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THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Roberto* A NEW BEGINNING.



Because of you,
he has joy in
his heart this
Easter!



Don't miss:

2 Help our hurting neighbors this Easter

3 "The Allentown Rescue Mission brought me back to God."

4 See How You Have Helped.

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Roberto sat alone in his apartment, staring at his Bible on the shelf. He'd been longing to read it, to be close to the Lord once again and find freedom from the addiction that held him captive. "Every time I'd try to pick up my Bible or pray, a dealer would knock at the door and offer me drugs and I'd give in to temptation."

He'd been raised in a Christian home, filling his young heart with love for the Lord and dreams of a wonderful life. But, over time, Roberto's mother and stepfather started drinking and using drugs and Roberto's world turned dark and ugly. "There were lots of fights in my house, and my stepdad began verbally abusing me."

Roberto's heart and his spirit were broken, and when he was 16, he began numbing his pain with drugs and alcohol. For years, he struggled with addiction, growing distant from the Lord and losing himself and his dreams along the way. "I was spiritually dead, with no direction."

But, that day, as Roberto sat alone in his apartment, God spoke to him, telling him how and where he could find a new life. "He told me to leave everything, follow Him and come to the Mission," Roberto says.

Since then, our Bible studies, one-on-one guidance and faith-based classes have helped restore Roberto's faith and heal his broken heart. "I have a close relationship with God now, I'm a lot more confident and I've learned to love myself."

“They’ve given me what I need to live a good and honest life.”

Roberto plans to earn his GED and a welding certification, find a job and get plugged into a local church. When he's saved enough money, he'll get a place of his own. His dreams of a wonderful life are finally coming true.

With Jesus' love in his heart and hope for the future, Roberto is grateful for your support this Easter. "I was lost, but the Allentown Rescue Mission brought me back to God and helped me find myself."

A Message from STUART SMITH

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local men feel welcome here at the Allentown Rescue Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**



Stuart Smith
CEO



HELP HOMELESS MEN THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.82 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Life-changing care & healing in our recovery programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 🌟 Give online anytime at **AllentownRescueMission.org.**

Leave a *lasting* legacy

John has been generous to his family, friends and the charities he believes in for years – but doesn't have a will, living trust or other plan.

He's not alone! **More than half of U.S. adults haven't planned for their passing.**

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live, and the result may be very different from what you had wished – especially if your desire was not only to care for loved ones, but to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

The Allentown Rescue Mission can help make sure your wishes are followed and help you create a lasting legacy of generosity that will live on for future generations. To determine which opportunities may be right for you, please contact Lori at ☎ **(610) 740-5500, ext. 311** or ✉ **Inovak@armpa.org.**

If you have already included the Allentown Rescue Mission in your will, please call so we can say, "Thank you!"

Pledge to Give Monthly in 2023



We're grateful for faithful friends whose regular support as **Changed Lives Champion** partners provides a predictable stream of revenue to fund our programs of rescue, recovery and restoration through Christ.



We invite you to join this vital group!

Your pledge of \$35, \$25 or \$15 per month will help ensure an ongoing foundation of transformation for men working to rebuild their lives, restore their families and return to their communities.

To become a monthly giving partner,
please contact us at

☎ (610) 740-5500 or 💻 changinglives@armpa.org.



SEE HOW *You HAVE Helped*

- Learn how your support is making a difference in the lives of homeless and hurting men here in the Greater Lehigh Valley
- Read stories of changed lives
- Donate safely and securely
- Save the Allentown Rescue Mission administrative and mailing costs

For all of this and more, please visit our website today at
AllentownRescueMission.org.

*"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV*
