

WAYS TO HELP THIS MONTH



Tax refunds have been in the news lately, but regardless of the new tax laws, March and April equals tax season and many will be blessed with a refund.



If you are being blessed by Uncle Sam or are blessed in other ways, please consider giving back this year to those who have nothing. We are always in need of Spring donations to help us get through our difficult summer months, when donations slow down, but the need for food, shelter, clothing and our New Life Program continues. There are many ways to give. You can send a check in the enclosed envelope, click on one of the donation buttons at RescueSaltLake.org or call our finance office at 801.746.1006 to donate by credit card over the phone. God bless you and thanks for helping homeless men, women, and children in Utah leave their life on the streets behind them forever!

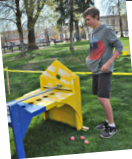




Easter comes late this year, not arriving until April 21. But that doesn't mean we aren't already preparing for our special Easter Banquet for the homeless in Pioneer Park.

Each year our event includes local churches who play music and help run fun events like our Easter Egg hunt and carnival games for homeless and low-income kids. As with all our special banquets, there will be great food our Easter brunch is not to be missed and thousands of free clothes to giveaway, in addition to haircuts, face painting, and more.

Please help us make this a special day for the homeless by giving, praying, and volunteering for this important outreach. Our goal is to show so much love that our homeless friends will experience God's love and understand that there is hope. By seeing our hope, we believe that their hearts will change and our homeless friends will want to leave the streets. Our prayer is that they will join the Rescue Mission's New Life Recovery Program, come to know Jesus, integrate into a great Christian church and move off the streets and into sobriety, employment, and housing.

We want to see God change lives this Easter season. If you would like to help serve at our Easter Banquet please give us a call at 801.355.1302 or email Rachel, our volunteer coordinator, at Rachel@RescueSaltLake.org.

MARCH 2019 - CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Chapel: Mt Olympus Presbyterian Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	2 Chapel: Bible Baptist Kitchen: So. Valley Community Church
3 Chapel: Gospel Grace Kitchen: Gospel Grace	4 Chapel: First Baptist of West Valley Kitchen: First Baptist West Valley	5 Chapel: Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake Kitchen: Intermt. Baptist Youth	6 Chapel: SMCC Kitchen: SMCC	7 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	8 Chapel: Hilltop United Methodist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	9 Chapel: Berean Bible Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!
10 Chapel: Abundant Life Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	11 Chapel: Intermt. Baptist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	12 Chapel: Unity Baptist Kitchen: Alpha Tau Omega - U of U	13 Chapel: Northern Utah Mennonite Kitchen: Southeast Youth Group	14 Chapel: Millcreek Baptist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	15 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	16 Chapel: Southside Church of Christ Kitchen: Southside Church of Christ
17 Chapel: Abundant Life Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	18 Chapel: Bennion Christian Center Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	19 Chapel: K2 - The Church Kitchen: Lifeline Community Church	20 Chapel: Discovery Christian Kitchen: Discovery Christian	21 Chapel: New Beg. Christian Fellowship Kitchen: Capital Church	22 Chapel: Midvalley Bible Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	23 Chapel: EV Free of Salt Lake Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!
24 Chapel: Grace Community Bible Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	25 Chapel: Liv. Waters Christian Fellowship Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	26 Chapel: Canyons Church Kitchen: First Baptist Tooele	27 Chapel: First Methodist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	28 Chapel: Tooele Christian Fellowship Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	29 Chapel: Utah Partners. for Christ Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	30 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!
31 Chapel: Lifeline Kitchen: Lifeline						

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JOANNE REID: A mother finds joy by receiving God's love

A little over a year ago, I died after taking too much of a drug I bought at a Florida bus station. My heart stopped and I turned blue. But God, through the paramedics, saved me, and I woke up in a hospital bed.

Today, I am not just alive, but I have a new life. I have been sober for over a year and when I graduate the New Life Program this month, I hope to become the permanent House Manager for the Rescue Mission's Women's Facility. I am happy to be near my youngest daughter, who lives in Layton and runs a pet company. She was the one who found the Rescue Mission for me, when I was at my lowest point after almost dying in Florida.

My life has changed because I now know that God loves me. For most of my life I thought I would always be a drug addict and never be worthy of love. But despite my past mistakes, I realize that if God didn't love me than He wouldn't have saved my life, arranged for my daughter to find me a place at the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake, given me a great church family at Capital Church, and allowed me to have a good job that I love.

God has proven that He is faithful to me, even when I am not faithful to Him, and His continued faithfulness has made me trust Him. It's that trust that has helped me stay sober.

Sobriety is something I have struggled with since my parents divorced when I was 12. I was a daddy's girl and I remember the pain and shock when my dad came into my room and told me he was leaving my mother. After he left,

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These selfies say it all, JoAnne Reid has joy again. She is consumed with following God, staying sober, and helping other homeless women off the streets.

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REMEMBERING HOMELESS WOMEN IN MARCH

As a father of two girls, a husband to an accomplished wife, and a son and grandson of women who significantly influenced my life, I am grateful that March is Women's History Month.



I know that God puts wonderful women in this world to bless His creation. Oftentimes, the women in my life have challenged me to live for God, show kindness and love, and strive to be a better person. By celebrating women's history, we can better appreciate

and understand the great accomplishments women and have made and look forward to future great accomplishments.

But for women on our streets, there is often little to celebrate. Instead of rejoicing in past accomplishments or looking forward with hope to the future, many homeless women are stuck. They have been abused, mistreated, and neglected. In turn, they have oftentimes neglected others, sometimes even choosing addiction over their own families. The shame of abuse and the shame of the abuses they have committed towards others makes them feel stuck in shame.

They feel incapable of receiving love and incapable of giving love. Trapped by shame, they feel unworthy to do anything but waste away on the streets. For many homeless women, living on the streets is a self-inflicted punishment they are giving themselves for what they believe is a wasted life.

But in this month that focuses on historic women, we have the opportunity to change the hearts and lives of homeless women. Just like JoAnne Reid who shares her story in this month's Rescuer, homeless women can receive God's forgiveness and faithfulness and feel valued again.

You can help with our efforts to reach women this month by praying for homeless women each day in March. Pray that these women would seek help from the Rescue Mission, local churches, or other places where they will hear God's truth. We also have many volunteer opportunities at our Women's Facility. From dropping off care packages to coming by to play some music, to helping to remodel a bathroom, there are countless ways to interact with the women on our New Life Recovery Program. Contact our volunteer coordinator at Rachel@RescueSaltLake.org, if you are interested in volunteering at our Women's Facility in March.

So, as we remember the contributions of great women this month, join me in also remembering those women who are struggling. Join the Rescue Mission in blessing those women who need our help by praying, serving, and giving. As we engage in restoring the broken lives of those who God brings to our door, we could not serve the many homeless women in Salt Lake without your support.

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

These are not just numbers, they are lives impacted!

	January 2019	Total 2019
Professions of Faith	26	26
Meals	16,169	16,169
Family Food Boxes	137	137
Nights of Shelter	4,240	4,240
Clothing	3,929	3,929
Day Service/Hygiene	1,705	1,705
Jobs Obtained	3	3
Housing Obtained	2	2

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we moved to Tennessee and my mother tried to support us. My brother and I were left on our own, with my mom not really knowing if we went to school or not. My brother, who was one year older, would get drugs for us to experiment with and by age 16 I was pregnant and had a son. My baby had a heart defect. As a teenager, I just could not take care of him, so I gave him up for adoption.

Sadly, my son died from his condition several years ago at age 24.

Despite my addiction and heartaches, I tried to live life. I got married, had three more children, divorced, and could hold down jobs. For a while, I believed I was a "functioning" addict. Much of the guilt I carried around as an adult came after I married my second husband. We met on an online dating site that was run by AOL (if you want to know how long ago that was!). He was a good man. He worked for John Deere for 26 years and had two kids from his previous marriage.

But during our marriage I continued to use drugs, mostly pain pills. I stole money from him and used the money to buy drugs. We separated for a while, but I convinced him I was sober, even though I really wasn't. He took me back only to have me steal more money. After we divorced, I truly felt like I could not be loved, or forgiven.

I tried to find work, but my addiction grew so bad that I wasn't employable. I ended up homeless staying in shelters. I had periods of sobriety but always went back to drugs. It was like this up to last year, when I purchased a large dose of liquid methadone from a woman at a Florida bus station and took it all. At first, I thought I was fine, but then people began telling me I wasn't acting normal and asking me if I was alright.

I was told I turned blue, my heart stopped, and I quit breathing. Some good Samaritans called emergency services and God spared my life. It was then that my daughter told me she thought she could find me a recovery program here in Utah. She asked me to come live out here, so I could be close to her. I agreed, and she said that the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake would be a good place. I called the Mission and they gave me a spot on their New Life Recovery Program.

After spending a year on the New Life Program, I see that God didn't save my life, he saved it twice: Once by

bringing back to life at the Florida bus station, and again by leading me to the Rescue Mission. Here, I have learned that I can be forgiven for the wrong things I have done, and that I have worth as a person. I am not weighed down by shame.

I am blessed to live close to my youngest daughter and can help walk the dogs that she looks after as part of her business.

When I moved to the employment phase of the New Life Program, I started working at a call center. It wasn't my favorite job, but I knew that supporting myself through work was a key part of recovery. After working for a while and saving up some money, I learned that the Rescue Mission had an opening for a house manager at the Women's Facility. The manager lives in an apartment

behind the Women's Facility and serves as the evening staff member to help the women on the recovery program during hours when the rest of the staff is not there.

I applied for the job and have been serving as an intern house manager while I finish my program. If I continue to do well in this position and finish my other responsibilities on the New Life Program, I hope to become the full-time house manager for the Women's Facility in a few months.

This job blesses me because I can help so many women who are coming into the program and feel hopeless, just like I did when I came the Rescue Mission. I know having this position will also help me stay sober by providing me with the accountability and connection to the Rescue Mission that I need. I still feel like I need the structure of the Mission to help me, as I trust God to keep me in close fellowship with Him and His people.

I would not be a happy, healthy person without Rescue Mission supporters like you, who make everything that happens at the Rescue Mission possible. Please pray for me, as I engage in my new role. Pray that God would give me words of encouragement to the many homeless and low-income women and children that come to our doors. I need His help to serve our homeless friends well, while remembering to take time to nurture and feed my own relationship with Him.

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