

TIME IS RUNNING OUT—WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP THIS EASTER!

Thank you to everyone who has already supported our Easter outreach! However, we still need more help to make this event truly special. If you haven't yet contributed, or if you can give again, please do so today. Here's how you can make a difference:



Prayer and Support

First and foremost, we ask for your prayers. Please pray that God would use this outreach to change the lives of our homeless friends. We're working hard to make this a special event for homeless and low-income kids and their families, and we need your help to bless them. Our goal is to help these families **Rise, Renew, and Rejoice** in the love of Jesus, even as they navigate difficult life circumstances.



Donations for Kids' Baskets and Giveaways

One of the most exciting parts of our Easter celebration is the Easter egg hunt and giveaways for the kids. These events remind us how Jesus seeks and saves all, even those who think they are hiding from Him. We need plastic Easter eggs filled with individually wrapped candy (please no chocolate or nuts), as well as Easter baskets, stuffed toys, books, school supplies, and other small prizes for the carnival games.



Preparation Help

We also need volunteers to assist with meal preparation a day or two before the event. If you can help, please email Brandon at Volunteer@RescueSaltLake.org.

At our Easter Banquet, we'll host our annual Easter egg hunt, where hundreds of homeless and low-income children will enjoy egg hunting, face painting, carnival games, and craft-making. Meanwhile, their parents will enjoy live music and a delicious hot meal, along with access to free clothing, job placement opportunities, housing referrals, free haircuts, fingernail painting, letter-writing assistance, crisis care, and more. We will be celebrating the Saturday before Easter, April 19.

Our homeless friends can also learn about our New Life Program, which offers a way out of homelessness. Most importantly, they'll hear the life-changing message of why we celebrate Easter—Jesus' resurrection!



Ways to Give

Your generosity can make this Easter outreach unforgettable. To donate, you can:

- Send a check using the enclosed envelope
- Scan the QR code on this newsletter
- Call our donor relations office at **801.746.1006** for secure giving by credit card
- Visit our website at RescueSaltLake.org

Thank you for your continued generosity. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.



Your business or employer can partner with the Mission. Here's how:
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Get your company involved by emailing Volunteer@RescueSaltLake.org

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Kyle Carson and his wife share a picture this winter. After finding help at the Rescue Mission, Kyle is now married and the manager of a major mental health clinic in the Salt Lake valley.

Editor's Note: We often receive requests for life story updates from people previously featured in the Rescuer. It was three years ago (February 2022) that Kyle Carson first shared his life story. He later joined with his three roommates in an updated life story about how they were thriving together in a townhouse in West Valley City (September 2023). This month we share an update from Kyle who continues to enjoy long-term success after battling alcohol addiction and receiving help at the Rescue Mission.

It's amazing how far God has brought me since I left Montana after spending five years drinking every day. In God's providence, I could only afford a bus ticket to Salt Lake, so I ended up in Utah and found my way to the Rescue Mission in 2021.

Through the New Life Program I was able to get sober, begin a real relationship with Jesus, and start employment at a place that helps people who are struggling with their mental health. God has blessed me in some amazing ways since

Please see "Kyle" on page 3.

AS SPRING ARRIVES, HERE'S A GREAT WAY TO HELP

As the weather warms up this spring, we'll see more people on street corners and sidewalks asking for money.



While I never begrudge anyone who feels compelled to give directly to a panhandler, I don't believe it's the most effective way to help.

The reality is that many people asking for money are not homeless. The last few people I have stopped and talked with have either been employed or on a fixed income just looking for extra cash. However, some

panhandlers are homeless and trying to get by. For those who are homeless, especially those still struggling with addiction, money gained from panhandling often ends up being used for drugs or alcohol, rather than for essentials like food or shelter.

To provide an alternative, several years ago the Rescue Mission developed Help Cards. These cards, which can be shared instead of cash, provide our homeless friends with our address, phone number, and website, letting them know they can find food, shelter, clothing, and other necessities at the Mission. The cards also inform people about our New Life Program, which helps individuals leave the streets behind, and find faith, sobriety, employment, and housing.

Currently, our Help Cards are available for free. You can print them or order them directly from our

website. We also have a physical supply ready for pickup here at the Mission.

An exciting update is that we are in the process of revamping the cards to make them smaller—similar in size to a credit card or business card—so they will fit more easily into wallets or cardholders. This change will make it even more convenient for people to carry the cards with them and share them when they encounter someone asking for money on the street.

By sharing Help Cards, you can play a role in directing someone to the Mission, where they can experience true life change through a relationship with Jesus. We pray that these cards will serve as a tool for transformation, helping those in need take the first step toward recovery and a new life.

Please look for our updated Help Cards in the coming months and prayerfully use them when you have the opportunity. Thank you for caring about our homeless friends and for supporting the Rescue Mission. We could not provide the life-saving services we do without your continued support!

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite

Executive Director

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I graduated from the New Life Program three years ago. First, I spent a year with some fellow graduates in a brand-new townhome God provided where we could live and share expenses together. During that time, I met an awesome woman, we dated for over a year, before I proposed to her—even asking her parents for permission.

I was blessed that she said “yes” and we were married in July 2024. It was God's timing because this was the same time our lease was up at the West Valley City townhome I shared with my roommates. I felt remorse for leaving them, but they were happy for me and grateful that I fulfilled my commitment to the lease.

While I missed living with my friends, I was overjoyed to begin life with my bride. We have a crazy but fun dog—a terrier mix—and have talked about having kids or adopting but are waiting for God's firm direction.

As I have been blessed by all the fun and excitement of being a newlywed, God has also given me favor at my job. I have been promoted to a manager at a well-recognized mental health provider in the Salt Lake area. Our unit focuses on those who are struggling with mental health and may not have family or other support to find healthcare access.

Many of our clients are like those who come to the Rescue Mission. They need mental healthcare, but since they don't know how to find it, they become lost in homelessness or addiction. My job is engaging and challenging. Of course, I need to ensure all our services are fully staffed, but I also need to ensure our staff has

the tools they need to support our clients. I coordinate with the Health Department and other agencies. It is a blessing to be one of the solutions we need to meet the mental health and chemical dependency issues facing our community.

At the end of the day, I know that our clients are living in a safe environment and have the resources they need to recover and get better. Our clients are in a similar place to where I once was. I know what it feels like to struggle and not see an end in sight. Our goal is to help people understand what has been holding them back, get the problem solved, relieve their symptoms, and live a functional life.

The last eight months have been truly blessed. As I have worked hard, my marriage has thrived. When my wife and I were married, I moved into her condo, and we have been enjoying life together. She is a true artist and does great work in photography. Meanwhile, she is going to school for criminal justice, emergency services, and social work.

Please pray for us as we develop a new life together. Pray that God would lead and guide us and keep us together in love through thick and thin. Most of all pray that Jesus would be the center of our relationship. Thank you for supporting the Rescue Mission, where God gave me this new life. Your support is now helping me to give back.

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS: OUR STATS THROUGH JANUARY



Professions of Faith

35



Meals

23,891



Family Food Boxes

222



Nights of Shelter

6,675



Clothing

81,927



Hygiene Items

5,282



Day Service

2,444



Jobs Obtained

7



Housing Obtained

5



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