

YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING JAMES A SECOND CHANCE

and he can't thank
you enough!

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**“Now I’m saved and it’s
CHANGED MY WORLD.”**



James was a loving husband and father and a hardworking man with a successful career. Then his company cut back on staff, leaving him to carry much more than his share of the work. “I started having anxiety attacks, so I started drinking a little bit and then a little bit more,” he says. “I ended up losing our house and my family, so I drank even more to get rid of that pain.”

For the next eight years, James struggled with his addiction and with homelessness, staying at our Emergency Shelter along the way. “I’d straighten up for a few weeks and get a job, but I’d always start drinking again and lose it.”

Then, one morning, he awakened in the hospital after a night of heavy drinking and he

had a moment of clarity. “I said, ‘I want to find a better life. I want my daughter back in my life and to be happy again.’”

“The Mission
gave me a place
to heal.”

It was then he entered our STEPS program, where Bible studies, chapel services and Christian counseling led him to surrender his life to the Lord. “The Mission brought God into my life. **They helped me understand what the Bible means and what**

Jesus has done for me,” he says. “Now I have no more anxiety attacks. I just pray.”

James’ relationship with his daughter has been restored, and he enjoys spending time with her and his grandchildren. “They’re really proud of me and I love being in their lives.”

Now a program graduate, he lives in our Eagles Wing Transitional Housing and enjoys full-time employment and benefits in a great local company. “I have a new life,” he says.

James is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like him. “Before I came to the Mission, I was lost, but now I’m saved and it’s changed my world.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.15!



A Message from DOUG NOLTE

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$60,260 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services for men during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Doug

Doug Nolte
Chief Executive
Officer

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community's needs!

Your gift today provides:



28,028 meals



15,602 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! urmwichita.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

HELP US CELEBRATE!

Join us for a celebration of lives transformed at our Program Men's Graduation.

It will be a time to give thanks for all the Lord has done in our graduates' lives; a time to praise the perseverance that brought them to this milestone; and a time to cheer them on as they take the next step in their journey to self-reliance.

We look forward to seeing you there!

WHAT: Program Men's Graduation
WHEN: 3 p.m., Sunday, July 25
WHERE: Riverlawn Christian Church
4243 N. Meridian Ave, Wichita



HELP US REBUILD DREAMS!

For more than 70 years, the Union Rescue Mission has been ministering to the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of homeless, impoverished and hurting people in our community. And, every year, the need grows.

But we don't have the space to expand our ministry. There are men waiting for room in our New Beginnings and STEPS programs, where they can transform their lives. And there are homeless men who need a place to stay and begin their journey of healing.

We've launched our **Dreams Rebuilt Campaign** so we can meet these growing needs! Through this critical effort, we will:

- Renovate our recently-acquired downtown building and relocate our Emergency Shelter to the new space, doubling capacity to 125 beds. The renovated facility will enable us to better identify and meet the initial needs of clients and assure they are on the path to sustainable living.
- Renovate our current facility to serve as a Life Change Center, increasing STEPS and New Beginnings program capacity by 20 beds. The Center will provide support services that equip program guests to enter our independent living program at Eagles Wing.



We're in need of \$3.8 million to complete this life-changing effort, but we can't do it without you! Will you prayerfully consider supporting our Dreams Rebuilt Campaign?

For more information, or to make a donation, contact Sherdeill H. Breathett, Sr., at
☎ (316) 687-4673, ext. 143 or go to
🌐 urmwichita.org/dreams-rebuilt-campaign.

Thank you!

