



RESCUE MISSION

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News

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ALLISON IS *celebrating new life* **THIS EASTER!**

Thank you for touching
her life with hope.



Don't miss...

- 2 Celebrate Easter
- 3 "Now I trust in God."
- 4 Help meet our Easter needs

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Your help restores hope

Thank you to all of the businesses and corporations who partnered with us over the holidays, providing financial support and volunteer services. The love, faith, and generosity YOU bring each time you join in our work helps transform lives and restores hope!

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*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:5-6, NIV*



A Message from DAN ROGERS

The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

This Easter, we celebrate the incredible gift of peace and hope that has been given to us. The promise that new life is possible... even when it can seem like all hope is lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors have lost their hope. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that come through new life! Your support helps us share this message of hope all year long, but most especially during the Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly..."* (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found new life... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Dan Rogers, President & CEO



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

Men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.50 - often the first step to a new life in God**

♥ Safe housing for those experiencing homelessness

♥ Faith-based care & healing in our Life Change programs

By giving generously now, our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness and hunger will be welcomed with food, housing, and care this Easter season!

✉ 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!

**“The Mission
gave me a solid
foundation.
Now I trust
in God.”**



When Allison’s marriage fell apart, she fell into despair and began numbing her pain with alcohol. “I was all alone and gave in to it, and my drinking escalated,” she says.

For eight years, she struggled with addiction. Then, one day, she suddenly found herself with a little girl to care for. She’d been given custody of her granddaughter. “I reigned in my drinking and made her my focal point. I loved her dearly.”

For more than three years, Allison devoted herself to her granddaughter’s happiness. Then her nephew asked to adopt the child and Allison agreed. “It was the best thing for her to be with a family – a mom, a dad, and brothers. But it was terribly hard to let her go.”

Allison was alone and heartbroken and she began numbing her sadness again. Then, one night, she awakened to God’s voice. “He said, ‘You’re at the end of the line. You’ve got to stop doing this.’”

It was the catalyst Allison needed to reach out for help. She entered our New Life Program, where chapel services and faith-based studies led her to recommit her life to God. “Now I don’t have to be afraid or worried. I just trust God and do my part,” she says.

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Now I know God loves me.

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Our biblical counselors and life skills classes have helped Allison find healing for her emotional wounds. “I’ve forgiven and received forgiveness and I can move on.”

Now a program graduate, Allison plans to get her own place and spend her days working with cognitively- and physically-challenged young adults. But more than anything, she’s looking forward to spending time with her family. “Because of the Mission, I get to be there for my kids and all my grandchildren.”

Your generous support has filled Allison’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “I was lost, but the Mission gave me a solid foundation. Now I have confidence in myself and I trust in God.”



HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS

You have a BIG heart for those in need – and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to **provide thousands of meals and pantry boxes** and offer men, women, and children with **basic necessities like safe housing, clean clothing, and faith-based care.**

Our hurting neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

Drop off donations at our Donation Center located at 1069 Connecticut Ave. Unit 2B, in Bridgeport.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items
by Friday, April 15:

- ☐ SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- ☐ WHOLE CHICKENS
- ☐ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- ☐ BUTTER
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ MILK
- ☐ DESSERTS (store-bought)

Expanding Hope, Rebuilding Lives

In the face of unprecedented need, God laid on our hearts a vision for a facility where we could meet physical needs and bring lasting change to the ever-growing number of people who are hurting, impoverished, and homeless in Coastal Connecticut.

That vision became a reality with the opening of our state-of-the-art **Community Care Center!** This life-changing facility, located at 725 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, provides:

- **Community day services**, where those struggling with poverty and homelessness can access showers, laundry services, medical care, and more.
- A **restaurant-style kitchen** (triple the size of our former kitchen) and a **community cafe**, providing three meals a day, 365 days a year to the community and program residents.
- A **Community pantry**, dedicated to fresh and wholesome groceries – the first of its kind in Bridgeport.
- **Life Change programs**, where spiritual guidance, counseling, and life-skills and job-readiness classes help men and women overcome addiction, and families find healing and self-reliance.

Our new Community Care Center provides an extraordinary opportunity for you to touch and change many more hurting lives in the days to come. And Dan Rogers, our new President and CEO, has the heart, experience, and vision to lead us in this new season.

"I was born in poverty and raised in a crime-stricken community, so I understand the struggles our men and women face every day. But, along the way, great men and women mentored me and, ultimately, opened my heart to a relationship with Jesus Christ... As I step forward to lead, I'm honored and thrilled to join Bridgeport Rescue Mission's rich tradition of service to expand hope, rebuild lives, and share God's love."

– Dan Rogers, President and CEO

Thank you for your prayers and support for our vision to bless our coastal community in unprecedented ways in 2022 and beyond!

