

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

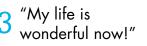
NEWSLETTER FROM THE UNION RESCUE MISSION

## JOSH'S LIFE IS CHANGED FOREVER AND HE WANTS TO THANK YOU!

YOUR SUPPORT TOUCHES LIVES WITH NEW HOPE.

**Don't miss...** 2 Give Where You Live

2 Our Summer Six



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# "The Mission made it possible for me to succeed. MY LIFE IS WONDERFUL NOW!"

Josh began drinking socially with his friends when he was 14, thinking he could take or leave alcohol just like they did... but he was wrong. "Some people don't get addicted to substances, but I happened to be one of those who do," he says. "I developed a need to have it for emotional reasons, and once I'd been drinking for awhile, my body needed it."

For nearly 20 years, Josh struggled with his addiction, alienating him from his family and friends, and eventually, leaving him homeless. "I had no ties with anybody," he says. "I was at my wits' end."

Then he turned to our New Beginnings life-change program for help, where chapel, Bible studies and Christian counseling helped him grow closer to Christ. "When I got here, I didn't believe in God," he says. "Now I have a relationship with Him, I have a lot more patience and trust in people. When I'm conflicted, I always turn to prayer."

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Josh has been sober for two years now, is restoring his relationship with his parents and works on our staff as a part-time gift-in-kind coordinator. "The Mission has been a part of God's plan for me, and now I'm a part of the Mission, doing good things," he says.

## The Mission gave me opportunities I didn't have when I was alone in my addiction.

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Josh lives in our Eagles Wing Transitional Housing and is an A student at WSU Tech, where he's studying to be a Non-Destructive Testing technician, checking airplanes and parts for defects. "I'd like to work at Spirit AeroSystems and get my own apartment," he says. "But I'll always be involved with the Mission."

Because you gave from your heart to help Josh, his life has been changed by your goodness and God's love forever! "The Mission made it possible for me to succeed. I'm happy and my life is wonderful now."

### A Message from **DOUG NOLTE**

## Give Where You Live... to Meet Our Summer Challenge

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone - and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July and August cost \$53,406 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for our New Beginnings life-change program and job training that empowers our guests to change their lives.

#### We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion now more than ever.

Please give where you live to ensure we can care for every man who turns to the Union Rescue Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially in times like these.





Doug Nolte Chief Executive Officer

## **Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer** your gift today helps provide...



This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever.

# 92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

# PLEASE HELP WITH OUR SUMME

Our "Summer Six" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all season long. Please deliver your donations to 2800 N. Hillside in Wichita, weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Those in our care will be deeply grateful for whatever you can share this summer!

- 1. Bottled water
- 2. Hand sanitizer
- 3. Toothpaste
- 4. Toilet paper
- 5. Paper towels
- 6. High-efficiency
- laundry soap

# Pledge to Give Monthly at This Critical Time

Our **Circle of Hope** monthly givers provide the funds we rely on to feed, shelter and care for our most vulnerable neighbors. Their giving is consistent every month... and that's especially crucial when we're facing a crisis like COVID-19, since the numbers of those we serve are increasing.

Giving monthly is the best way to ensure we can meet emergencies head-on today, as well as confront the challenges that will endanger those in need tomorrow.

<u>Please prayerfully consider joining this vital group!</u> Your monthly commitment will secure an ongoing foundation of support for struggling men who need assistance with daily essentials, as well as tools to rebuild their lives.

## **SIGN UP NOW!**

Visit **urmwichita.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.





Your monthly gift of \$30 provides 14 meals and care



Over a year, your \$30 monthly gift brings **167** meals and care



Mark your calendars and join us for our **Program Men's Graduation,** Sunday, July 26 at Riverlawn Christian Church.

It will be a joy-filled afternoon, as we gather with family and friends to celebrate our graduates' hard work and the goodness of God that transformed their lives and brought them to this milestone. We hope to see you there!

WHAT: Program Men's Graduation
WHEN: 3 p.m., Sunday, July 26
WHERE: Riverlawn Christian Church 4243 N. Meridian Ave, Wichita

