

# INSIDE STORY

WHEELER MISSION  
Celebrating 125 Years

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## HOPE

FOR A

*New Life*

Kasey's life has been transformed  
by GOD'S GRACE.

*Because of YOU,*

THERE IS HELP & HOPE FOR  
PEOPLE LIKE KASEY –  
AT EASTER AND ALWAYS.



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Looking at her life, you'd never have guessed that Kasey had been battling depression and anxiety since she was a little girl. "I was 40 years old. I had a good job, a house, a car, a great kid," she says. "But, inside me, it wasn't a good reality."

Then she had a surgery that left her with physical pain to accompany her emotional wounds. In the midst of her suffering, someone offered her heroin, and she gave it a try. "It took care of the pain and made me numb to reality," she says. "The depression and anxiety all went away, so I just kept trying and trying and trying it... I became a heroin addict."

For the next six years, Kasey was in and out of rehabs and finally stopped using all on her own, but her life was in a shambles. "I'd lost my home. I'd lost pretty much everything," she says.

So she came to Wheeler Mission to put the pieces back together. "Everything's turned around. I've been clean for 16 months. I have two part-time jobs, a car, and a savings and checking account, and I go to church every Sunday."

Kasey credits our Center for Women & Children with her dramatic transformation. "If you need help, there's always somebody to talk to – groups and therapists," she says.

Her daughter is overjoyed to have her mother back. "She's proud of me for being clean; that I'm the mom I used to be, not the person I was because of the drug."

Kasey is now looking for her own home. "It's the last piece of the puzzle needed to complete my new life," she says.

“They want you to succeed 100 percent.”

Because of your support, **Kasey, and others like her, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of Wheeler Mission – at Easter and always.** "At any age, you can have a comeback, a second chance."

"Great event for a great cause. You will not meet a more dedicated team than the one at Wheeler Mission. I encourage everyone to come play and support the homeless. Plus, 100 Holes of Golf gives you time to work out the kinks in your swing!"

– Todd Klaassen, RTV6

## TEE UP TO CHANGE LIVES!

Join us Monday, June 11, 2018 at Highland Golf & Country Club for our annual 100 Holes of Golf to support Wheeler Mission's life-saving and sustaining services for the hungry and homeless in our community.

Every \$500 entry fee provides one of our guests with a month of food, shelter, and compassionate care.



## Get Involved Today!

- Register at [100HolesForTheHomeless.com](http://100HolesForTheHomeless.com).
- Become a tournament sponsor by contacting [BrianCrispin@wmm.org](mailto:BrianCrispin@wmm.org).
- Support our golfers by donating at [100HolesForTheHomeless.com](http://100HolesForTheHomeless.com).

## 2017 DRUMSTICK DASH

*Giving our community's homeless  
a reason to be grateful*

More than 20,000 people from across Indiana converged on the streets of Broad Ripple Thanksgiving morning to raise money for Wheeler Mission's programs to benefit our community's hungry, homeless and marginalized. Thank you to each and every runner, walker and volunteer who committed their day to give others a reason for Thanksgiving!

### THANK YOU DASH SPONSORS

for your generous hearts...

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Freelance Graphics  
Frito Lay  
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Jay's Moving Co.  
K-Love and Air I  
Kroger  
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Team Rehabilitation  
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WTHR 13  
Cumulus Radio  
Toy Factory/Blonde Entertainment

## A Message from Rick Alvis

### CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life.

And that's exactly why it's so frightening for men, women and children to come to Wheeler Mission. All other options are gone. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through Jesus!

**It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.**

Christ loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where they're at so they feel safe. Giving them grace so they feel valued.



Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.

That's what new life in Christ looks like here!

Thank you for creating a refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for women like Kasey (her story is on page 3) who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.

Rick Alvis  
President/CEO

# Easter HOPE

## STARTS WITH \$2.25

SHARE THE HOPE OF  
NEW LIFE THIS EASTER SEASON!

**HOT MEALS. SAFE SHELTER.  
MEDICAL CARE, COUNSELING  
& JOB TRAINING.**

A new life...  
and new hope at Easter!  
It starts with your gift today.

**THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!**



# EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

**41,095+ meals**  
for men, women & children!

With your donation of any of these items, YOU will make Easter special for our local homeless and hungry.



Drop off donations **by Monday, March 26**  
at 520 E. Market St., Indianapolis, IN.  
Thank you!



Don't have time to shop? Donate now!  
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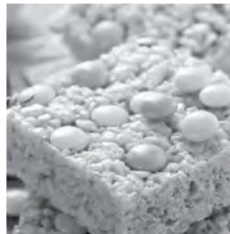
**Volunteer:** Please sign up to help  
serve others this Easter season!  
Learn more at:  
**WheelerVolunteer.org**



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BAGGED POTATOES



CANNED  
GREEN BEANS



HAMS



HOMEMADE  
DESSERTS



ASSORTED CANDY



FRUIT

## YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

FEBRUARY 2018



**31,250**  
MEALS SERVED



**13,300**  
NIGHTS OF  
SHELTER



**2,250**  
SESSIONS OF CASE  
MANAGEMENT &  
COUNSELING



**75**  
MEN IN OUR  
RECOVERY  
PROGRAMS



**110** WOMEN &  
CHILDREN STAYING  
AT OUR CENTER  
FOR WOMEN &  
CHILDREN

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get involved in our ministry & securely donate anytime.

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LET'S BE  
FRIENDS!

