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Now, we are turning to the Christmas season, and with the closure of the downtown public housing shelter, we are anticipating a packed house for the holidays. We will need your help to meet this huge need. Here are a few ways you can help:

First, you can give towards our Christmas Banquet. We will feed hundreds of men, women, and children and we need your help to make sure we don’t have to turn any of our homeless friends away. Use the enclosed envelope, give online at RescueSaltLake.org, or call our Finance Office at 801.746.1006 to give via credit card over the phone. Remember, all gifts are tax-deductible.

Second, as you shop for Christmas, you can use Amazon Smile. Go to smile.amazon.com and log in to your account. Once logged in, you can use the search bar at the lower right to find a charity. Type “Rescue Mission of Salt Lake” into the search window and choose “Rescue Mission of Salt Lake Inc.” Amazon will donate half of your total purchases to the Rescue Mission. And if you forgot to start at smile.amazon.com and there are things already in your cart, just leave them there, log out, then log back in using the smile.amazon.com portal, choose the Rescue Mission and you will be set!

Third, as you shop for Holiday meals at Smith’s Grocery, make sure to link your Rewards Card to the Rescue Mission. Just visit smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire. From there, create a simple account with an email your Rewards Card number, and the Rescue Mission’s NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number, which is DR760. Once you have created your account using the Mission’s NPO DR760, then Smith’s will donate .5% of your spending to the Rescue Mission.

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**DECEMBER 2019 - CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE**

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**December 2019 - Chapel and Kitchen Serving Schedule**

**JONATHAN ELLIOTT:**

After a decade on the streets, a new man

Before coming to the Rescue Mission last year, I had been homeless for almost 10 years. I was living on the streets, sleeping on friend’s couches, in-and-out of jail, or camping down by the river. I was using meth and drinking. During some of that time, I even had my 2-year-old son living with me at the downtown homeless shelter.

A year later, God has changed my life. I want to share just some of the things He has done through the Rescue Mission’s ministry and your support.

- God gave me a great job with a virtual office space firm. Our company leases and schedules office space for attorney’s, doctors, and small companies. I am a client specialist, so I work with specific clients to handle their calendars, schedule appointments, and make sure they have the temporary and full-furnished office space they need, when they need it. It’s a great job and I was even invited to the office Christmas party.

  - God is helping me rebuild the relationship I cherish the most, the one I have with my son. God has allowed me to be a father again. I can give my son things, take him to the zoo, and go fishing with him. I see him regularly and look forward to investing time into his life and letting him know who the Lord is.

- God has given me many opportunities to serve with my home church, Fresh Life Church. I was welcomed into Fresh Life Church and they made me feel like family.

  - They have allowed me to play guitar and sing at some worship events and I lead a bible study at a downtown church.

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**JESUS AND HOMELESSNESS**

Joseph and Mary were in a tough spot. You could say that they were “situationally” homeless. That’s the same tough spot many of our homeless friends who seek food and shelter at the Ogden Rescue Mission find themselves in. Like Joseph and Mary, the people we serve at the Ogden Rescue Mission are tired, hungry, and need a warm place to stay. One homeless man who stayed at our shelter comes to mind. He was on a very fixed income and sharing rent with some roommates when their landlord decided he wanted to sell the house. They were on a month-to-month lease and this man could not afford to move. Before he was evicted, he lived in his car for a while but ultimately came to the Rescue Mission and asked for a place to stay until he could find a new house or apartment to rent. Because of your support we can help “situationally” homeless people in our community, like this man. In a way, your support enables us to be like the people in Bethlehem who helped Joseph and Mary find a place to stay, when the inn was full.

It’s interesting that Jesus, once he was born and grew into a man, also spent a lot of time being “situationally” homeless person. He ended up creating an everlasting home for everyone who puts their faith and trust in Him. Jesus, after experiencing homelessness many times, Jesus encouraged people to remember the poor. He noted that, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” (Matthew 25:40). So, anything done to the poorest of the poor, it is like it has been done to Jesus Himself. During this time when we are celebrating Jesus’ birth, the Ogden Rescue Mission is engaged in helping the least of these. We will be helping our homeless friends find shelter, have warm clothes, and discover a pathway off the streets. I encourage you to join our efforts. You can donate hats, winter gloves, coats, and winter shoes. You can support one of our low-income families through Christmas gifts. You can give towards our upcoming Christmas Banquet.

We need your help to provide for the countless Josephs, Marys, and babies who will come through our door this December and beyond. They will be cold, tired, and hungry and we will give them warmth, rest, food, and a loving message of faith in Jesus as the key pathway out of homelessness. It’s interesting to think that, while Jesus was born as a “situationally” homeless person, He ended up creating an everlasting home for everyone who puts their faith and trust in Him.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

**Our Stats**

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**Coffee shop with some other guys who attend there.**

- God allowed me to get on solid financial footing. I have paid off $700 in fines so I could get my driver’s license back and a judge who is overseeing some misdemeanor cases I have said he will waive $1,000 in fines that I owe, once I graduate from the New Life Program at the Rescue Mission. With my driver’s license back, I am saving money for a car.

- God is giving me the opportunity to give back. My church is running a “Merry Market” this month by helping families who need assistance with Christmas toys and gifts. I have enough money saved where I can give to this outreach. I’m excited because it’s really one of the first times I can give money to help other people.

- God has provided a place for me to live when I graduate from the New Life Program this month. When I complete the New Life Program on December 22, there is a spot available at the Freedom House, the Rescue Mission’s transitional housing unit. I can live at Freedom House at a reduced rent, while still having accountability and support.

The thing I am most thankful to God for is His answer to my prayer when I was homeless. God answered my prayer by leading me to the Rescue Mission where I could get help. I’ve needed this kind of help my whole life. My childhood was filled with pain and both my parents were alcoholics. I’m 30-years-old now and, before spending this past year at the Rescue Mission, I had been on the streets for nearly a decade. I lost my ID, birth certificate, and social security card so I could never get a job.

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How your gift helps

From hot meals to haircuts to warm clothes, we were able to bless hundreds of our homeless friends and low-income families because of your generous donations to our Thanksgiving Banquet outreach!

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