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WHEELER MISSION MINISTRIES *Help. Hope. Healing.*

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LaShawna knew *"things were going to change"*

LaShawna was suffering from depression. "My relationship with my kids wasn't good," she says. **"I wasn't happy with myself, with anybody or anything around me, and it didn't seem like it would ever get better."**

Thankfully, LaShawna knew where to turn for help.

Wheeler Mission had been there for her and her children years earlier when they had nowhere to go.

She received the help they needed. She even wound up working here for several years.

So recently, when she saw that things were not going well with her children, LaShawna knew our Family Development Program was the place to go.

"As soon as I walked in the door, I knew things were going to change," she says. "My relationship with my children is totally different – the way I interact with them, the way we treat each other. There is love because I'm not depressed anymore."

LaShawna has been especially blessed through the program's daily

community meetings, which include prayer, praise reports and devotions.

"We are able to share with each other and know that we are not the only ones going through this," she says. "Sometimes I might forget, but I'm able to have a devotional to learn to **keep walking with God and keep trusting Him.**"

LaShawna and her children moved to their own place nearby. She plans to go back to school and is now working with the mothers and children at the Mission.

And she's so grateful to supporters who have made her transformation possible. "God takes what you're giving and turns it into so much more!"



A Message From Rick Alvis



John Bunyan once said, "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

We've just come through the roughest part of the year. With the opening of the new facility at the men's shelter in January, we were inundated with people. On the first night, I experienced firsthand a woman coming to the men's shelter who had frostbite - severely upset and just a plain mess. Her mother had kicked her out of her home on the coldest night of the year.

Just like this woman, many who walk into Wheeler Mission have nothing. They're hungry, cold or haven't slept for days. That's why I'm so thankful that they can count on you.

During this joyous Easter season, I'm grateful for your support of this ministry, which encircles the Mission and the thousands of people who need a safe place to lay down their heavy burdens.

You give people the chance not only to rest, but to hear God's message of love - and through Him, rediscover their hope for the future.

You may never meet these men and women...never hear how grateful they are for all you do. But each time you help care for more weary souls, I pray you'll experience the life-changing joy that comes from giving a gift that can never be repaid.

Rick Alvis
President/CEO

A Drumstick Dash

THANK YOU!

Nearly 16,000 people came out to run, walk and participate in our 12th annual Drumstick Dash.

So we are very thankful for the generosity and support of a record 45+ companies, civic groups and organizations that sponsored our Dash. Their support provided the foundation to make this event - *one of the largest running races in Indiana!* - such a special day for thousands of people!

THANK YOU! Our event wouldn't be possible without you!

- Huntington Bank
- BlueMile
- Brooks
- Cumulus Radio (WFMS, WJJK, i94)
- 88.3 Shine.FM
- Brewer Direct
- United Hope Foundation/Lor Corp
- WTHR 13
- American Family Insurance
- Franklin College
- Starbucks
- Jay's Moving Co.
- Kroger
- K-Love and Air1
- F.C. Tucker Company Inc.
- Clear Channel Outdoor
- Expense Reduction Analysis
- Barnes & Thornburg
- Ray Skillman Auto Center
- ESPN 1070 The Fan
- Ambetter from MHS
- Freelance Graphics
- Connect Think
- Chicago's Pizza
- Summers Plumbing Heating & Cooling
- Zerorez
- TownePost Media Network
- Printing Partners
- Jackson Oil & Solvents
- Indy Star
- Applebee's
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- St. Vincent
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- Polar
- Johnson's BBQ
- Doctors Express Urgent Care



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Serving up more than 27,000 heaping plates of hope!

You've probably seen people on the street holding cardboard signs.

"Will work for food." "Hungry Vet."
"Homeless. Please help."

But there's one sign you probably haven't seen. It's the one that says, "I need hope. Will you help?"

Because hope truly is the most basic need of people who are hungry, homeless and hurting.

Hope begins with meals, and we need your help to provide more than 27,000 of them in the next 30 days.

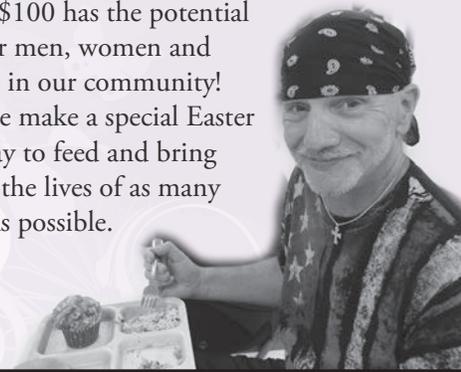
Hope grows with shelter, classes, counseling and God's love.

Whatever form hope takes, it begins with YOU.

Whether you use the enclosed slip, or give securely online at **WheelerMission.org**, your gift of \$2.25 will provide a hot meal and the help, hope and healing for a brighter tomorrow.

Just imagine how much a gift of \$25, \$50 or even \$100 has the potential to do for men, women and children in our community!

Please make a special Easter gift today to feed and bring hope to the lives of as many people as possible.





“God shined a light through my heart”

Max’s addictions led him to a rough life on the streets. “I was homeless for about seven months. I was drinking, too.”

He’s also diabetic, so sleeping in the extreme cold and eating whatever he could scrounge up only worsened Max’s already poor health.

That’s when he developed a sharp pain in his foot that just wouldn’t go away. But not knowing where to turn for help, Max ignored it...until he realized what was happening.

“I noticed the bottom of my foot was pure black,” he remembers. “When I went to the doctor and she took a look, she scheduled me for emergency surgery.”

Max lost a total of five toes to frostbite beyond repair. But the Lord was at work in his life as he recovered in the hospital.

“I found God,” he says with a smile. **“I admitted for the first time that I was homeless and needed help...and miraculously, God shined His light through my heart.”**

Released from the hospital, but still homeless, Max came to a chapel service at our Shelter for Men. “The message

hit me like a brick,” he says. “I knew I had to put God at the center of my life because if I didn’t, I could turn back to drinking as a quick fix.”

It was the motivation Max needed to join our men’s residential program.

Through classes, counseling and spiritual guidance, men like Max have the chance to work through the issues that led to their homelessness or addiction to prevent it in the future.

Other men in the program have also been an encouragement to Max. “The men here have become like brothers,” he says. “I’m surrounded by the most wonderful friends I’ve ever had.”

As Max looks forward, he hopes to find a job serving Christ and others. **“I would love to be in ministry...to let people know that whatever situation they’re in, people do care about them.”**

He’s so grateful to everyone who’s loved him, supported him and helped him grow into a Godly man. “This was what I had needed all my life,” Max says. “It’s amazing how I put God first in my life, and He’s now given me so many opportunities.”

In from the cold... Winter Contingency



More than 1,900 men, women & children are homeless in Indianapolis. Some of these individuals sleep out in the cold - leaving them vulnerable to hypothermia & pneumonia.



Other local shelters & organizations fill up quickly this time of year.



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Wheeler Mission’s **Winter Contingency**, from November through March, makes room for everyone when all other shelters are full, even if that means putting mats on the floors!



Your donations make this possible. Donate today - and help bring homeless & vulnerable people in from the cold!

To find out more, or to donate, visit **WheelerMission.org**. Thank you!



CALLING ALL GOLFERS

Sign-ups Start Now!

100 holes of golf. Do you have what it takes?

Come and find out at Broadmoor Country Club!

Register today for our annual 100 Holes for the Homeless golf tournament - it's your chance to help raise more than \$30,000 for Wheeler Mission during the summer months, when donations are scarce, but many people still count on us for a helping hand.

Sign up to play, or support our golfers or the event by becoming a sponsor. However you help, you'll be making an impact in people's lives here at Wheeler Mission!

For more information, call (317) 635-3575 or visit the "News & Events" page on our website.

Register online now at [WheelerMission.org!](http://WheelerMission.org)

12th annual Drumstick Dash

thanks for moving your feet so others can eat!



Another record turnout for one of the largest running races in Indiana! Nearly 16,000 people ran, walked & dashed after Gerry Gobbler through the packed streets of Broad Ripple on Thanksgiving morning.



Mark your calendar now! Join us again for our 2015 Drumstick Dash next Nov. 26 - support the homeless on Thanksgiving morning!

What an inspiring day, thanks to your support! To see more photos from this year's Dash, visit DrumstickDash.org or our Drumstick Dash Indy Facebook page photo album "Drumstick Dash 2014."

Visit our Thrift Store!

The Wheeler Mission Thrift Store sells gently-used clothing and household items while providing work therapy for men and women in Wheeler's programs. All profits benefit Wheeler Mission. Specials include 50% off everything in the store on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month,

25% off everything for Senior Citizens on Wednesdays, and ½ price books on Tuesdays. The Wheeler Mission Thrift Store operates a friendly and comfortable environment with an evangelical outreach as an integral part of its purpose.

Rick, I want to turn hunger into hope for people this Easter:

- \$15.75 to feed and care for 7 people
- \$27.00 to feed and care for 12 people
- \$51.75 to feed and care for 23 people
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

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ADDRESS _____

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Check enclosed Bill my credit card



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