Discovering True Love

Your gifts bring joy to hurting people like Jason at Christmas and all year round.

ON PAGE 3: READ HOW YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND PRAYERS HELPED HIM FIND HEALING AND GRACE THROUGH GOD’S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.
HELP FILL OUR HOLIDAY TABLES

A single nutritious meal is often the first step toward a new beginning for those in Bloomington who are hungry, homeless and struggling with life's challenges. Most importantly, it's an opportunity to welcome them and share God's love - the greatest gift you can give!

It costs only $2.25 to provide one meal for a person who's hungry, at the holidays and all year round!

Host a food drive or donate items to serve thousands of nutritious meals throughout the holiday season. Please deliver your items to our Center for Men at 215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404, by Friday, December 14.

- Turkeys & hams
- Boxes of stuffing
- Bags of potatoes & sweet potatoes
- Fresh or #10 canned fruits & vegetables
- Baked pies & whipped topping
- Coffee, creamer, sugar (white & brown)

THE Blessings OF YEAR-END GIVING

Many Mission partners choose to make an extra financial gift by December 31 to maximize their tax deduction for the current calendar year, while helping the Mission assist those in need well into the year ahead. Your generosity will touch countless lives!

- Give online at WheelerMission.org.
- Add your special holiday gift to the reply card and send it today!
Before I came to the Mission, I was just riddled with sin. Not only did I hit rock bottom, but I bounced several times.

Jason never knew his father, and his mother had multiple husbands by the time he was a teenager – many of whom were physically and emotionally abusive. He grew up surrounded by drugs, so he started experimenting with them at age 10 and left home at 13. “I just ran away,” he says. “I proceeded to do the same thing my mother and the people around me did as I was growing up. I became the very monsters that I left.”

For years, Jason was enslaved by addiction. It cost him jobs, relationships with friends and family, and even his daughter. Finally, at age 40, he was ready for a real, lasting change. “I had so much pain, resentment and unforgiveness built up inside that I didn’t even know what love really was. That’s when I cried out to God and discovered He’s who I needed all along,” he says.

Jason had met some staff members on the streets during times of homelessness, and their tough love persuaded him to come to Wheeler Mission - Bloomington. Here, through your gifts, he was blessed with the essentials of safe shelter, nutritious meals and everything he needed to feel comfortable and welcome.

“I think of the things I tried before as ‘programs.’ I think of my experience with Wheeler Mission as being reborn and gaining a family.”

Jason graduated from Hebron, our long-term addiction recovery program for men, and he recently entered our after-care program, where he’s staying as he looks for employment. He reached out to his 14-year-old daughter, and they are speaking again for the first time in years. This Christmas, as Jason celebrates Christ’s birth, he’ll also celebrate the joyous new life he found inside our doors… because of your kind compassion. “I’ve learned that I can’t live without God. My plans are to see what God wants this time and let Him be the main navigator of the things that are going to come.”

“God has given me life, but the Mission directed my path to Him.”
Create an Eternal Legacy

Did you know there’s a way you can support the work of Wheeler Mission - Bloomington long after your lifetime? When you make arrangements to support the Mission in your will, you can ensure your financial contribution continues to transform the lives of homeless men, women and children for years to come.

To learn more about the planned giving option that is best for you, please contact Jim Gillespie at (315) 635-3575 or jimgillespie@WheelerMission.org.

Give joy on #GIVINGTUESDAY November 27

Join our community in this special day of caring. Your gift on #GivingTuesday will provide food, safe shelter, faith-based guidance and more to those in the Mission’s care this holiday season.

Your generosity will bring joy to people like Jason (see page 3).

THERE’S NO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER 27… GIVE TODAY!

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Join the Dash to Share Compassion!

It will be a day to remember. A day to show compassion for families, seniors, vets and others in our community who are in desperate need this Thanksgiving. There’s still time for you to register!

When: 9 a.m., Thanksgiving morning  
Where: Indianapolis’ Broad Ripple District  
What: 16th Annual Drumstick Dash

Register now! DrumstickDash.org
Interested in being a volunteer or sponsor?  
(317) 635-3575 DrumstickDash@WheelerMission.org

Rick, please use my Christmas gift to bring joy to those who are hungry and homeless.

- $20.25 to feed and care for 9 people  
- $51.75 to feed and care for 23 people  
- $76.50 to feed and care for 34 people  
- $90.00 to feed and care for 40 people  
- $_______ to help as much as possible  
- I’ve also enclosed $_______ as a special holiday gift.

Donate now! (812) 727-6300 WheelerMission.org

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