



# EXPECTATIONS

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

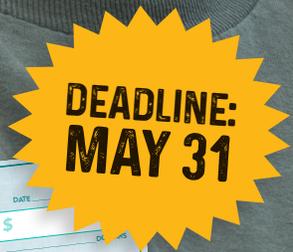
Jared's story

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*“Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'”  
(Matthew 19:26 NIV)*

# “Through God, All Things Are Possible!” —Jared

**S**truggling with issues that had always held him back, Jared finally found hope again in the Lord at the Rescue Mission, thanks to help like yours . . .

“I felt like a failure,” Jared says, looking back at how he’d always experienced deep learning difficulties, both here in Christian schools and in Springfield. Soon after, he felt like he’d lost his way, “not making it through college because of my academic struggles.”

Aside from his inability to complete his education, Jared also suffered from other academic challenges. This caused a crisis of confidence in every other aspect of his life.



Jared is grateful for his newfound confidence—his New Life!—thanks to hearts like yours.

“I felt that I worked so hard at trying to do the right thing, trying to find the right path in life,” he admits. “I lost a lot of my life just chasing that,” but he still found himself failing, falling behind.

“A big part of what I’ve struggled with is being my own worst enemy, really,” he confesses, including choices that led him into “traveling and working in different parts of the country on my own . . . and falling into a heavy psychedelic drug-use world.”

“Even though I knew the Lord,” Jared says, “I still felt like I was searching for something else.” But what he found was just “more emptiness,” he confesses. “No matter where I went, it followed me, even though I didn’t want it to.”

Reflecting on when he was diagnosed with leukemia as a young child, Jared knew God kept him safe and saved his life, but he still felt lost and alone. Yet God remembered His child . . . and drew Jared back to Springfield—and to the Rescue Mission.

**“I’d known about the Mission—known about the ministry here,” Jared marvels, looking back, remembering how he’d even “worked with the Mission before, in my high school!”**

And joining our Christ-centered Men’s New Life Rehabilitation Program, Jared finally began making his way toward peace and the confidence he’d been searching for his whole life.

“This place here has done so well,” Jared testifies, “showing me how to turn it over to Christ: to put the past behind you and not keep looking at it,” because, “through all of it—through Him—all things are possible.”

# RUN TO END HOMELESSNESS 5K/10K 2024

This March's community-wide effort to share fellowship and awareness of those we serve at the Rescue Mission was a truly landmark event! *Thanks to over 300 registered participants, friends and family "cheer squads," and generous company sponsors from across Greater Springfield, a record amount of nearly \$60,000 was raised to provide meals, help and HOPE.*



*"To the many who have entered in, and the many that will take the leaps of faith to build a better life with God's love."*

**From an anonymous donor in support of the Springfield Rescue Mission.**

## Inspiring Hope & Promoting Healing with Your Help!

### Partnering with Springfield Rescue Mission

Providing critical health care services to our community's homeless and hurting is essential to changing lives—for good!

That's why the Rescue Mission is now partnering with Caring Health Center, which recently opened a permanent satellite office at our 10 Mill Street location to administer medical care to our city's homeless and hurting.

"Caring Health Center brings a lot to the table, from quality medical care to our current residents and working towards caring for our city's homeless and hurting in our emergency shelter," says Rescue Mission CEO Kevin Ramsdell. And wife Sabra Ramsdell notes, "Caring Health Center

will bring a more holistic method of care to the homeless population. We are very excited about all of this."

Dr. Jonathan Moseley, Chief Medical Officer at Caring Health Center, will see patients monthly, directly overseeing care at the satellite office for the 30 residents at Mill Street and our future vision to serve our Taylor Street Emergency Shelter.

Caring Health Center's President/CEO Tania Barber says that for 30 years, it has "demonstrated concern for the physical and mental well-being of the entire community. *We are excited about the opportunities before us as we partner with the Springfield Rescue Mission.*"

# A Personal Message from Kevin



## Our Exciting Challenge

### My Friend,

I trust you're inspired by this new issue of *EXPECTATIONS*, showing how God is blessing your support through this ministry we share to "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40).

Miraculously, *that impact you have grows as the need deepens*, and as the power of your gifts and prayers is multiplied by His grace to change the lives of the men, women and children we serve.

That's why I urge you to consider your answer to the exciting **\$91,200 CHALLENGE** issued recently by other Rescue Mission partners to encourage you in changing *more lives!*

With your response to this opportunity, we'll stand ready for the long summer months ahead, bringing more hurting neighbors to our door for a meal, safe shelter and hope for true life change.

So please take a moment to pray about the difference you can make with your heartfelt gift through the CHALLENGE. Then fill out and send the special enclosed **CHALLENGE CHECK with your generous gift today to share as many meals and as much hope as possible.**

**CHALLENGE DEADLINE:  
MAY 31**

I must hear from you by our **May 31 deadline**—but know that even if you've already responded to the CHALLENGE, *there's still time to reach lives on the line right now*, and all summer long!

I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I can't wait to see all the lives we'll impact **together.**

Serving HIM,

Kevin Ramsdell  
Executive Director/CEO

P.S. Remember to look for the special **CHALLENGE CHECK** I've enclosed with this issue, and prayerfully return it with your best gift to answer the **CHALLENGE** by the deadline—**May 31.**



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