

# TIDINGS

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The best Christmas  
gift there is...

*Anthony*  
has joy and new  
life, thanks to you!



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# “The Allentown Rescue Mission **CHANGED** my life.”

Anthony had always worked physically demanding jobs in spite of his chronic pain. “I’d been injured in two car accidents and had back and leg pain, but I fought through it.”

Eventually, however, the pain grew too severe for him to continue. He had to find less taxing work and had just begun driving a cab when there was an economic downturn. Business slowed and his income dropped. Then his car broke down and he couldn’t get to work. “I had to quit my job and ended up getting evicted.”

Anthony stayed with a friend for a while and looked for work, but to no avail. Then he had to relocate and he wound up homeless, sleeping outside in the cold. It took a heavy toll on his physical and mental health.

“I’d lost everything. I had no money. I was starving and so depressed.”

That’s when he turned to the Allentown Rescue Mission for help. **“It felt so good to be in a safe, warm place with hot meals, served by people who care.”**

With his physical needs met, Anthony was able to focus on his spiritual growth and emotional healing. Through Bible studies, faith-based classes and Christian guidance, his faith has grown strong, and he’s begun to

process his trauma. “I was spiritually dead when I got here. But I learned about God and His Word and my spirit awakened.”

His health is improving every day and he’s looking forward to going back to work in the near future. In the meantime, he volunteers in our kitchen, cooking and serving meals with the same kind of care he received when he first came to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

**Anthony is excited to celebrate the restored hope he has been given this Christmas – and wants YOU to know just how grateful he is.** “The Allentown Rescue Mission gave me all the support and resources I needed. It changed my life.”

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**“They helped me heal physically, mentally and spiritually.”**  
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# Help meet our **\$273,560** GIVING TUESDAY Goal!

*Tuesday, November 29*

## A Message from STUART SMITH

### The JOY that Comes from Christ

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting – today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance and His grace offers renewal in our lives, as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the homeless men in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives – and wrap local men in God's loving embrace.

Just like Anthony, whose story we've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

This Christmas season, I hope your heart overflows with peace, joy and love as your blessings abound.

Stuart Smith  
CEO

## SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL

You can help make this Christmas season a time of celebration for men who are hungry and homeless. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and to experience God's love!



**\$2.85**  
for 1 hot meal



**\$40.00**  
for 1 night of  
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE**



**Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!**

## Give Before the Year Ends! **\$273,560 GOAL**

Many men have faced inflation, soaring gas prices, and other hardships that have left them homeless. They need a helping hand before they lose their hope completely. **Your year-end gift will give them a chance to transform their lives.**

Your tax-deductible donation before December 31 will help meet our \$273,560 goal so even more men can get *help* now, and find *hope* for the new year!



- ✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.
- 📄 Give online at **AllentownRescueMission.org**.





## November 29 is GIVING TUESDAY

Bless homeless men in need on **Giving Tuesday** by giving to the Allentown Rescue Mission. Your gifts will support our programs that help save and transform the lives of hurting men in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Will you be a part of this life-changing effort? So many men need help, healing and hope to transform their lives. Make Giving Tuesday, November 29, the day your generosity helps them build new lives.

### Why Wait? Celebrate GIVING TUESDAY Now!

✉ Add your special Giving Tuesday gift on the reply card and send it today.

💻 Give online at  
**AllentownRescueMission.org.**

# Thanks for Giving Food & Supplies Drive

You're a compassionate soul. When you see neighbors in need, it breaks your heart. Not just for them, but for everyone in our community who may be hungry and homeless, struggling to survive, wondering if their lives matter.

You can make a difference for homeless men through our annual **Thanks for Giving Food & Supplies Drive!**

When you share your blessings by donating to this life-saving effort, you help stock our pantries so we have the resources to care for every man in need who turns to us for help throughout the year.

It's easy to donate!

Just select items from the list below and drop them off at the Allentown Rescue Mission, **November 18, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and November 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** For other drop-off locations or more information, visit

💻 **AllentownRescueMission.org** or call ☎ **(610) 740-5500.**

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| • Coffee                 | • All-Purpose Cleaner       |
| • Powdered Eggs          | • Pine-Sol                  |
| • Corned Beef Hash       | • Window Cleaner            |
| • Canned Chicken         | • Trash bags (45 & 55 gal.) |
| • Tuna Fish              | • Liquid Bleach             |
| • Single-Serve Beverages | • Scouring Cleanser (Ajax)  |
| • Granola & Cereal Bars  | • Paper Towels              |
| • Laundry Detergent      | • Toilet Paper              |