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Markita
is filled with
Easter hope!

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for way too long"

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A Message from Frank Williams

Your Gifts are Transforming Lives this Easter Season

Dear Friend,

Easter will be here soon, and with it, the joy of celebrating the hope of new life.

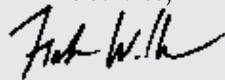
But for men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty, and addiction, it can be hard to have hope.

At Easter, it's our privilege to refresh hurting hearts with good news. As our guests begin to believe God loves them, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

Love is a doorway to new life, as past guilt and shame transform into hope for a brighter future. **Empowered by love, they see that they too can overcome!**

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the blessings of God's love in your life. I'm so grateful that your support helps us provide essential services that lead to lasting life change. Happy Easter!

In His service,



Frank Williams
Chief Executive Officer



José came for a meal... and it was the start of a new life!

José didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.50
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, showers, and faith-based care



This Easter, as José celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care.** It's often the first step to healing and a new life of hope!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✴ Give online anytime at **BridgeportRescueMission.org**.

Thank you for supporting our programs. Happy Easter!

Thanks for Your Holiday Help!

Turkeys for Thanksgiving...Bedtime Bags for Christmas...Coats for winter

We thank the scores of generous Mission friends who made our holiday outreach possible. We're especially grateful for the ongoing support of these corporate partners:

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Markita grew up in a Christian home; her mother was a minister.

But after being sexually assaulted in high school, she lost sight of God – and suppressed her feelings of anguish and shame.

She moved on with her life, earning two college degrees and starting a family. But when her 14-year marriage began to crumble, the distress of her past came rushing back, and she turned to drugs to numb her pain. It led to an addiction that consumed her daily existence and eventually left her homeless.

Finally, devastated by what her life had become – and heartbroken at being separated from her loved ones – she turned her focus back to God.

“I’m tired of being tired,” she prayed. “I’ve been running for way too long. I need to stay clean, focused, and sober – and not just for myself, but for my children too.”

Her prayer was answered when her sister referred her to Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

Today, in our New Life recovery program, she’s healing from the wounds of her past. “The other ladies in the program and the staff, we all come together and lift each other up in prayer,” she says. “And the tools

the Mission has given me have worked tremendously for me. I can go out on my own and remain clean and sober.”

Markita continues to see God’s blessings unfold around her. “Ever since I’ve been here, He has been opening doors, not just for me, but for my children,” she says, describing the exciting education opportunities her son and daughter have received.

“
I knew this was where God wanted
me. I needed to be reeled back in
to get my life back in order.”

As for her own plans, she hopes to work in ministry, introducing other homeless and struggling women to God’s life-transforming love.

Markita is eternally grateful to YOU for your support – and her heart is filled with hope for the future. “Whatever God wants me to do, that’s what I’ll continue to do. And I’m thankful and grateful for that.”

Please help meet our EASTER NEEDS!

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **74,080+ hot meals...** and provide hundreds of men, women, and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing, and faith-based care.**

Neighbors in need are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!



FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10:**

- ☐ SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- ☐ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- ☐ BUTTER
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ POWDERED MILK
- ☐ DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- ☐ COFFEE
- ☐ CREAMER

Drop off items at our Donation Center
1069 Connecticut Avenue Unit 2B
Bridgeport

Open Tue - Sat, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thank you so much!

No time to shop? Donate now!

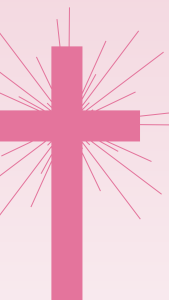
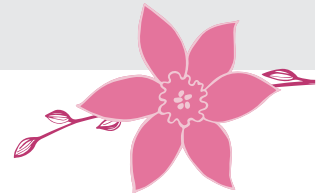
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Volunteer this Easter season

🖱 Visit our website at **BridgeportRescueMission.org.**



Frank, please use my Easter gift to feed & care for neighbors in need:

- ☐ \$20 to feed & care for 8 people
- ☐ \$50 to feed & care for 20 people
- ☐ \$75 to feed & care for 30 people
- ☐ \$90 to feed & care for 36 people
- ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible

This would be a blessing!

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