

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT IN MAY

We have an amazing opportunity this month to double your impact. Kerri Luther with RealtyPath, and other generous friends will match your donation dollar-for-dollar up to a total commitment of \$15,000.

This is a true dollar-for-dollar match. To gain the \$15,000, the Mission is asking its supporters to give a generous gift in May. Any gift given in the month of May will be counted towards the match. If the Rescue Mission can raise \$15,000, it will be doubled! Every dollar turns into two!

Your May gift will provide:

- Double the number of meals
- Double the nights of shelter
- Double the hours of job coaching
- Double the number of people off the streets

If we can reach the matching challenge it will mean \$30,000 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.

Want to triple your impact?

First, donate to the Mission this May and double your donation through our matching gift challenge. Donate by sending a check, give online, or call our finance office at **801.746.1006** to use a credit card by phone.

After you donate, go to our website, **RescueSaltLake.org**. Click on "Ways to Donate" and then scroll down and click the "Workplace Giving" button. This will allow you to search if your employer (or former employer if you are retired) matches the charitable gifts of its employees and/or retirees. If your company has a match, click on the link and you will be directed to your company's form where you can share your donation with your employer, allowing them to contact the Rescue Mission to match your gift.

Imagine tripling your donation this month! A gift of \$25 could be \$75, a \$100 could be \$300, and \$1,000 could be \$3,000. Please give today and support our matching gift challenge.

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

RESCUER

MAY 2022

The Monthly Newsletter of the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake



RescueSaltLake.org

JON ANDERSON: Depending on God for help with anxiety

Editors note: From time to time we like to bring you updates of men and women who have already shared their life story in the Rescuer. This month we share an update from Jon Anderson who came to the Rescue Mission in 2014 and now lives in Kennewick (Tri-Cities), Washington.

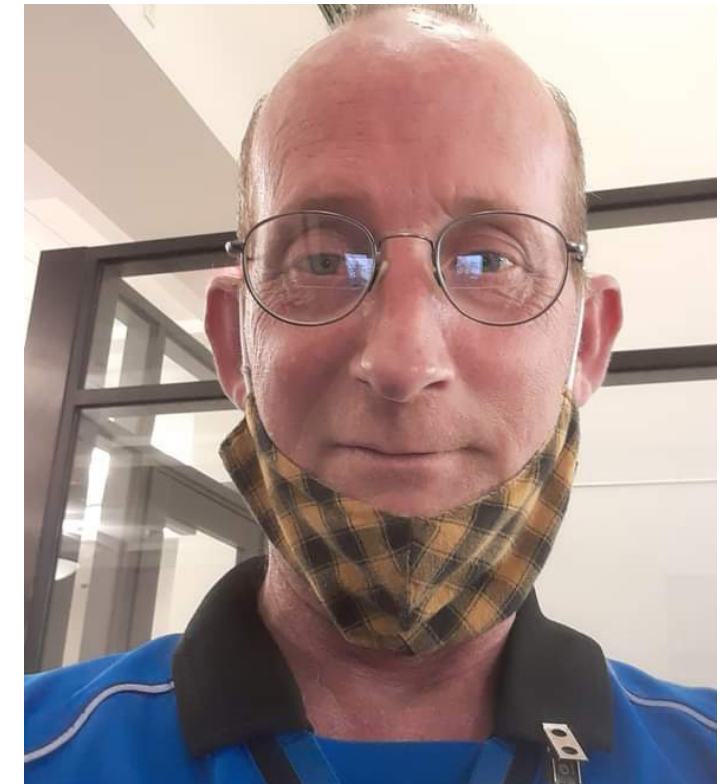
In 2014, I had \$20 in my pocket, three bags of clothes, and was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Rescue Mission. I had never been homeless before and had, up until that point, held down steady jobs in the broadcasting industry for over 25 years. A family member had just dropped me off at the Rescue Mission - I had literally been kicked to the curb because I couldn't stop drinking and taking advantage of my family.

After contemplating my fate for a few hours, I walked into the Rescue Mission. I had designs on asking the people there for money. Little did I know I would end up spending the next year of my life at the Rescue Mission as a member of the New Life Program.

Once I joined the New Life Program, I felt like God started working in my life. When I first started the program I couldn't understand the Bible studies, even though I was raised in church. Instead, I was confused.

But the more I went to class the more I started to understand. I realized who God was and grew into a closer relationship with Him. I found myself actually wanting to obey Him, and actually wanting to stay sober. Learning about the Bible changed my desires in a way that I couldn't fully understand, and it also gave me the power to change.

When I graduated from the New Life Program a year later in 2015, I decided to move to Kennewick where



Jon Anderson lowers his mask for a quick picture during a shift as head of security for the justice center in Tri-Cities, Washington.

my mother and brother lived. My mom (a 75-year-old nurse at the time) let me move in with her and I found a job as a master controller at a local television station. The master controller is the person who tells the camera operators what angles to shoot at and lets the

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MAY 2022 CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chapel: Gospel Grace Kitchen: Gospel Grace	2 Chapel: First Baptist West Valley Kitchen: First Baptist West Valley	3 Chapel: Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake Kitchen: Interm. Baptist Youth	4 Chapel: SMCC Kitchen: SMCC	5 Chapel: Antioch Community Church Kitchen: Antioch Community Church	6 Chapel: Mt Oly Presbyterian Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	7 Chapel: Bible Baptist Kitchen: So. Valley Comm. Church
8 Chapel: Abundant Life Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	9 Chapel: Discovery Christian Church Kitchen: Discovery Christian Church	10 Chapel: Mission's Door Kitchen: Lifeline Community Church	11 Chapel: Northern Utah Mennonite Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	12 Chapel: Millcreek Baptist Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	13 Chapel: Hilltop United Methodist Kitchen: Hilltop United Methodist	14 Chapel: Adventure Church Kitchen: Calvary Chapel
15 Chapel: Abundant Life Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	16 Chapel: Bennion Christian Center Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	17 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Compassion Call	18 Chapel: Missions Door Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	19 Chapel: New Begins. Christian Kitchen: Lifeline Community Church	20 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	21 Chapel: Southside Church of Christ Kitchen: Southside Church of Christ
22 Chapel: Grace Community Bible Kitchen: Grace Community Bible	23 Chapel: Living Waters Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	24 Chapel: Canyons Church Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	25 Chapel: K2 - The Church Kitchen: Fresh Life Church	26 Chapel: Missions Door Kitchen: Fresh Life Church	27 Chapel: Midvalley Bible Kitchen: Mudita Yoga	28 Chapel: EV Free Church of Salt Lake Kitchen: Email to Schedule*
29 Chapel: Grace Community Bible Kitchen: Grace Community Bible	30 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	31 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	Double your impact in May! Donate Today!			

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

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IMPACTING MORE THAN HOMELESS LIVES

I hope you have had time to read the article in this month's Rescuer about doubling or even tripling your donation to the Rescue Mission in May. It is neat to think that God can exponentially increase your support through options to turn one donation into two, or even three.



As I was considering God's ability to multiply financial impact this month, I thought about how God uses multiplication in other ways here at the Rescue Mission.

For example, if you read Jon Anderson's testimony in this month's Rescuer, you will notice that God used the Mission to change his life. But changing Jon's life impacted many other lives. Jon has been able to get a good job and now can support his aging mother who lives with him.

Jon's son and daughter, who used to be estranged from Jon due to his addiction, now have healthy relationships with him. Plus Jon is able to impact coworkers and connect with his six (soon to be seven) grandchildren.

God has truly taken one changed life and multiplied the benefit exponentially so that many lives have been changed and impacted.

This happens all the time at the Rescue Mission. One of our program graduates I remember most was Tuan. He came to the Mission while his wife was pregnant and they were both struggling with meth addiction. Through our program Tuan became sober and was able to be a great father to his daughter when she was born as well as his other children. His sober, faith-filled support of his daughter and his wife impacted their lives in a major way.

A few of our counselors and staff here at the Mission are graduates of our New Life Program. George Sproul, for example, has counseled hundreds of men struggling with addiction during his 15 years working at the Mission. Before becoming a certified Genesis Process counselor, George was homeless and addicted but found new life at the Rescue Mission.

When God restored George's life, he exponentially

increased the impact that one changed life would have on so many others.

It is inspiring to read the testimonies of changed lives in each month's newsletter. But remember that for each changed life you read about, there are many others impacted as well. From brokenhearted spouses, to estranged adult children, to young kids who need their father or mother back, when God changes a life at the Mission He doubles and triples the impact.

I thank you for joining our efforts to help people struggling with homelessness and addiction get off the streets and into faith, sobriety, employment, and housing. Your support does not just impact the homeless. God multiplies it to impact the family and friends of that homeless person, who rejoice in being restored to the loved one they thought was lost forever.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS

OUR STATS	2022 TOTALS (THROUGH MARCH)
Professions of faith	115
Meals	52,478
Family food boxes	369
Nights of shelter	16,758
Clothing	15,987
Hygiene Items	17,002
Day service	7,127
Jobs obtained	28
Housing obtained	12

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crew know when the show is going to commercials, stuff like that.

It was a good job, but I worked the morning show, which meant I had to get up at 2 a.m. so we could go on air at 5 a.m. and then be done at 7 a.m. The hours started to wear me out, so I shifted to a job as a security officer at the local courthouse.

That move made me feel more stable, working normal hours at a place I enjoyed. Last July, however, two of my coworkers and friends both experienced fatal heart attacks. One coworker was at home when it happened, but the other happened at work. I watched the paramedics come to the courthouse and try to revive my friend, but he didn't make it.

Witnessing his death traumatized me. I had experienced a near heart attack several years ago and went through daily fear that I would have an attack and die too. It was hard for me to go back to work or even make it through the day. But instead of turning back to alcohol I went to my doctor. He was able to give me some medication that helped.

But what I really had to do to get back to work was turn to God. Every day I get up an hour or two early before I go to work and have my devotion with God and pray. I tell people that the experience has brought me closer to God than I have ever been before. I share with people that I need Him on my best days and my worst days and all the days in between.

God has blessed me as I have depended more and more on Him. I have been promoted to Head of Security for the Justice Center here in the Tri-Cities. It's a great job and has allowed me to get a place of my own. Well, it's not really my own. My mother, who is 82 now, lives with me. It is a blessing to be able to take care of her and provide a place for her to live, just like she did for me seven years ago and for much

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of my life. She has a hard time getting around, but I feel good that she can live with family instead of in a retirement center.

Another neat thing that happened was that just last year my daughter started communicating with me again. I was not a good father to her in many ways, but always wanted to reconnect with her if I could. I would send her texts or social media messages every so often, but she wouldn't respond. But last year she finally sent me a message and now we talk two or three times a week through texts and pictures of my grandkids.

My son also came up to visit me recently and stayed for a few days. It was the first time I had seen either of my kids face-to-face in many years. Soon I will have seven grandchildren and even though they live in Utah, and I haven't had a chance to spend much time with them, I do enjoy seeing pictures and videos as they grow up.

God has radically changed my life since that day I was kicked to the Rescue Mission's curb. He used the New Life Program to bring me to faith in Him and has used that faith to get me through some very hard times since. But through my relationship with Him I have hope for the future.

Please pray that God would continue to help me with my anxiety. I do at times get lonely living alone with my mother and would love to find companionship again. So pray that God, if it is His will, might have a wife out there for me. Most of all I want to thank you, the supporters of the Rescue Mission. Thank you for helping to make a place where the most desperate people in Utah, like I once was, can come and experience a new life. Your support helped get me off the streets and into faith, sobriety, employment, and a home of my own.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR EASTER BANQUET

It was an awesome Easter weekend at the Rescue Mission as we held our annual Easter Banquet and Egg Hunt our homeless friends.

Besides toys and eggs for the kids, there was a great brunch. We served over a thousand meals and gave away thousands of pieces of clothing to needy people. Of course, all of this outreach was buffeted by Gospel messages and prayer (check out the picture at right of our volunteers praying for our homeless friends).

We thank everyone who prayed, gave financially, and volunteered to make this Easter Banquet happen!

