

MONTHLY MIRACLE MAKERS PROVIDE A FOUNDATION OF HOPE



Thanks for supporting our Easter outreach. Here's one of our homeless friends after getting an Easter trim!

When you become a Monthly Miracle Maker you will lead the way by providing a foundation of monthly-support that delivers basic needs like meals, safe shelter, and clothing along with life-transforming solutions that give the true Hope that saves lives at the Rescue Mission. Saving lives is just the beginning. You will be enabling miracles by providing a permanent way off our streets and into faith, recovery, employment, housing, and self-sufficiency.


How Monthly Miracle Makers help:

- Predictable support that helps us maintain vital programs all year long
- We are better able to plan and expand, knowing your regular support
- Cost savings with reduced fundraising expenses and mail
- Consider using a debit card or eCheck instead of a credit card to reduce costs to the Mission

It's easy to start. You can visit RescueSaltLake.org and select "Donate Today" and choose "recurring donations" on the donations page (donating by bank account helps even more by reducing costs of credit card processing). You can also call our finance office at **801-706-1006** and they can help you set up recurring donations through credit card or account transfer. You can also set up recurring monthly donations through your bank. If you mail in donations by check, you can note in the memo line that you will be a Monthly Miracle Maker moving forward.

Please prayerfully **consider becoming a Monthly Miracle Maker today!** Your commitment will make a big difference in the amount of stable support we can provide to help our homeless friends off the streets.

APRIL 2021 CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE

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

*Email DVaugns@RescueSaltLake.org to schedule your volunteer request.

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LARRY SADLER: Faith, Employment, Marriage, and New Life

A few days ago, my wife and I had an emergency bee situation. We had ordered some bees from California and had introduced them to the hives we keep in our back yard. But when we woke up our new bees had all migrated back out of our hives and returned to the California containers they had come in. So, we put on our bee suits and worked to get them back in the right hives.

It's been fun tending bees since we were married two years ago. We both love animals, love sharing a hobby together, and can give local honey away to our friends.

Four years ago, I never thought I could be a beekeeper—someone who other living things (albeit simple insects) depended on to stay alive. Back then, I couldn't even depend on myself to take care of me. But after God changed my life at the Rescue Mission, I am a new person and am doing all kinds things I never thought possible.

I have what might be a typical story for someone who ends up at the Rescue Mission. I had difficulties as a child and started using meth at age 13. Fast forward to 2017: I was in my mid-30s and was a shell of a person. I was divorced, had no relationship with my two daughters, was woefully behind on child support, and my father refused to let me live with him because of my addiction.

I was homeless with no hope. My daily routine (literally, this was my daily routine for at least two years) was to wake up in Magna and start walking. I would walk from Magna to downtown Salt Lake City, all the while using meth. When I got to Salt Lake, I would hang out for a bit or try to get money for more drugs, and then head back to Magna, arriving just in time to find a place in a park or other out-of-the-way spot to sleep for the night. I know that sounds exhausting and impossible but that was my



Larry Sadler shares a selfie with his wife Lisa. Larry and Lisa live in Magna where they tend bees and enjoy supporting each other in their new marriage.

life for two years while I was strung out on meth.

During this time, I was arrested for drug possession several times. After violating my probation once again, I went to court and the judge asked me what I wanted: to sit in jail or to try a recovery program? I said I wanted to try recovery and the court gave me three choices, one of which was the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake.

During my many walks downtown, I had gone to the Rescue Mission for food and had asked about their

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A GREAT REMINDER OF HOW GOD RESTORES US

Throughout the Bible God graciously gives His people reminders of His goodness.

Passover was instituted as a great reminder of how God rescued His people from physical slavery.

Communion came about as way to remind believers about how Jesus saved them from spiritual slavery and created the forgiveness that leads to eternal life.

I believe Spring is another one of those awesome recurring reminders that God has created for all of us. When Spring comes, we look around and see how everything is restored. The barren,

seemingly lifeless trees sprout blossoms and buds that will become leaves, and fruits, and nuts, and seeds. We see brown, lifeless grass turn green and begin to grow again. We see animals become more active and deliver new babies.

What a picture of restoration God has given us in Springtime! I'm sure in God's great wisdom there are many reasons why He ordered the Earth to become restored during Spring. Many of those reasons are probably inconceivable to my human mind, but I believe one reason God created Spring was to remind us about how He restores people too. As we see God restore nature during Spring, we see a picture of how God restores human lives.

We realize He is the only one that can bring restoration to broken lives. By sending Jesus to live a perfect life and take our punishment for sin, God made a way that we can be restored.

This restoration is the most important thing in all of our lives and is vital for our homeless friends. Our homeless friends are desperate for restoration. Because of addiction, abuse, and other factors many of our homeless friends have no healthy relationships. Instead they experience toxic shame and can feel worthless for the times they have chosen addiction over their family and friends. They feel bad that they can't support themselves and often have no hope. They need the restoration only God can bring.

We share about God's restoration to everyone who walks into the doors of our five facilities from Ogden to Murray. This Spring, as we emerge from an especially dreary season, I pray that God would use His restorative reminder of Spring to impact the hearts and minds of all of us, but especially of our homeless friends. Please join me in praying for our ministry this Spring. Pray that God would use Spring as a reminder that, like the trees, grass, and flowers, He restores people too. As you are able, please also give to support our ministry as we work to share God's power of restoration to the poor and homeless in our community this Spring.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director



Our Stats

how your gift helps

These are not just numbers, they are lives impacted!

	February 2021	YTD 2021
Professions of Faith	4	9
Meals	8,260	18,326
Family Food Boxes	125	250
Nights of Shelter	3,471	7,194
Clothing	5,756	10,374
Hygiene items	4,593	8,401
Day Service	1,638	3,136
Jobs Obtained	4	7
Housing Obtained	6	10

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program. They had told me they couldn't except me because at the time I had warrants out for my arrest that I was unwilling to face. But now, it seemed like God had opened a door—a legal and proper way for me to join the Rescue Mission's New Life Program.

I knew the best way to get back on track was to get back in touch with Jesus. It was awesome to wake up each morning and have a Bible study to attend. Each day I got centered and was able to ask any question I had about God and the Bible. The Mission also gave me a great discipler, Matt Harrison, who I related to at once. He had had some of the same problems I did growing up and he talked to me about how he dealt with them. I felt like Matt's success as a person gave me hope that I too could succeed.

It wasn't all easy. Through my one-on-one counseling I talked through the pains of my life—my brother's death, my parent's divorce, my own divorce and estrangement from my two daughters. But talking through my pains, instead of leaving them buried inside, helped me grow and heal.

I want to share one example of how God grew me as a person. At the Mission we have a game room. It's a spot where members of the New Life Program can play board games or even watch TV. At one point this game room had become a de facto storage closet. There were so many clothes and other donations that about half the room was used to store the items and limited its use.

One day I decided to clean the whole room. I sorted all the clothes and moved the donations to the right areas. Then I put up a card table and arranged the seating. It was a lot of work. But somebody suggested I did all that work because I was using meth again and needed an outlet for my meth-fueled energy. So, I was drug tested. I felt a little bitter because I knew I was clean and had done what I felt like was a good deed, only to be cast under suspicion for it.

But God calmed my heart in that moment. The old me would've lost it, but the new me took it as a learning experience. I looked at myself and realized I am a high-energy person, who has previously been addicted to meth. When I let my energy take over, I can seem high-strung to other people. With that educational experience in my pocket, I have learned to dial my "hyperness" back a bit when I am feeling especially high-strung because I know the impression it can leave, given my history.

I graduated from the New Life Program about two and

half years ago. During my time on the New Life Program I was able to pay off my fines, get my driver's license, buy an old car, and secure a rental home for when I graduated. Shortly after graduation I also completed all the necessary parts of my probation and was hired to work on the construction of the new Facebook data center in Eagle Mountain. The data center has many rooms that will hold servers and specialized electrical components. The construction must be done in a way where each of these rooms is self-contained so that, if a fire started in one of the rooms, it could not spread to another room. My job is to ensure that special construction techniques are implemented to prevent fire spread from room to room.

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This work has been very fulfilling, and I have been able to purchase a new car and have almost caught up all my back-child support. Because of my commitment to pay child support my ex-wife has encouraged me to have a relationship with my two daughters, now 15 and 16, who live in St. George. We have had several conversations over social media and I feel like they will want to meet me soon. They are hesitant since I was never there for them as a father, but I hope they can see I am different now. I don't want to pressure them and even the online relationship I have with them now is a miracle and something I never thought would be possible.

I had made a commitment that I wouldn't date anyone until I had graduated and was clean and sober. Shortly after I graduated, I posted my profile on a popular dating app and soon fell in love and was married to my beautiful wife of two years.

She works as an overnight nurse in one of Salt Lake's only 24/7 veterinary emergency rooms. She loves working there but is also going back to school to further her career opportunities. We have a great marriage and enjoy attending K2 The Church together.

I feel so blessed to have this incredible new life. In August it will have been three years since I graduated from the New Life Program and God has been keeping me sober and moving forward ever since. I can't believe how my life has changed since I was homeless and mindlessly walking from Magna to Salt Lake each day, wasting my life away. Thank you so much for supporting the Rescue Mission and helping to create a place where people like me can get the help they need for a new life.