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

THANK YOU FOR
GIVING NASH

a life-changing

GIFT THIS

Christmas!



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*You help make
Christmas
miracles possible*

Get ready... the busiest time of the year is upon us! I imagine your calendar is filling up quickly. But **before the year ends, please save a few moments for our neighbors who are struggling.**

I know you agree no one should live in a car... in a tent... or outside in the cold. Certainly not a child. Being in those situations means living with constant fear and uncertainty. It's a terrible way to spend any day... much less Christmas Day. If there's anyone in need of a miracle, it's them.

You can make a Christmas miracle possible for men and women in our recovery program by giving \$2.77 to provide a hot meal at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. It may not seem like much – but each meal you provide can help guide someone toward recovery and a new life. Where you see a meal, a hurting neighbor sees a miracle.

With your support, no man, woman, or child in Middle Georgia has to be hurting this Christmas. People like Nash (whose story is on page 3) can find the miracle of hot meals, safe housing, and Christ-centered care at the Mission this holiday season... and all year round... thanks to you!



God Bless,

Pat Chastain
President/CEO

12 DAYS OF GIVING BACK



The Bible tells us it's more blessed to give than to receive, and what better time to experience the joy of giving than the Christmas season! It's also a wonderful time to teach children the importance of giving, or to partner with a friend or family member to give back.

Read on to explore **12 Days of Giving Back** and get inspired to share the miracle of Christmas this year:

DAY 1 Provide Food	DAY 2 Donate Clothes	DAY 3 Donate Toys
DAY 4 Write a Christmas Card	DAY 5 Create a Care Package	DAY 6 Help Serve Meals
DAY 7 Pray for Mission Staff	DAY 8 Donate Boxer Briefs	DAY 9 Pray for Recovering Families
DAY 10 Fundraise at Your Church or School	DAY 11 Pray for Families at the Mission	DAY 12 Spread the Word

To learn more about ways you can share the joy of Christmas with Mission guests, give us a call at **(478) 743-5445** or visit us online at [rescuemissionga.com!](http://rescuemissionga.com)

Give a meal. Ignite a change!

It's hard to find a reason to celebrate Christmas when you're struggling. **YOU can give JOY and spark a miracle** with a gift to help someone in our life-recovery program experience a new life! It all starts by providing a meal for \$2.77... because where you see a meal, they see a miracle.



\$2.77
for 1 hot meal



**CAN LEAD
TO CHANGE**



**That leads
to new life!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

**“The Mission
is changing
people's lives.**

*It changed
mine.”*



Raised by a single dad, Nash knew his father loved him and worked hard to provide for the family. But as a child of divorce whose mother was hospitalized due to alcoholism, he knows that trauma had an effect on him growing up.

“There was love missing in my life... and I tried to fill that hole.” Nash turned to drugs and alcohol. “I learned at an early age how to function despite drinking. You drink, but you work, you are responsible, and you don’t act up. As I got older, I always had a job, but I drank more and more.”

Until finally, the drinking got out of control to the point that Nash couldn’t keep functioning. “Rock bottom for me was finally losing my job. I was in and out of hospitals for the last year, at the point of death. That’s when I knew I had to do something about my drinking.” His family encouraged him to check out the Mission.

“My biggest challenge before coming to the Mission was that I couldn’t do it on my own. I was just trying to keep my head above the water,”

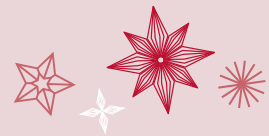
“I knew God was telling me, ‘It is time. This is where you need to be, Nash.’”

Nash says. “I didn’t have any joy or peace. The most important thing I learned is that I had to get myself out of the way and to bring God in. Bring God in, bring the Holy Spirit in, bring the Word in.”

Now Nash is optimistic for the future with plans to complete the life recovery program and reenter the workforce – sober, healthier, and with a renewed faith in God and himself.

This Christmas, Nash is experiencing all the joy this season has to offer – because YOU believed in the power of a fresh start and the promise of God’s unending love. “Spiritually, I was very uplifted coming into this place. The Mission has shown me the love of God and the love of other people.”

Give Relief From Colder Days



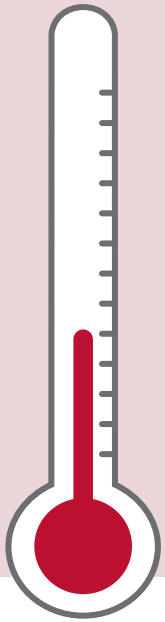
Falling temperatures will put lives at risk this holiday season.

With average lows of 36° in Middle Georgia – and added factors like rain and wind – our neighbors are at risk of hypothermia and other health challenges this winter.

You can give men, women, and children in our recovery program relief from the cold at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia:

- **Safe housing** includes a warm bed and a roof over their heads
- **Hot food** offers comfort and nourishment
- **Winter clothes** like coats, clothing, and shoes are in high demand

To see our most urgently needed items, visit rescuemissionga.com/ways-to-help/current-needs/



SUPPORT OUR HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVES



SPONSOR A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS

Many of the men and women who enter our life-recovery program have very limited resources to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Your help is needed to provide gifts for approximately 200-300 children this holiday season!

To sponsor a child, contact Stephanie for details:

☎ (478) 743-5445, ext. 407

✉ stephanie@rescuemissionga.com

HYGIENE KITS

Help our unhoused neighbors by donating travel-size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, lotion, razors, Q-tips, and quart & gallon Ziploc bags.



HOLIDAY MEALS

In addition to providing three meals daily for our residents, we will provide a holiday meal for more than 3,000 of our neighbors in need on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Please help with your donations of hams, turkeys, boxed stuffing mix, and canned corn.

COLD WEATHER WEAR

Help keep our neighbors warm during the winter months! Donate new or gently used coats for adults and children, blankets, hats, and gloves.

All donations can be delivered or mailed to:

Attention: Patti Stevenson
Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia
6601 Zebulon Road
Macon, GA 31220

Deliveries are received in the Admin Office from Monday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Patti Stevenson at

☎ (478) 743-5445, ext. 403 or

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