

MEETING UNIQUE CHALLENGES

We've had some unique challenges recently, yet God has provided an opportunity to meet these needs.

Kerri Luther with Equity Real Estate and Impact Homes, and two private donors, have offered \$20,000 in matching funds to help the Mission this May. Can you help us reach this challenge? If the Rescue Mission can raise \$20,000, it will be doubled! Every dollar turns into two!

This opportunity means Rescue Mission donors can double their impact, having their gift go twice as far to help homeless and hurting men, women, and children off our streets

If we can reach the matching challenge it will mean \$40,000 that will help hungry and hurting people in our community. This amount will be part of what we need to sustain the Mission's life-changing ministry during the hot summer months when donations to the Mission fall off, and our costs, like water and electricity, soar.

This May matching challenge is especially important given recent challenges the Mission has faced. First, we had a power surge that knocked out several pieces

of kitchen and office equipment that are critical and need to be replaced or repaired. This includes three of our commercial reach-in refrigerators, the warming cabinet, photo copier, printer, one of our furnaces, and other items.

In the middle of dealing with the electrical surge, we had to replace our main kitchen drain line out to the street. In serving 200,000 meals per year, that's a lot of dishes and pots and pans. We struggled through January and February with a couple of companies snaking and hydro-jetting the line out, only to have it clog further down the line and then break. These expenses totaled over \$21,000.

We really need your help, so please consider DOUBLING your IMPACT with Equity Real estate and IMPACTHomes.us with a generous gift today. Use the enclosed envelope to donate, give securely online at RescueSaltLake.org, or call our donor relations line at 801.746.1006 to give via credit card over the phone.



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DENNIS DEVORE: After enduring loss, a broken man finds hope

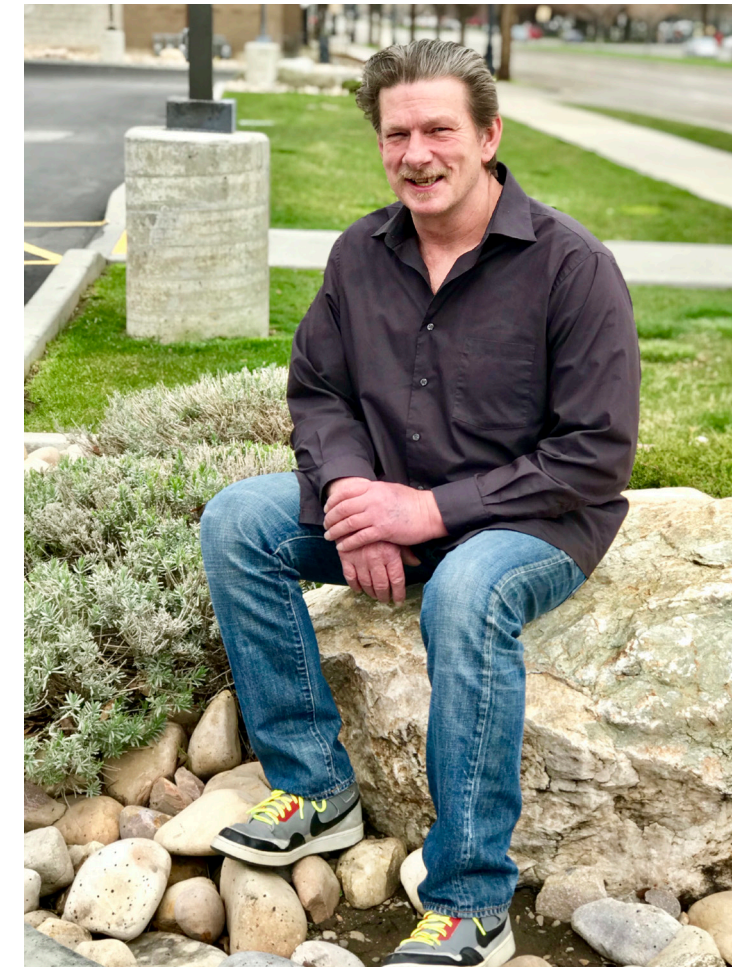
About five years ago, my mom died after a battle with cancer. It was terrible watching her struggle for so long. A year later my sister, still grief-stricken due to the loss of our mother, took her own life.

These two events put me into the worst depression of my life, which spiraled into severe addiction, and found me walking into the Rescue Mission eight months ago, looking for help.

When I walked into the Rescue Mission I was broken spiritually and physically. But in my broken state, someone told me I could find help at the Rescue Mission. So as evening spread over Salt Lake, I entered the Mission and they were singing Amazing Grace. I marveled because it seemed like it was a homeless shelter, but then it also seemed like a church. I didn't know what to make of it.

I learned the Rescue Mission had a New Life Program that could help people like me overcome addiction and find housing and employment. But the big thing the program offered me was a reintroduction to God. I started reading the Bible. I started praying. As I learned about God and talked to Him, I felt God restoring my soul, my spirit, and my mind. The change was so real that now I tell everyone around me that God is real. I feel like it's impossible for God not to be real. If He was not real, He couldn't have changed me.


I can feel love now. All because I have faith in God, His son Jesus, and have experienced his forgiveness and changing power in my life. Today, I even get emotional. I cry, I laugh. These are things I didn't do before. Because of this change,



Dennis DeVore fell into addiction after the loss of his mother and sister. Now he is sober and following God.

Please see "Dennis" on page 3.

MAY 2019 - CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE

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

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HELPING PARENTS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION

One of our greatest jobs at the Rescue Mission is to restore broken family relationships. We restore people, so they can have



restored marriages and parent-child relationships. Sometimes it's a child who has fallen into addiction and needs to seek forgiveness from and be restored to their parents. But just as often the reverse is true. A parent has fallen into addiction and needs to be forgiven by and restored to their kids (this is the situation Dennis DeVore faced in seeking restoration to his teenage son, who he never connected with, largely because of addition).

In May and June, we will be celebrating parent-child relationships through the holidays of Mother's Day and Father's Day. As I read Dennis' testimony it brought me joy to think that he and his son will have a good Father's Day. I don't know if they will be together on that day, but I know that Dennis will be thinking about his son, and his son will know that he has a father who loves and cares for him.

It's hard for kids to see their parents become trapped in addiction. Oftentimes, kids can't understand how their parents can choose drugs over them. They experience a loss of love and neglect. This unloved feeling often causes children to become depressed themselves. Children, perpetuating the cycle of addiction, sometimes will turn to drugs or alcohol to overcome the pain of neglect they feel. This kind of absentee parenting

can't explain all cases of addiction, yet it is true that parents who are addicts and neglect their children often produce addicted children.

That's not to say a child of a loving parent can't fall into addiction. And that's not to say the child of an addict can't grow up to be a completely sober teen and adult. But to be sure, there is a correlation between addicted parents and addicted children.

A key ministry at the Rescue Mission, then, is to help parents get sober so that their kids can feel the love the parent wants to give but is unable to give because of addiction. When we can restore a parent, we can go a long way towards breaking the cycle of addiction and poverty, ensuring that the children of that parent won't be neglected and turn to addiction to cope.

So, this Mother's Day and Father's Day, thank God for your parents, if you are able. And remember to pray for the addicted parents that come into the Rescue Mission. Pray that God would change their lives and restore them to fully loving, fully enabled parents. Pray also for the children of those caught in the battle of addiction. Pray that God would protect their hearts and that they would turn to God when they feel sad, instead of turning to drugs and alcohol. Thank you for your support of our important ministry. We could not do all we do without your continued support.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

These are not just numbers, they are lives impacted!

Our Stats

how your gift helps

	March 2019	YTD 2019
Professions of Faith	38	87
Meals	12,482	44,472
Family Food Boxes	99	384
Nights of Shelter	4,186	12,472
Clothing	2,815	9,147
Day Service/Hygiene	1,172	4,379
Jobs Obtained	5	11
Housing Obtained	4	8

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I am getting to know my ex-wife and teenage son. While I lived with them for over a decade, I was so closed off I didn't really know them and never really let them get to know me I was physically there but not really there. I understand that following Jesus doesn't have to be boring or lonely. Before I started following Jesus my life was boring and lonely, now I feel so much life in me.

Before God led me to the Mission, I was so emotionally dead that my wife finally left me. I struggled to cope with the loss of my mother and sister by using drugs and alcohol more and more. When my wife and son left me, I had no place to go. I was on the streets. The turning point came when I was walking down Redwood Road and was hit by a car. It's seemed like yet another misfortune, but it was the catalyst God used to change my life.

I was thrown several feet in the accident and it's a miracle I survived. I spent many days in the hospital. When I was released I couldn't walk without a crutch and still had nowhere to live. I went to the downtown library and when it was about to close I asked some other homeless people what they did at night. They told me about the Rescue Mission.

I hobbled the six blocks to the Mission and when I walked in, I instantly knew it was the place for me.

Over the past eight months, God has healed my body and my soul. I attend a good local church called Fresh Life and have enjoyed learning the truth about God. I hope to share some of what I know about God with my teenage son. I have never told him or taught him anything about God, so I look forward to having spiritual conversations with him.

Another awesome thing God did for me was to help me

find a good job. When I entered the job phase of the New Life Program, I was nervous. I am older and while I have usually had good jobs, I wondered if after not working for a year, someone would still want to hire me.

I know God provides because the first job I applied for, I got. It's shipping and receiving work. I receive orders and pull them for our drivers and then sometimes do some delivery driving myself. I am saving money so that when I graduate from the New Life Program, I will have enough money to get a small apartment and maybe a pet bird to keep me company. Another thing that work has allowed me to do is pay my child support. My ex-wife and son live down in Price now and it brings me joy that I can support them through good, honest work. I feel that the simple act of paying my child support helps them to know

that I care about them.

At 58-years-old, it's strange to say that I have a new life, but I do. I feel brand new. God has helped me overcome the pain and sadness I felt at the loss of my mother and sister. I know I will never stop missing them, but with God to give me joy and be a friend to me when I need it, the crippling depression I once felt is gone. Thank you for supporting the Rescue Mission, so people with broken souls, like I once had, can have a place to come and heal. Yes, there are many counseling services, but the Mission is the only one I know of that is free (because of great donors) and can help people who were in my situation - broken so much that they had lost every, housing, employment, family, and all hope.

Your support continues to help people like me. Your prayers are needed too. Pray that I would continue to stay sober, keep close to God, and find happiness in Him and in healthy relationships with other people.

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Thank you for a great Easter!

We served 1,200 meals and gave away thousands of items of clothing at our Easter Banquet. We also blessed people with the Gospel message, free haircuts, an easter egg hunt, carnival games, and much more. Thank you to everyone who donated, prayed, and volunteered to make this event happen.

