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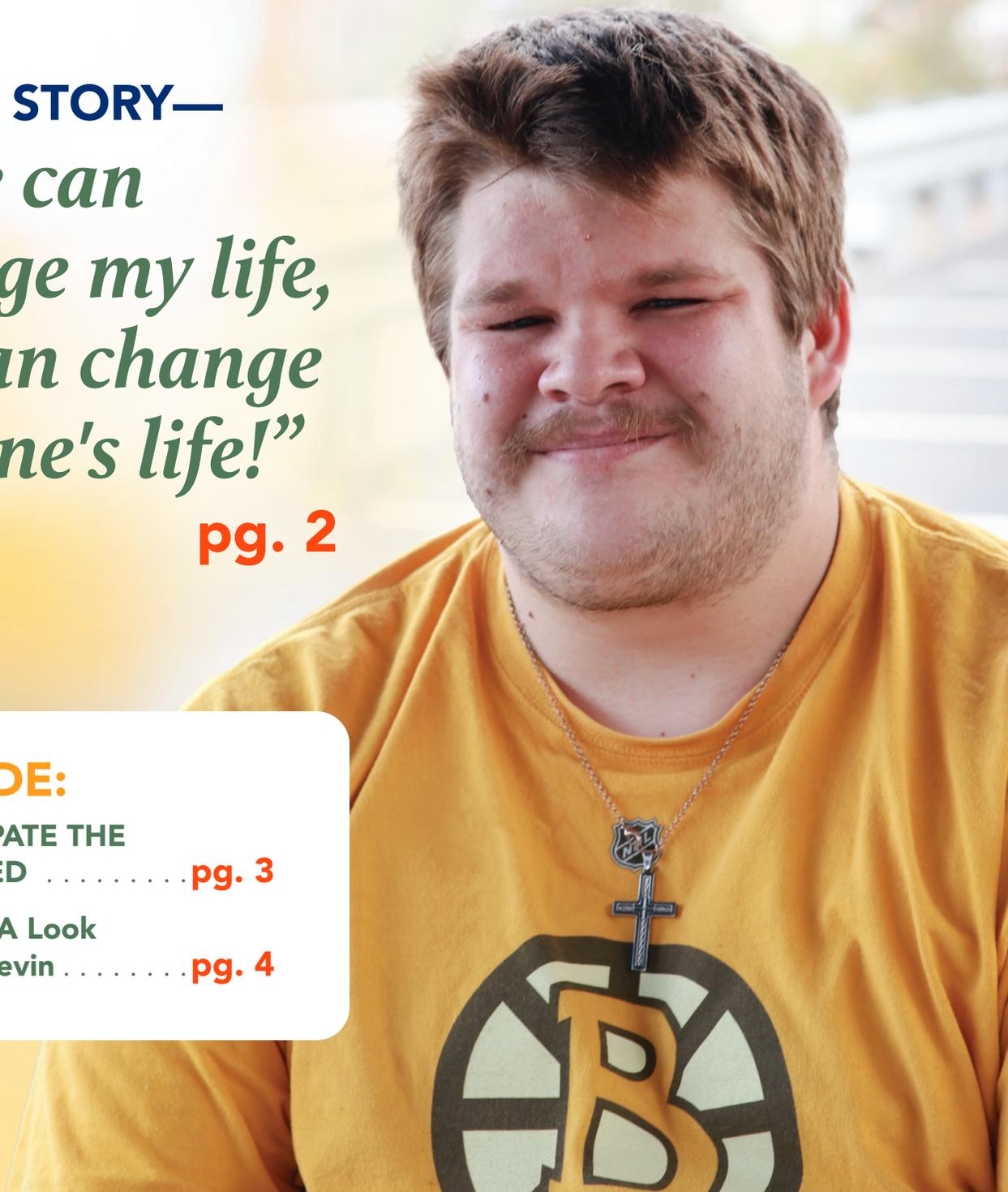
Bringing Light and Hope to our Community by Sharing the Love of Christ

NATE'S STORY—
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“If He can change my life, He can change anyone’s life!”

Nate lost everything except the bags of clothes he arrived with . . . but he soon found hope and a future in Christ through help like yours!

“I just came here with bags of clothes,” Nate recalls. “I was *homeless* . . .” with nowhere to go and nothing to call his own . . . *except for the black plastic trash bag slung over his shoulder.*

All hope, all dreams . . . gone. Like so many others who’ve lost so much over the last few years, Nate says, “Things were okay . . . and then suddenly, things were not okay.

“It’s like walking onto quicksand. You think you’re okay and then suddenly, you’re halfway down to your chest, sinking. *It was a real awakening* . . .

“Until you’re actually in that position, you don’t know what it’s like to be that way,” Nate says, remembering how it felt to be suffering on the street. “You have a whole new appreciation for how unfortunate these people’s circumstances are.”

Nate was no stranger to misfortune, seeing his Christian homelife shattered when his father was taken ill. “I prayed when my dad [had] cancer—for God to heal him,” he remembers.

“Then, when he died, the first person I blamed was God—like, ‘How come you needed him *more than I did?*’”

The scars of that experience stayed with Nate, and his relationship with the Lord never seemed to get back on track . . . until he came to the Rescue Mission, and found hope again.

“This has really reignited the passion I used to have,” he nods. “I kind of gave up on God when my dad passed away, but being here, it makes you realize *you can’t give up*: He’s going to find you no matter what.

“I was running away from Him this whole time, but He had His eyes on me,” Nate says, in awe of the peace he’s finally found here at the Rescue Mission—and the purpose to start over again.

“It shows He still cared about me because He has opened so many doors since I came here,” Nate says. “I can slowly see the pieces start to fall into place: I’m great, and I’m really happy to have that relationship with Him again.”

His renewed relationship with Jesus is the center of Nathan’s plans for his future in Springfield. And he’s so grateful for the support and prayers of new friends like you—“they could change your life,” he says.



Help Anticipate the Holiday Need



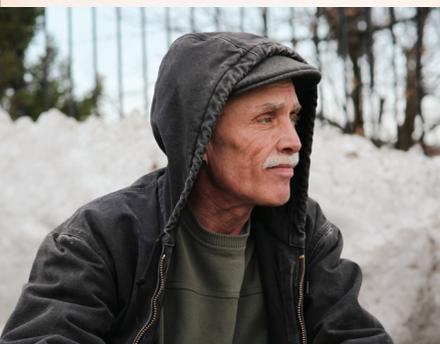
As a Rescue Mission partner, you know this ministry has faithfully served our hungry, homeless, hurting neighbors since 1892—and all of it thanks to God providing through hearts like yours!

But at no time in our history have those who are most vulnerable needed you more, especially after a difficult summer for so many . . . with colder weather and the holidays on their way.

That is why we are reaching out to friends like you in a special way right now, urging you to pray and encouraging your generous giving to continue meeting the need in Springfield.

Together, we can have every expectation of God blessing such commitment, and we can count on His provision for those who need us now—and those who will come to the Rescue Mission this fall and during the holidays!

Ready in Time for Winter With Your Help



As many hurting neighbors head to the Rescue Mission ahead of the bitter winter cold in Greater Springfield, we must not only provide all the meals and care necessary, but our physical facilities must be ready to meet the need! **So please look for God's leading to help with these significant repairs and improvements before winter comes to Springfield.**

- Renovate Nursing/Intake Areas for Caring Health Clinic \$15,000
- Upgrade Men's New Life Rehabilitation Program bathroom facilities and Taylor Street facilities. \$21,500
- Emergency Shelter replacement of cafeteria tables and chairs \$15,000
- Upgrade stove at the Men's Emergency Shelter with new commercial-grade hood \$13,000
Real life change starts with every \$2.64 meal you provide for those who are hungry—and every meal starts at the stove, badly in need of a commercial-quality hood!

GOAL: \$64,500

So please send your prayerful gift with your enclosed reply slip today. Thanks and blessings!

Mark Your Calendar!

Your opportunities to serve this fall and throughout the holiday—in Jesus' name!



OCTOBER 1-31

Undie Sunday/Monday Collection Drive

All sizes and styles of NEW socks, underwear and t-shirts welcome for men, women and children—especially men's boxers/briefs sizes M to XL and t-shirts L to 4XL. Our 2023 goal is 4,000 sets of underwear, socks and t-shirts with your help. Thank you!



OCTOBER 10

World Homeless Day

Consider supporting Springfield Rescue Mission on this day by organizing a clothing or food drive. Call Robin Gobeille at 413-732-0808, ext. 237.



NOVEMBER 16

Feed the Need Q99.7 FM Radiothon

6:30 am - 6:00 pm
For more information, call Robin Gobeille at 413-732-0808, ext. 237.



NOVEMBER 22

Annual Thanksgiving Banquet

Breakfast served at 7:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving meals served from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



DECEMBER 23

Annual Christmas Banquet

Breakfast served at 7:00 a.m.
Christmas Lunch served from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A Personal Message from Kevin



Executive
Director/CEO

Fall Thanks & A Look Ahead— with *EXPECTATION!*

My Friend,

As I step through the doors of the Rescue Mission each workday and see all that's being accomplished for our neighbors in need, I remember to say a prayer of thanks for you!

If you haven't thought about how much your gifts, prayers and volunteer hours really mean here, please understand that without hearts like yours, many of our neighbors suffering in Springfield would never find healing, never see the love of the Lord for His children.

But knowing this community as I do, especially this family of friends united in ministry, I actually have every *expectation* that the impact you make is truly helping save and change lives!

That's why this newsletter you receive is named *EXPECTATIONS*, because if there's one thing we can be certain of, it's that God is blessing the work and witness of this ministry—for 131 years and counting!

Yet the New England autumn so many of us look forward to isn't a blessing to those facing homelessness and hunger—and more suffering—as the holidays arrive.

So please continue standing with open arms to help save and serve those coming to the Rescue Mission with nowhere else to go—and no one left to care.

Let's stand together with the expectation that God is bringing our neighbors here for life transformation this Thanksgiving season, and to experience the newness of life this Christmas!

Serving HIM,

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