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Laquita is
thanking
God for YOU
this Easter
season!

Your gift of
\$2.59 provides
a meal this
Easter season.

“Every meal, every bed,
every kind word—
It all matters.”

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Letter from Thomas McArthur, President & CEO



Dear Friend of The Rescue Mission,

As we enter the Easter season, my heart is filled with gratitude—for you, and for the countless lives being changed through your generosity.

Laquita, whose story you'll read in this newsletter, said it best: "We take nothing for granted."

When she came to us, she was cold, uncertain, and searching for hope. One simple meal began her journey toward restoration.

That's the miracle you make possible again and again.

A hot \$2.59 meal opens the door to recovery, faith, and a future.

As we look ahead to Easter, a season that celebrates new beginnings, I hope you'll continue to partner with us in giving new life to those who need it most.

Simply use the enclosed reply form to return your best gift today—knowing someone in our community, like Laquita, will thank God for you this Easter season.

Thank you for standing with The Rescue Mission—your compassion shines God's light into the coldest days of winter.

Serving together,

A blue ink handwritten signature, likely of Thomas McArthur, written in a cursive style.

Thomas McArthur
President & CEO

Giving HOPE This Easter

Keep an eye out for your Note of Hope arriving in the mail soon. When it comes, please sign and return it to share much-needed hope and encouragement with someone spending Easter at The Mission.

Thank you for your partnership with The Mission! Your kindness continues to warm hearts across Fort Wayne.



“Every meal, every bed, every kind word— It all matters.”



By the time she walked through The Rescue Mission’s doors, Laquita said she had nothing left but a few last gasps of breath.

You couldn’t say she was living. But merely—and barely—surviving, with nothing to call her own except the haunting echoes of her own choices.

“I gave up everything,” she says quietly. “My house, my job, my relationships, everything.” Meth had taken the rest.

For months, Laquita drifted—a blur of motel rooms, broken trust, and nights spent praying for a way out. Her family loved her. Yet they couldn’t save her.

“I thought everyone was against me. I didn’t even like myself anymore.”

Then came the freezing January morning when she finally gave in to the pull of hope—or maybe desperation—and walked into The Rescue Mission.

Laquita didn’t expect kindness. She expected judgment.

Instead, she was met with grace.

“At first, I didn’t get it,” Laquita says. “Thirty days of rules? Classes? Schedules? I thought, ‘Why can’t I just fix my life on my own?’ But they knew I couldn’t. And deep down, I think I knew, too.”

That first month was her turning point. She began to eat again. Sleep again. Take her medication. Listen. Pray. Slowly, the walls inside her began to thaw.

“The staff . . . they really care. They make sure we stay on track. They want us to





heal. And somewhere in all that, I found my faith again.”

Now, in the women’s program, Laquita is piecing her life back together—with steady hands and a clear mind. She’s found what she calls a sisterhood: women who’ve lived their own storms and still show up for one another.

“I’ve got a therapist now. A doctor. I’m applying for housing,” she says, smiling. “I even welcome new women when they come in. We tell them, ‘*You’re not alone.*’”

When asked what she’d tell the donors who made her journey possible, her eyes fill with quiet conviction.

“We take nothing for granted. Every meal, every bed, every kind word—it all matters. It’s how I found my new beginning.”

That’s the power of your support. Every \$2.59 you invest will share a meal and open the doors to more healing and hope during this Holy season of the year.



Because of you, hope came to life
LAST HOLIDAY SEASON.

***Your generosity provided food, shelter, and love
when they were needed most.*** Together, we met
critical needs last season and reminded our neighbors
that they are seen and loved.

HOLIDAY SEASON IMPACT
(November-December 2025):



24,424
nights of safe shelter

648
winter clothing
items distributed



74,193
meals served

196
volunteers gave
their time

Giving New Life at Easter

Join us as we share meals, hope, and the love of Christ this Easter season.

Easter is coming—and here at The Rescue Mission, it's one of our most meaningful traditions. With the help of volunteers, we'll prepare and serve hundreds of Easter meals to families throughout Fort Wayne.

Each meal is served with prayer and love—reminding each guest that they are valued and not forgotten.

And all of it is made possible through the generosity of friends like you!

Today, you can clip and send the reply slip below with your heartfelt gift. Every Mission guest you reach will be so thankful for YOU.



THE Rescue Mission™

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Yes, Thomas! You can count on my prayers and support to help share hundreds of Easter meals—and the love of Christ—across Fort Wayne. I've enclosed:

☐ \$_____ to provide as many Easter meals as possible

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