

Heart of Bloomington

Your heart for our city...in action

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From desperation to
HOPE

Nick's life has been redeemed by GOD'S GRACE.

BECAUSE OF YOU, THERE IS HELP & HOPE FOR
PEOPLE LIKE NICK – AT EASTER AND ALWAYS.

I've seen lives transformed here.

Nick grew up in a loving home with structure and discipline... but by 7th grade, he was already getting drunk on the weekends. "I chose to go my own way in life," he says.

His dad tried to talk some sense into him, but to no avail. "Being the dumb teenager I was, I chose to continue down that road."

His path led him to a meth and heroin addiction and, by the time he was 21, he was living under a bridge, stealing to get his next fix. "I was enslaved. I was lost," he says.

It was then when his probation officer suggested he go to our program. "I didn't believe in God, but I was desperate, and I agreed."

Through Orientation at our Indianapolis location, and our shared Addiction Recovery Program at our Training Center, Nick encountered Christ for the first time. But it was while he was here at Wheeler Mission - Bloomington's Center for Men that the deadly drug overdose of a friend who'd left the program brought Nick to a place of surrender. "I had a heart change that day."

Since then, he's completed an additional year of ministry training, a Case Management internship, and is now in our transitional program, where he has found a job and church home and is now looking for housing. He's also attending Bible College on a full-ride scholarship arranged by Wheeler Mission - Bloomington, with plans to become a biblical counselor. "I've seen lives transformed here and I want to be God's instrument to do that," he says.

Nick's also taking courses toward a degree in nonprofit business management. "I want to start a mission like Wheeler that changes people's lives like they changed mine," he says.

"I DEDICATED MY LIFE TO SERVING GOD AND OTHERS."

Because of your support, **Nick, and others like him, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of Wheeler Mission - Bloomington – at Easter and always.** "My mind has been saturated in the Word and it's changed the way I think about everything."



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!

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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 - Bloomington. All other options are gone. They find themselves homeless on Kirkwood Ave. downtown. 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 in Bloomington: 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 local refuge of help and hope where all are welcome this Easter and beyond for men like Nick (*his 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 to help
local people in need today.

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!



EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

13,370+ 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 the Mission, 215 S. Westplex Ave. in Bloomington, 7 days a week. Thank you!



Don't have time to shop? Donate now!
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WheelerVolunteer.org



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(cookies, brownies, pies, etc.)



SNACKS



BAGGED POTATOES



HAMS



CANNED
GREEN BEANS



ASSORTED CANDY



FRUIT

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

6,000
MEALS SERVED
EACH MONTH



HUNDREDS OF LOCAL
ADULTS PROVIDED
EMERGENCY HOUSING

FEBRUARY 2018

3,500
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



40 WOMEN & CHILDREN IN
OUR CENTER FOR WOMEN
& CHILDREN



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LET'S BE FRIENDS!

