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Easter 2018

Changing the Future of the Homeless... One Life at a Time

NEWSLETTER FROM THE UNION RESCUE MISSION

From Desperation to **HOPE**

Patrik's life has been redeemed
by GOD'S GRACE.

Because of YOU,
THERE IS HELP & HOPE FOR
PEOPLE LIKE PATRIK –
AT EASTER AND ALWAYS.

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Denny Bender

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Everyone!

“THE MISSION HAS **COMPLETELY** CHANGED MY LIFE.”

Patrik remembers lying awake in the hospital detox, wondering how he'd fallen so far.

“Growing up was fine,” he says. “I graduated high school with high grades, went on to college, became a telemarketer, started making a lot of money and worked my way up to management.”

But, all the while, he was battling an addiction to alcohol, exacerbated by the stress of his profession. “Life became all about getting numbers and approval,” he says. “I had a lot of issues with anxiety.”

Eventually, his drinking began to take a toll on his work and his physical health. “It got to where I didn't go to work,” he says. “Then I wound up in the hospital. I was in bad shape.”

When he was released, the hospital referred him to our Emergency Shelter, where he learned about our New Beginnings Program. Though he didn't have a relationship with God, Patrik decided it was for him. “I was desperate for anything different,” he says.

Through program components, staff and volunteers, Patrik was introduced to the Lord. “As I read the Bible, listened to preachers, and worked with my case managers, the Lord slowly filled my heart,” he says.

Patrik has also healed emotionally, learning to forgive himself just as the Lord has forgiven him. “I'm now in a good place physically, mentally, and spiritually,” he says.

He has now graduated from the program, and is working as a sales representative for a water treatment service. He now lives at an Oxford House with other recovering addicts because, as he says, “I'm going to continue building my strength and improving my relationship with God.”

Because of your support, **Patrik, and others like him, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of the Union Rescue Mission – at Easter and always.**

“The Mission has completely changed my life. I went from being in despair and lost to having purpose.”

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It's all about God here.
**HE'S EVERYWHERE.
HE'S IN EVERYTHING.**



YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

FEBRUARY 2018



7,218
MEALS SERVED



3,331
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



32
MEN IN OUR
RECOVERY PROGRAMS



100
HEALTH CARE
APPOINTMENTS



381
HOURS OF EDUCATION &
COUNSELING

CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life.

And that's exactly why it's so frightening for men to come to the Union Rescue Mission. All other options are gone. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through Jesus!

It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.

Christ loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where they're at so they feel safe. Giving them grace so they feel valued. Restoring their dignity so they can



hold their heads high.

That's what new life in Christ looks like here!

Thank you for creating a refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for men like Patrik (*his story is on page 3*) who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.

Dennis H. Bender, APR
Executive Director



Easter HOPE

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It starts with your gift today.**

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THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!

APRIL
1ST

Sunday, 10 a.m.
WORSHIP FOR SHELTER
AND PROGRAM GUESTS

EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

9,942+ meals
for men, women, and families!

With your donation of any of these items, YOU will make Easter special for our local homeless and hungry.



Drop off donations **by Friday, March 23** at the Mission, 2800 N. Hillside in Wichita, weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Thank you!



Don't have time to shop? Donate now!
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Volunteer: Please sign up to help serve others this Easter season!
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SALAD



HOMEMADE DESSERTS
(cookies, brownies, pies, etc.)



SNACKS



BAGGED POTATOES



HAMS



CANNED GREEN BEANS



ASSORTED CANDY



FRUIT

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