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“Restoring lives with Christ ...”

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From the Desk of...

Doug Nolte | Chief Executive Officer

Restoration is our secret sauce!

Feeding the hungry and giving shelter to the homeless are absolutely critical, especially during the summer. When you join OPERATION SUMMER RESCUE, you'll lift up men in Wichita as they begin a life-changing journey of **rescue**, **recovery**, **restoration**, and **re-engagement**.

They have a long road to walk, no question. And that's why I'm so thankful they'll have you walking beside them. Throughout the hot summer months, your gifts will allow us to **rescue** struggling men off the streets and offer them nourishing meals and shelter. Together, we'll provide them a safe place for **recovery**. Then, there is **restoration**.

Restoration is our secret sauce. But it's not just any restoration. It's restoration in Christ. We want to give our neighbors the opportunity to turn their hearts to God.

Your gifts support these men every day as they move through our life-changing programs, growing in their faith and learning the skills they need to **reengage** in life and community. You make this ongoing effort possible.

This summer is no different. When you give to OPERATION SUMMER RESCUE, you play an important role in the rescue, recovery, restoration and re-engagement of our hurting friends. And I am deeply grateful to you for helping to see lives transformed.

Doug Nolte
Chief Executive Officer



OPERATION SUMMER RESCUE Restoration is possible with your help!

Men in Wichita need your help this summer. The rising costs of food, gas, and utilities have pushed many to the brink of despair. Our cost to provide a meal has also risen, from \$2.15 to \$2.37.

"We strive to be the best stewards of every dollar entrusted to us," says Doug Nolte, CEO. "But we're not immune to inflation. That's what makes our donors' gifts even more vital this summer."

Our struggling neighbors need a nutritious meal, a safe place to escape the heat, and God's guidance in their lives.

Hundreds of men will turn to us over the summer for meals, shelter from the heat, and programs to help them overcome addictions and turn their lives around.

Call (316)687-4673 or go to urmwichita.org for more information.



Will you join **OPERATION SUMMER RESCUE** with a gift today to reach out with Christ's arms of compassion to our neighbors?

**Your immediate support
is appreciated.**

“A satisfaction like no other.”

Joe Schroeder exchanges career in law enforcement for the business of life transformation.

Joe Schroeder loved his 34 years in law enforcement but sees God's hand at work like never before in his new job.

“I always had satisfaction in my work,” he explains. “I loved helping people. But now it is a satisfaction like no other.”

As the Director of Operations for Union Rescue Mission in Wichita, Schroeder oversees shelter operations, facility upkeep, transportation, medical care, and food services.

He sees some similarities between working on the streets and in the Mission. “I was always involved with the homeless population,” he explains. “But when I was in law enforcement, I dealt with the symptoms. Now I'm part of a team of people finding long-term solutions.”



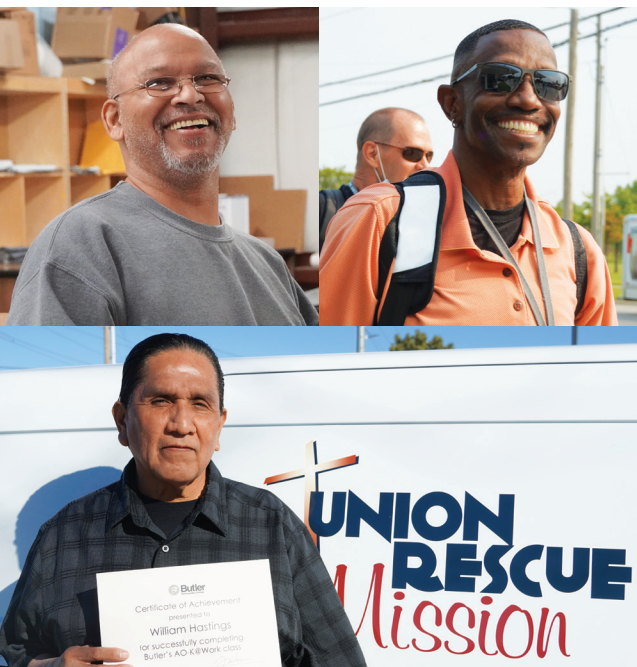
“The real change happens when men are restored through Christ.”

Schroeder says in his current role, he helps meet immediate physical needs like shelter and meals as a first step to long-term transformation. Once basic needs have been met, the men are more receptive to the ministry team, who addresses mental health issues and spiritual needs.

The Mission focuses on rescue, recovery, restoration and re-engagement, Schroeder says, but the most important part is restoration through Christ. That's where the real change happens.

“The spiritual is what is really going to put them in the right direction,” he says. “Restoring lives with Christ will alleviate a lot of the problems they have with addiction. You have to help them see the value in a relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Working at the Mission “has increased my faith tremendously,” Schroeder says. “Getting to spend my entire day with people of faith and bringing others to it, watching men who at one point had no hope turn into shining people who are able to go out and take on the world is incredible.”



Let's Celebrate!

Honoring graduates who have persevered!

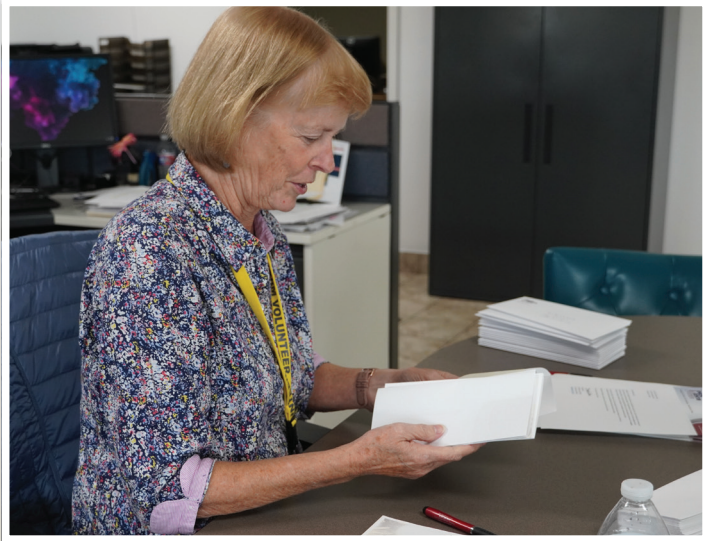
This summer, we will praise the Lord and honor the men who have persevered on their journey to transformation. Our Program Graduation on July 31st will celebrate the changed lives. We will also cheer them on as they take the next step in their journey to a Christ centered, God glorifying life.

Your ongoing support makes the rescue, recovery, restoration, and re-engagement of men in our community possible. Visit urmwichita.org to learn more about our graduation celebration and how you can help.



WHEN: July 31st, 2022 3:00pm
WHAT: Program Graduation
WHERE: Riverlawn Christian Church
4243 N. Meridian Ave.
Wichita, KS 67204

Churches can join our efforts to transform lives!



Union Rescue Mission is truly a community effort. Volunteers help the Mission welcome our neighbors and make our efforts possible. We encourage church families to join us in reaching out with Christ's love and compassion to help hurting friends.

Do you have a Sunday School class, a Bible study, or prayer group that would like to put their faith into action in our community? Here are some options for individuals, families, small groups, or entire congregations:

- **Donation Center** We need assistance in sorting donations, labeling, organizing, and preparing items for people in need.
- **New Leaf Books** Our social enterprise needs volunteers to scan books, prepare orders to be shipped out, and drive to pick up large book donations (truck provided).
- **Dining with Dignity** Groups as little as five to large groups can participate. Our dining room is transformed into a restaurant; you could greet our guests, deliver meals, drinks, or desserts to their table, or just sit and visit with them.

Visit urmwichita.org/volunteer for more information.

By the Numbers

Thanks to you, we have provided:

January - May 2022



44,696

Meals Served



175

Food Boxes



20,083

Nights Of Shelter



3,482

Volunteer Hours



Rescue and restore lives every month!

Please join Union Rescue Mission in our efforts for rescue, recovery, restoration, and re-engagement by providing a monthly gift. You'll give struggling people meals, shelter, Christian care, and lifechanging programs to help turn lives around.

When you give monthly, you'll help ensure that our efforts continue all year long.

To make a gift to the Union Rescue Mission each month, call Janet at (316) 687-4673 Ext. 138 or go to urmwichita.org and choose "Make a Monthly Gift".



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