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been transformed,
because of you.

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Rebuilding Hope, Rebuilding Lives

Dear Caring Friend,

Across our community, people are hurting. Too many men, women and families are struggling to survive on our streets. But thanks to your compassionate support, City Rescue Mission is an incredible stabilizing force for thousands of struggling neighbors.

We are so very fortunate in so many ways to have supporters like you who care about the people who have the least in our community. It's no small feat, but because of you, men and women find themselves at the very place where help and hope are available.

The love and compassion they receive here is so often a catalyst for those who realize that they want and deserve a better future. That's what your gifts make possible.

It's amazing to think how a meal opens hearts and new beginnings. With your continued support, this Thanksgiving, we'll make a difference, one person at a time, one turkey dinner at a time.

Thank you, and may God bless you,

Erin Goodin
President & CEO

From Rock Bottom to Happy, Healthy and Housed

Because of you, this family will have something very special to be grateful for this Thanksgiving



Lives are transformed at City Rescue Mission, because of you.

"I don't want my daughters to ever feel that pain," Tish says, recalling when her daughter's father attacked Tish and left her for dead.

Tish knew she had to protect her children and escape, but with no family or friends to rely on, they ended up homeless. But Tish was determined to provide for her kids, and they came to City Rescue Mission with the ultimate goal of finding permanent housing.

Here, thanks to the support of friends like you, Tish learned to trust others again and strengthen her

relationship with God. Feeling whole, safe and secure, she and her children recently moved into an apartment with her kids.

"It's a rush, honestly," Tish says. "I'm happy, my kids are happy."

Now, Tish still gets to see her friends and mentors at the Mission whenever she comes to work at Rise Café. She has helped develop the pastries, sandwiches, salads and coffee that are available in our newly opened café, and she is learning other valuable skills.

"That's why we're here," says Mission President and CEO Erin Goodin. "To instill judgement-free love. This is so important during the holiday season when people are hurting the most. And with Thanksgiving just around the corner, we'll have increased opportunity to make a real, lasting impact in the lives of those who need it most."

Only through the gifts of friends like you can we continue to help people like Tish and her children.

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Raymond knows what it's like to be homeless during Thanksgiving. To have no food, no water, no electricity, and no hope. He was living in a derelict house, where he wondered how it had gotten this bad.

"I had nothing," he recalls. "It was sad."

So when a friend recommended Raymond to come to City Rescue Mission, he knew this would be the change he needed.

Today, years later, Raymond's life has been completely transformed, thanks to friends like you. Married with two children, he is now the Lead Housing Case Manager here at the Mission, where he helps his clients prepare for permanent housing.

Thanksgiving is one of Raymond's favorite times of year at the Mission.

"City Rescue Mission during Thanksgiving is fantastic," he says. "It's happiness, it's joyfulness. It's everything for people who think they don't have somewhere to go or don't think they have a family. But they do; it's all here."

Thank you for changing Raymond's life through your support of City Rescue Mission.

"Without generous people like you, I wouldn't be the person I am today. Thank you for giving me and others the opportunity to become who God intended us to be."



Homeless for the Holidays

When you consider Thanksgiving, what do you think of? Perhaps a dinner table full of carved turkey, moist stuffing and warm rolls come to mind. Or maybe you recall previous holidays, surrounded by loving friends and family.

Sadly, there are many people in our community struggling with homelessness who are facing a Thanksgiving without food, friends, family or hope.

But thanks to the compassion and support from people like you, City Rescue Mission will be here to give them a home for the holidays!

"Thanksgiving is a great opportunity for us to reach unhoused people," says Raymond, the Mission's Lead Housing Case Manager. "When new clients come, they see we're here for them, and they can count on us for what they need."

Thank you for transforming the lives of people desperate for change through your support of City Rescue Mission this Thanksgiving!



Kitchen of Hope is Open Now!



You are breaking the cycle of homelessness and creating generational changes within our community.

How You Can Give Bigger

Many people think cash gifts are the best way to support a charity when retirement assets are actually a better way to give. They allow you to:

1. **Increase your impact.** Donating retirement assets to a charity instead of giving cash means you can give from pre-tax assets and save your cash while your distribution does not count toward taxable income
2. **Leave a legacy.** When you include a gift in your estate plan to a charitable organization you're passionate about, it helps to impact peoples' lives.

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "The Surprising Instance Where Cash Isn't King" by checking the box on the enclosed reply form and returning it in the envelope provided.

Make a Monthly Impact

By joining us as a monthly donor, you can help provide safe shelter, meals and other long-term resources to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Oklahoma City all year long. The steady stream of support you can provide will allow us to budget and plan more efficiently. Commit to giving monthly and help transform even *more* lives!

To sign up online, visit us at cityrescue.org/donate, or call Samantha at (405) 232-2709 Ext. 106 to join by phone.

Your gifts will change hurting lives — every month!

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You Can Change a Life Today!

Send back the enclosed reply form with your gift to provide meals, care and life-changing services to individuals who are alone with nowhere else to turn. Please give generously and offer your encouragement to the neighbors in our community who are rebuilding broken lives one day at a time. Thank you!

Your Gift Will Provide Meals, Care and Hope!

Yes, I want to help my neighbors in our community receive a hearty meal and compassionate care. Enclosed is my gift of:

☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible!

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Please make your check payable to City Rescue Mission and return it with this slip in the envelope provided. To use a credit card, visit our website, fill out the information on reverse side or call Samantha at (405) 232-2709 Ext. 106. A receipt for your gift will be sent to you shortly.



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