

SUBWAY RESTAURANTS WILL DOUBLE YOUR GIFT



We need your help to meet Subway's \$10,000 matching gift challenge in May!

Here are two ways you can get involved.

First, donate to the Mission in May to help meet Subway's Matching Gift Challenge. For the seventh straight year, Subway Restaurants of Utah will match every donation made to the Rescue Mission in May, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. So every dollar you donate turns into two!

This opportunity means that Rescue Mission donors can double their impact in May, having their gift go twice as far to feed hungry men, women and children. It also means we can help more people obtain recovery and find employment through our New Life Recovery Program. If we can match Subway's contribution, it will mean \$20,000 for the Rescue Mission! This amount will help sustain the Mission's life-changing ministry during the hot summer months when donations to the Mission fall off and our costs, like fuel and electricity, soar.

Second, pray for Subway Day of Giving. As part of the Rescue Mission/Subway partnership, Mission volunteers and Subway employees will head to Pioneer Park on **Thursday, May 19**, to serve free six-inch subs to the hungry and homeless. Hopefully, Subway Day will not only provide food, but also encouragement for our most vulnerable neighbors. We want them to take advantage of our life-changing services, designed to lift people off the streets and into sobriety, employment and housing. This year we are able to add an employment referral booth as well as referrals to legal services.

Please join this challenge to make a difference in the lives of the men, women and children experiencing homelessness here in Salt Lake.



MAY 2016 - CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Gospel Grace - Chapel and Kitchen	2 First Baptist of West Valley - Chapel and Kitchen	3 Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake Kitchen: Intermt. Baptist Youth	4 South Mountain Community Church - Chapel and Kitchen	5 Salt Lake Christian Center Kitchen: Korean Pres. of Utah	6 Mt Olympus Presbyterian	7 Bible Baptist Kitchen: South Valley Community
8 Calvary Chapel Salt Lake - Chapel and Kitchen	9 Intermountain Baptist	10 Unity Baptist	11 Northern Utah Mennonite Kitchen: Southeast Youth Group	12 Millcreek Baptist	13 Hilltop United Methodist Church	14 Berean Bible
15 Alpine Church	16 Bennion Christian Center	17 K2 - The Church	18 Capital Church	19 Wasatch Christian Kitchen: Capital Church	20 Discovery Christian	21 Southside Church of Christ
22 Grace Community Bible	23 Living Waters Christian Fellowship	24 Canyons Church Kitchen: First Baptist Tooele	25 First Methodist	26 Tooele Christian Fellowship Kitchen: Capital Church	27 Midvalley Bible	28 Evangelical Free Church of Salt Lake
29 RMSL	30 Gateway Community Church	31 Bennion Christian Center	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Remember, you can double your gift this month, so donate today!</i></p>			

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MARVIN PECKINPAUGH: A Life Is Saved for the Second Time

Editor's Note:

We occasionally bring you stories of people who have already shared their testimonies in the Rescuer. This month, we check in with Marvin Peckinpaugh, who shared his testimony way back in March 2008. He had seven years of sobriety after graduating from the New Life Program, but relapsed about a year ago. Marvin, now 50, shares about this setback and describes how God worked in his life during his second stint in the Rescue Mission's New Life Program.

My name is Marvin Peckinpaugh and today I am sober and actively working a recovery program. I have a good network of close friends and a good relationship with my father and step-mom.

I am different from when I walked into the Rescue Mission 11 months ago, feeling broken from a 10-month relapse on meth. It was hard to return to the Rescue Mission because of the embarrassment I felt. The counselors and staff all knew me and knew that I had done well for so long. I was ashamed for failing again. Still, God gave me the strength to walk back into the Rescue Mission and admit my addiction once again. I thank God that the Rescue Mission was willing to take me in a second time.

My counselor helped me replay the past two years of my life. In retrospect, I recognized the decisions I had made



Marvin Peckinpaugh was sober for seven years before he started doing meth again. Now Marvin is learning to depend on God and His people instead of drugs.

that led me back to my addiction. First, I started working in construction again, which was something I knew I shouldn't do, given that my past drug abuse usually started through construction coworkers and a physically demanding job. Next, I quit going to church and having contact with people who would encourage me to live for God. Soon I was drinking on the job, and then I began using meth.

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A GOOD SPRING CLEANING IS IN ORDER

Home organizers often say that there are few things more freeing than a little spring cleaning. I know this is true in my life. After all,



if we take Jesus' advice about not storing up treasures on earth, we can even view decluttering as a biblical request from God. Maybe that's why it feels so good to get rid of items we do not use anymore!

As we all prepare for warmer temperatures, I encourage you to take a closer look at your pantry and closets. Is there anything you can donate to the Rescue Mission?

From the can of pinto beans you know you will never eat, to the shirt that isn't quite in style anymore, we want the casualties of your spring cleaning! Toss them in the trunk of your car and next time you are running errands downtown, swing by the Mission and drop them off. You will be blessed to know that your spring cleaning will be going to someone who can really use it!

Also, encourage your friends, coworkers and neighbors to do the same. We can use the help.

Of course, decluttering serves as a good reminder to declutter your spiritual life as well. The Bible often talks about "spring cleaning" your soul. One verse comes especially to mind: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." (James 5:16a)

Sharing your struggles with God and other people is a spiritual spring cleaning. It's an important lesson Marvin Peckinpaugh learned while going through our New Life Program for the second time. It's not that God is unwilling to forgive us when we fall down (and we will fall down!), it's that we are often unwilling to share our shortcomings with God and others. We feel that our honest struggles need to be kept secret, and, as I often hear around the Rescue Mission's Women's Center, "secrets make you sick."

So join me in decluttering this May. Collect all the clothes you will never wear, the household items you will no longer use and the food you will never eat and bring it to the Rescue Mission. The items you no longer need will bless people who have next to nothing. And share your struggles and feelings privately with God and a trusted person. When you have a relationship with God through Jesus, He is more than willing to forgive and help, just like He is doing for Marvin. God's forgiveness and healing cleanses our heart, mind and soul so we do not carry around extra baggage. Your heart will feel like a spacious, clean closet that was just organized!

Thank you for helping others clean up their lives at the Mission; you make all we do possible.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswite
Executive Director

These are not just numbers, they are lives impacted!

March 2016 YTD 2016

Professions of Faith	64	140
Meals	13,724	45,525
Family Food Boxes	279*	858**
Nights of Shelter	4,574	17,160
Clothing	8,934	27,696
Day Service/Hygiene	468	1,215
Jobs Obtained	1	10

*5,580 meals

**11,560 meals

Our Stats

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MARVIN: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

At the Mission, I was able to relearn what I had forgotten. I remembered that I need friends who will encourage me to stay sober and follow Jesus. I need a church family who will love and care for me. I need to stay away from the construction industry, which always seems to trigger my drug use. Most of all, I relearned that I need a close relationship with Jesus through prayer, Bible study and worship.

While that all seems simple—good fellowship with God and His people—it hasn't always been an easy plan

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to follow. With the Mission's help, I now have many good friends at my church, Missio Dei, and many good friends here at the Mission. I am committed to staying away from the construction industry. I have a renewed relationship with Jesus and am living a life of sobriety. My father and step-mom are even looking forward to having me move back in with them when I graduate from the New Life Program.

Right now, I don't feel like a failure anymore. Instead, I look back on the last eight years of my life and realize that I only did meth for 10 months of those eight years. And even though that was 10 months when I walked away from God, I still saw God working in my life. He wouldn't let me get too far away. I can still see a lot of growth compared to where I came from, which was using meth most every day for two decades.

One struggle I am dealing with is unemployment. Since I have committed to avoid framing houses, which had led to drug abuse in the past, I need a new career. However, I don't have a lot of experience doing much else. So I am applying for a lot of entry-level jobs in unfamiliar fields. I have been looking for two months and have attended many interviews, but haven't received any offers yet. In my mind, I keep asking, "What is it about me that employers don't like?" I have never had to try so hard to find work, ever. So pray for me. Pray that I would trust God to take care of me and that I wouldn't feel defeated as I

search for employment.

Before, when I felt defeated or angry or depressed, I would turn to drugs to numb that feeling. Now, I realize that I need to share my feelings with reliable friends and ask God for help. When I talk about what I am going through, I find that the desire to mask my negative feelings with drugs is lessened and it helps me stay sober. So as I struggle with feelings of defeat about this job search, please pray that I would be upfront with my struggles and trust in God.

I am excited to work and start saving money. My father, who is retired and on Social Security, wants me to move in with him and his wife when I graduate. Since they are elderly, I can help around their house, and they will only charge me a modest amount for rent and utilities. If I can save up some money before I graduate from the New Life Program, I want to use it to help my dad and step-mom. They have never really had enough money for some of the simple pleasures in life, so I would love to give them a gift for the love and support they have shown me.

I have reached out to my youngest son, who lives in South Jordan with his mom, and hope that I can begin to rebuild my relationship with him again. I told him I had to go back the Rescue Mission and I know he was disappointed. Still, he is just 17 and means a lot to me.

And I do want to thank all the supporters of the Rescue Mission. I am now in your debt times two.

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It's amazing that God uses the Rescue Mission's supporters to help people like me. Without the free shelter, food, clothing, counseling and employment help, I really think I would have died a long time ago. God has used the Rescue Mission to save my life twice and I can't thank you enough.