

#MISSION EQ

Providing a path of hope, redemption, and empowerment through Jesus Christ





eith's struggle with substances began during a turbulent childhood marked by trauma. "I experienced the death of close friends at a **young age,"** he says, "and I struggled with self doubt. That pushed me to try drugs... to distract myself from my pain."

Life became a downward spiral. His drug use worsened in adulthood, leading to homelessness, self-destructive habits, and – at his lowest point – jail. "That was a turning point for me," he says. "When I was released, I decided that I didn't want that life anymore."

Through the encouragement of friends, he found the courage to seek help at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. "I had been alone for so long, I felt like I didn't care anymore. But my friends came alongside me and held me accountable."

Arriving at the Mission, Keith felt seen and accepted. "It was warm and open," he remembers. "I knew I was being shown grace and mercy." He had found a safe haven and the firm foundation in Christ he needed to start over.

In our Men's Life Recovery Program, Keith began to overcome self-doubt and understand his own deeper struggles. "The drugs and alcohol were my way of self-medicating, but the Mission is helping me get to the root of the problem."

He's also found comfort and a renewed sense of purpose in his work therapy program while here. "I do land maintenance and help keep the place looking good. It's very good for me – it requires discipline."

I've learned to give it all to God and rely on Him.

Keith has graduated from the Mission and has reconnected with his family. He is employed fulltime and is doing very well.

Thank you for sharing God's love with Keith this Easter. His life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel! "I am healed and rejuvenated... the Mission has helped me see myself as someone of value, and I don't feel like I have to hide behind a mask to be worthy of love."



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

THE PROMISES OF **EASTER**

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share Christ's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe housing, and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women, and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you... and happy Easter!

God Bless.

Pat Chastain, President/CEO



GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

We rely on dedicated friends like you to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia need... By becoming a *LIFE CHANGERS* monthly partner, you can help save lives with your monthly gift to provide:









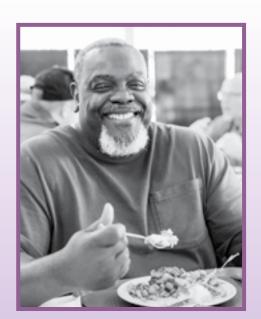
HOUSING

JOB TRAINING

Start giving monthly now to help provide the building blocks our residents need for a better life!







SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman, and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...





8,400 nights of rest



Christ-centered care & healing in our liferecovery program!



☑ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Give online anytime at **rescuemissionga.com/donate.**



Our Commitment to YOU

At Easter, and all year, you can count on the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia to follow Christ's example of serving our neighbors in need... especially those who are experiencing addiction, domestic violence, and homelessness.

The generosity of dedicated friends like YOU makes it possible to continue our ministries in Middle Georgia!

So we want to share our commitment to you, to the guests we serve and to our community:

- We will **honor and thank God** for His abundant blessings and share His provisions with our guests. Regardless of their struggles, each is made in God's image and worthy of dignity, compassion, and love.
- 2. We will **boldly share the hope of the Gospel and extend Christ's love** to each person we serve.
- 3. We will **invite our supporters, volunteers, and friends to help** meet the needs of our community throughout the year, asking only for what we know our neighbors truly need.



YOU changed lives last year!

Throughout 2023, friends like you joined together to make an incredible impact for our hurting neighbors...



219,000 meals filled hungry bellies



73,000 nights of housing kept people safe



And your compassion opened the door to other life-changing

services, like classes, Christian guidance, and job skills training.

Thank you.
What a blessing you are!

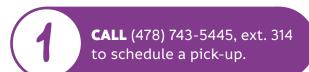


God's Promise of Joy

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11

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