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Help us raise \$50,000 in May to restore lives and end homelessness.

Double your impact. During the month of May, generous friends of the Rescue Mission will match your gift dollar for dollar! With more people walking through our doors this spring/summer and the cost of items like fuel, electricity, and water soaring throughout the summer, these matching donations will be a tremendous help for the Mission

2x

Because of this matching program, every dollar given in May turns into two. Your gift will go twice as far to feed the hungry and help men, women, and children off our streets. One meal becomes two, two nights of shelter becomes four nights, all to help people off our streets. Please, help today!

But wait . . . there's more, a way to triple your donation in May!

3x

Triple your impact. Did you know that many employers match their employees' donations to charities? Your employer could be one of them.

How can you find out if your employer matches your donations to the Rescue Mission?

Visit our website at RescueSaltLake.org/double-the-donation. On the site you can search for your company and see if they are on our employer match registry. If your company does not appear on our registry, you can also ask your HR team if your company matches charitable contributions to the Rescue Mission and donate today! If your company does not match contributions to the Mission, you may have the opportunity to ask your HR to

add the Rescue Mission to your company's donation match list.

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Ta'neil Carter spent six years on the streets and in jail after developing a meth addiction at age 32. Today she is sober, has a supportive church family, has a good job, and is enjoying restored relationships with her mother and her three daughters.

As a military family we moved around a lot, and I developed a reliance on my family for support even through my adult years.

I have three beautiful daughters and throughout my life I tried to stay focus on family and made every effort to keep all of us together with my extended family. Then, about six years ago, I tried drugs for the first time. I was 32 and had just had my youngest daughter.

That decision led to addiction and the worst six years of my life.

Throughout those six years, I struggled with meth abuse. My daughters and I were in-and-out of homeless shelters here in Salt Lake and I was incarcerated at different times both in Utah and in Georgia. My life was a mess.

I hit rock bottom when my three daughters were placed in foster care. I felt so alone. But that's when I came to the Rescue Mission's Women's Center in 2023 and God changed my life. I was scared when I began the New Life Program, but soon I felt safe. I was no longer constantly worrying about the next place I was going to live, or how I

Please see "Ta'neil" on page 3.

HOW YOUR SPRING CLEANING CAN HELP THE HOMELESS

If your household is like mine, it's amazing how many things pile up over time.

There's the 24-pack of green beans we bought during a November case-lot sale that we were sure would fit into our meal plans but somehow we still have 21 cans still in the pantry.



There's the quarter-zip pullover that fit me five years ago and I just know that this is the year I can fit back into it. I mean, it's still in style, right? Then there's that bin of socks I never wear but figure I need to hold on to in case of emergency. There's also dozens of things my kids have outgrown that I could put in a yard sale or sell online.

I share all of this knowing May is a great time for spring cleaning. This particular May, 2024 also comes as the Rescue Mission is desperately low on things like canned food, adult men's clothes, bath towels and other basic necessities that are so needed by our homeless and low-income friends.

Jesus said, "sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:33-34).

I do not believe Jesus here is asking His people to

sell everything they own. Indeed, in other places in the Bible, God's people are charged to provide for their families and to work hard to provide for themselves. In fact, Biblical hard work and self-sufficiency is a key part of what we teach in our New Life Program.

But if you are holding on to 21 cans of green beans or have out-of-style clothing that doesn't fit, or if that nice bike you bought your 12-year-old who has now outgrown it is sitting unused in your shed, these are the things we should give to our homeless friends or sell and donate the proceeds.

My challenge to you this May, then, is that if you have things you are no longer in need of, donate them to the Rescue Mission, because there are others who are in need. We can definitely use it during this season when we are so low on basic supplies that many of the poorest in our community cannot afford to purchase.

Thank you so much for your support and please believe the promise God shares with His people that when we give on this Earth, our treasure in Heaven will be so much greater.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswrite

Executive Director

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would keep my clothes clean.

I found structure, and the routine I needed. I learned that God was involved in my life. I realized I could turn to God and His people for help, even during times when I felt alone. Soon I didn't feel alone at all. I had friends all around me who I could exchange stories with and who would listen to me with empathy. Through these meaningful relationships with others who struggled with addiction and homelessness I experienced love, trust, and joy. I realized I had people of faith in my life who were going to have my back. I would be there for them, and they would be there for me, even through the struggles.

When I met with my Rescue Mission case manager we worked through the Genesis Process curriculum, which forced me to focus on past traumas and struggles. I began to understand that God could heal me from prior hurts. I connected with a local church, Capital Church, and have loved the lessons they teach. I was even baptized there on April 21, 2024.

Several months ago I progressed to the employment phase of the New Life Program. I had to depend on God to help me. I had several interviews and did well connecting with employers, but when it came time for a background check I would be rejected. After three of four months of struggle and disappointment, Maverick Country Stores took a chance on me, and I have had a great job with them ever since.

I feel blessed to be working and saving money and am excited to provide for myself again. When I graduate

from the New Life Program in June, I plan to live at Hope House (the Rescue Mission's transitional housing facility for women) for a while as I continue to work and gain stability in my new life of sobriety.

One miracle God did in my life is repairing my relationship with my mother. Before, we would constantly butt heads as I felt she was too controlling, and she saw a need to give me direction. Now we have great boundaries and communication. My three daughters are in a good permanent foster care situation, but through it all I have not lost my parental rights. I hope to one day work towards complete reunification with my daughters through the appropriate legal processes, but even now I get to see them once a week. We spent Easter together and they often visit the Rescue Mission's Women's Center to spend time with me. It's been great to reconnect and realize God has placed them in a good situation.

I am just weeks away from clearing up all my legal issues. I have been upgraded to unsupervised probation and as soon as I graduate from the New Life Program my probation will end. I can't believe all the ways God has used the Rescue Mission to change my life. I want to thank you, the faithful supporters of the Mission, for the part you play in sustaining this ministry and providing a place where frightened women like me can find refuge from the streets and healing. God bless you and I pray that you are encouraged to see how God has used your support to work in my life!

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS: OUR YTD STATS THROUGH MARCH



Professions of Faith

88



Meals

71,989



Family Food Boxes

689



Nights of Shelter

18,306



Clothing

31,261



Hygiene Items

27,930



Day Service

6,852



Jobs Obtained

23



Housing Obtained

11



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