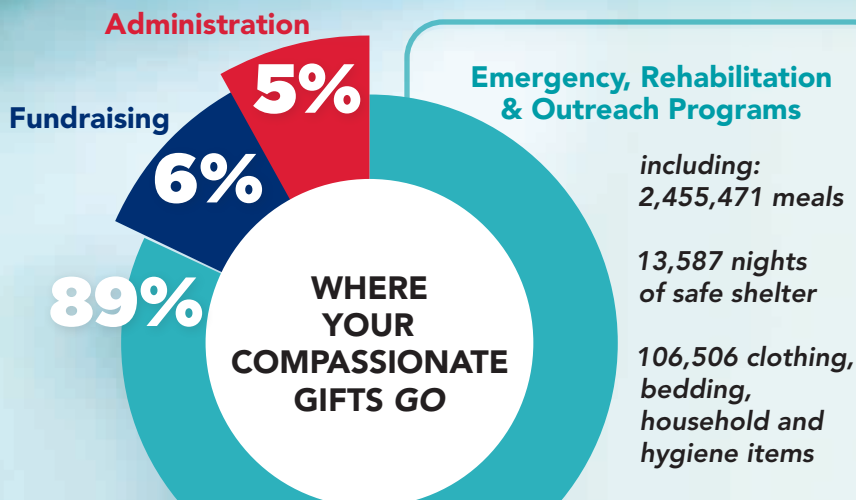
“ My son, Adam, was addicted to heroin and alcohol. It will be six years this April that he has been clean. I can’t thank Springfield Rescue Mission enough for what they have done for my son!” **—LYNN**

“ While volunteering with Operation SONshine, I met Danny.* Alcohol had a tight grip on his life to the point of death. About a year or so later, while volunteering at the Rescue Mission, I saw Danny again—this time as a resident in the Men’s New Life Rehabilitation Program! He finally decided to turn his life around. Yes, God heard our prayers. Never give up praying for the homeless!” **—DOUG**

MINISTRY REPORT: YOUR 2021 IMPACT

Faithful Stewards of God's Grace & Your Gifts

Generous support like yours has helped the Rescue Mission welcome every broken life at our door with a good meal, as well as provide men in need with safe shelter, Christ-centered care and an opportunity for new life through our proven Men's Life Rehabilitation Program. And for those who can't come for help, we can go into the neighborhoods of Greater Springfield with our Operation SONShine mobile feeding ministry! But as a vital partner and member of this family of friends, it's important for you to know . . .



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Who Your Support Has Reached!



Adam

"God has brought me closer to Him. I found a great support system, good friends and, yes, a great 'family!'"



Greg

"If I hadn't been here, I know I probably would have been dead by now. I owe God everything, but the people here introduced me to the Lord—you're spreading the word, the gospel and somebody like me is another one added, another seed planted!"



Johnny

"Nothing is impossible with the Lord! We are ambassadors for Christ—missionaries for this Mission, where we've been blessed."

Thanks for being a part of transforming lives for 130 years in Greater Springfield!

A Personal Message from Kevin

*Transforming lives for 130 years
with partners like you!*

My Friend,

We've all been through so much during these pandemic years. But for our hungry, hurting and homeless brothers and sisters, it's been substantially worse: not knowing where your next meal is coming from, sleeping out in the open, trying not to get sick or hurt . . .

As an important ministry partner, I'm excited for you to see the Rescue Mission's annual Ministry Report on page 3 so you know exactly how your help has served our neighbors most in need.

I also want to remind you of the great opportunity you have to make a DOUBLE IMPACT through the power of our \$88,400 Matching Challenge!

Never has an opportunity to reach TWICE as many lives been more necessary, as we continue to experience an outpouring of need all across our community.

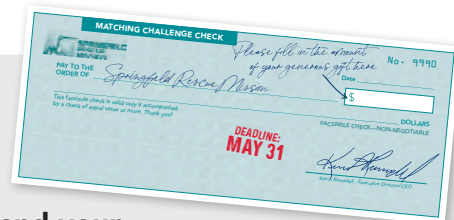
And it is because of your help that our neighbors have received more nights of safe shelter, hundreds of thousands of meals, essential items, clothing and countless hours of care at Mill Street, Taylor Street and on the streets through our mobile feeding ministry, Operation SONshine.

Yet, as we look ahead to another hot and difficult summer, I see more lives in harm's

way coming through our doors, and frankly, these months will put a tremendous strain on our resources to meet the increased need.

So, if you've yet to have your gift DOUBLED in value with the Matching Challenge—or you're moved to give again to reach TWICE the lives!—I can't wait to hear from you today . . .

Simply send your gift with the MATCHING CHALLENGE CHECK enclosed and your reply slip now to instantly make a DOUBLE IMPACT!



Thank you, and please be sure to remember these men, women and children we serve in your prayers—just as ministry partners have for 130 years—to see transformed lives in Greater Springfield!

From the bottom of my heart,

Kevin Ramsdell
Executive Director/CEO

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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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