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## A Message from STUART SMITH

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the homeless men the Allentown Rescue Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like John, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

**I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help and healing to men who are hurting in our community.**

From the essentials of food, warm clothing and safe shelter, to long-term healing and stability through our Transformation Program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and

even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 19,795 meals to homeless men, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at the Allentown Rescue Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Stuart Smith  
CEO

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**The Allentown Rescue Mission would like to thank Eddinger Propane Gas, Inc. for their loyal support over the last 30 years!**

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Thank you for your service to the community and for partnering with us as we Rescue, Rehabilitate and Restore men experiencing homelessness in the Greater Lehigh Valley!

**Join Our**

# 2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

# 19,795

## Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving season, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone – longing to overcome homelessness and poverty – wishing they could reunite with their families.

**For just \$2.95, YOU can provide a meal** to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:

 <b>Safe, welcoming shelter</b>	 <b>Warm clothing, coats &amp; shoes</b>	 <b>Life skills, job readiness and faith-based classes</b>	 <b>God's unconditional love</b>
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**Please help homeless men this holiday season!** Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [AllentownRescueMission.org](http://AllentownRescueMission.org).



*Scan to see how you can help this fall!*

# “The Mission TURNED MY LIFE AROUND.”



John was a hardworking man who made a good living as a truck driver. Then the pandemic hit and business slowed down. “I had money saved, so I figured I’d take a break from work and wait until things returned to normal,” he says.

While he was on hiatus, John helped a sick friend with his mortgage and expenses. It ate through much of John’s savings and he realized that he needed to cut his vacation short. But before he could return to work, he fell ill. “I was sick for over a year,” he says.

John lost his Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and burned through the rest of his savings. He was facing eviction when he finally reached out for help. “I went to the hospital and found out that I have COPD,” he says. “That day, I came to the Allentown Rescue Mission.”

When he arrived, we made sure John had a comfortable bed, nutritious meals and access to the medical care he needed at our DeSales Clinic. As his health improved, John was able to focus on his spiritual growth through our Transformation Program’s Bible studies and faith-based classes. “I’m closer with the Lord than I’ve ever been before,” he says.

John graduated from the program and is now on our Clean Team, working and saving money to get his CDL reinstated. It’s a big expense, so we’re helping him cover the cost. “They’re paying 80 percent,” John says. “I feel so blessed.”

“I’m a productive member  
of the community again.”

**This fall, John gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life.** “The Allentown Rescue Mission saved me from the streets and gave me a safe place to turn my life around.”







## 5 Questions for Making Your Will

According to Caring.com's 2024 Wills and Estate Planning Survey, only 32% of Americans have a will in place.

Creating a will is one of the most important things you can do to bless your loved ones. It's a meaningful way to communicate what's most important to you and cultivate a legacy of generosity in your family.

Your first step? Pray. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans" (Proverbs 16:3). Next, answer the following questions to guide your planning:

- **How do you want to be remembered?** Pick three attributes and build from there.
- **What are the most important lessons you've learned?** Your wisdom will inspire future generations.
- **What values do you want to pass on?** Document the principles that guide your decisions.
- **What stories do you want to share?** Share your personal faith, as well as family history.
- **What people and organizations embody the values you've now identified?** Use this list to find your executor, guardian of your children and beneficiaries of your estate, including ministries that matter to you like the Allentown Rescue Mission.

For the full version of this article, request a *FREE* copy of "5 Questions to Ask Before Making Your Will" by contacting us at [\(610\) 740-5500](tel:6107405500) or [changinglives@armpa.org](mailto:changinglives@armpa.org) – or bless your family today with an up-to-date will at [allentownrescuemission.legacywill.org](http://allentownrescuemission.legacywill.org).

## Coming in November: Thanks For Giving 2024!

Bless those who are facing hunger and homelessness this Thanksgiving season!

Our annual **Thanks For Giving Food & Supplies Drive** returns this November!



Details will be available soon at [allentownrescuemission.org](http://allentownrescuemission.org).

### Ways YOU can help:

- Host your own food/supplies drive
- Donate food and supply items from our needs list
- Donate store gift cards
- Give a financial gift
- Volunteer

