



RESCUE MISSION

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News

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Carol is celebrating HOPE!

Your support brings hope to the hurting this Easter.

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Serving those
who are hungry,
homeless, and
addicted in
Coastal Connecticut



All stories and photos in this
newsletter are of students and guests
at Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10, NASB



A Message from **FRANK WILLIAMS**



THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *Lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in Coastal Connecticut today. Every chain

that's broken... every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Carol (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

In His service,

Frank Williams
Chief Executive Officer



Celebrate **NEW LIFE** this Easter

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and homeless. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.50**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items, & faith-based care

YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter. A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **BridgeportRescueMission.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!

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Carol’s father left when she was young, and she always felt the absence of his love. Influenced by those around her who abused alcohol, she began drinking too, believing it filled the void she felt inside. As she grew older, the destructive habit escalated, impacting her health and her relationships with those she loved most.

“When I was drinking, I didn’t care what I said or if I hurt somebody,” she recalls.

Throughout her decades-long struggle with addiction, she’d been hospitalized, undergone multiple detox treatments, and attended AA meetings, but never committed to a long-term program. Finally, she knew if she didn’t change her ways, she would lose her family... or even her very life.

Elated by her mother’s decision to turn her life around, Carol’s adult daughter encouraged her to seek God and recommended Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Carol had always believed in God, but had never developed a relationship with Him.

In our faith-based New Life Program, she learned she’s worthy of her Father’s love. And as she follows

“ I came to the conclusion that either I had to get help or I was going to die. ”

His directive to forgive those who have wronged her, she’s being filled with a sense of peace. “I experience God differently now,” she says. “I hear His voice.”

When Carol graduates from our program, she plans to hold fast to the foundation of her new God-inspired life. She’s rebuilding her family’s trust and she wants to further her education. Now in her 50s, she thought it was too late to change. But with God in her life, “I realize anything is possible.”

Thanks to the blessing of your support this Easter, Carol is celebrating the hope she has found in God. “Before I came to the Mission I was lost. Now I’m getting to know myself much better.”

We appreciate your HOLIDAY HELP

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

We were blessed by scores of generous Mission friends who made our holiday outreach a success. We're especially grateful for the ongoing support of these corporate partners:

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Please help meet our EASTER NEEDS!

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve or distribute **thousands of hot meals...** and provide men, women, and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing, and faith-based care.** *Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!*

Drop off donations at our Donation Center, 1069 Connecticut Avenue, Unit 2B, in Bridgeport, Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

No time to shop? Donate now!

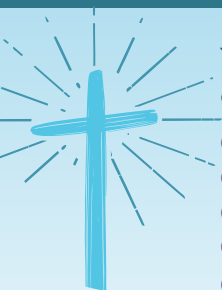
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FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items by **Friday, April 2:**

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



Yes, Frank! Here's my Easter gift to feed & care for homeless neighbors:

- \$20.00 to feed & care for 8 people
- \$50.00 to feed and care for 20 people
- \$75.00 to feed & care for 30 people
- \$87.50 to feed & care for 35 people
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

*helps us
a lot!*

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