

# URM TODAY

Easter 2021

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

NEWSLETTER FROM THE UNION RESCUE MISSION

Roy is celebrating  
**HOPE!**

Your support brings hope to the  
hurting this Easter.



**Trust, Seek, Depend.**  
— JOIN US FOR THE JOURNEY —

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# "God led me to the Mission and I've been healed."

Roy was just 13 when his beloved father died, tearing his world apart. "He was my hero and my anchor," Roy says.

He was overwhelmed with grief, but his family expected him to become the man of the house. "They asked me things they'd normally ask my father. I had no clue how to be me, much less give help to anybody else. It was too much pressure."

Roy ran away from home and hitchhiked around the country, staying with relatives and friends and numbing his pain with drugs and alcohol. When he was 18, he started a family and went on to operate his own business. But he continued drinking for the next 30 years.

Then he had a healing encounter with the Lord. "I got saved and God helped me deal with all the baggage from my past."

For 10 years, Roy was sober and life was good... until he retired and came to Wichita to stay with his son.

"Things fell apart and I ended up on the streets and started drinking again," he says. "I was homeless for more than a year."

Finally, he'd had enough and he cried out to God for help. **"I said, 'Lord, I've got to go somewhere I can change,' and He led me to the Mission."**

Through our New Beginnings Program's chapel services, Bible studies and Christian counseling, Roy's faith has grown strong once again. "They gave me time to spend with God, reading the Word and praying," he says.

Roy graduated from the program, found his own place and joined our staff, working in guest services and overnight security. "It's such a blessing to see hurting men get right with God and change their lives."

**Thanks to the blessing of your support, Roy is celebrating Easter as a restored creation in Christ.**

"I was broken, but I've been healed through the work the Lord did in me here at the Mission. It changed everything."

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I'M BACK ON TRACK  
IN MY WALK WITH  
THE LORD.  
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# Easter 2021

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

## ANNUAL EASTER CAMPAIGN

Celebrate hope by caring for our most vulnerable neighbors by helping us provide for...



**12,012**  
meals

*\$2.15 for a meal!*



**6,686** nights  
of shelter



**More than 20**  
men in the New  
Beginnings  
program



**581** hours of  
education &  
counseling

*Thank you for your  
compassion & support!*

*"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10, NASB*



## A Message from DOUG NOLTE



## THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in Wichita today. Every chain that's broken...

every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

*And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!*

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Roy (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

*Doug*

Doug Nolte  
Chief Executive Officer



## Celebrate **NEW LIFE** this Easter

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and homeless. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.15**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items & Christ-centered care

**YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter.** A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at [urmwichita.org/donate](http://urmwichita.org/donate).

*Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!*

Bring hope  
to the hurting  
every time you shop!



Did you know that when you use your **Plus Shoppers Card at Dillons**, you can support the life-transforming work we do here at the Mission?

Just enroll your card in Dillons Community Rewards program and designate the Mission as your beneficiary organization. Then, every time you shop, Dillons will make a donation to the Mission!

It's easy to sign up.

If you don't yet have a Dillons online account, go to [dillons.com](http://dillons.com) and click on "Register" in the upper right corner of the page.

If you already have an online account, go to [dillons.com/communityrewards](http://dillons.com/communityrewards) and follow the steps to enroll your Plus Shoppers Card in Community Rewards.

You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that every time you shop at Dillons, you're helping to bring healing and hope to hurting people in our community.

Thank you!



## OUR EASTER CELEBRATION NEEDS LIST

### Sunday, April 4: 9 a.m. Worship Shelter and Program Guests' Easter Celebration

Easter is almost here! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals...** and provide men with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.** *Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!*

*Drop off donations at the Mission,  
2800 N. Hillside in Wichita, weekdays,  
8 a.m to 4 p.m.*

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (316) 687-4673

✎ [urmwichita.org](http://urmwichita.org)

#### HELP WITH EASTER MEALS

Drop off any of these urgently needed food items by Friday, April 2:

- ☐ TURKEY
- ☐ HAMS
- ☐ POTATOES
- ☐ CANNED CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
- ☐ BUTTER
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ POWDERED MILK
- ☐ FLOUR
- ☐ DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- ☐ COFFEE
- ☐ CREAMER
- ☐ SUGAR