Breana’s heart is filled with GRATITUDE for YOU!

Inside: Read how your compassion and support changes lives.
Breana grew up longing to be loved. “My parents’ addictions left me feeling abandoned and heartbroken as a child,” she says. “I came to believe I wasn’t worthy of love.”

When she was 13, Breana began numbing her pain with drugs, and by the time she was 16, she was staying away from home for months at a time, living with friends, staying on the streets, or sleeping in abandoned cars. Her parents didn’t come to find her.

For nearly a decade, she continued struggling with addiction, costing her jobs and eventually landing her in prison. It was there, at her lowest point, that she had an encounter with Christ that changed her forever.

“I finally experienced the love that I had truly longed for.”

After her release, Breana relapsed, but she couldn’t forget the Lord’s love. “I wanted that relationship back. That made me want to change,” she says. “I just didn’t know how.”

It was then she entered our Higher Ground addiction recovery program, and through chapel services, Bible studies, and Christian counseling, she grew strong in her faith and found healing for her heart. “I got to truly know God and He showed me that I’m worthy of love,” she says. “Now when feelings of rejection or abandonment come, I’m able to speak truth over them.”

Breana graduated from the program, completed Wheeler Mission’s EQUIP internship, and moved into her own place. She’s now the Supervisor of Restored Creations, our social enterprise that markets handcrafted items by women in our Center for Women and Children. Meanwhile, she’s earning a bachelor’s degree in business management, with plans to someday open an aftercare facility for women in recovery.

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude, and transforms lives through God’s love! “I was lost, but now I have a purpose in life. Because of the Lord and Wheeler Mission, I’ve been restored.”
The COVID-19 pandemic has made this year challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. After the economic hardships from COVID-19, far too many of our neighbors are feeling the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to Wheeler Mission for food, shelter, and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God’s faithfulness, the goodness of mankind, and your dedication to serving our neighbors in desperate need.

As more struggling people reach out to us this fall, I know you’ll be there for them. You are among the heroes who put others’ needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you’ll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace, and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God, one another, and our own grateful hearts.

Rick Alvis
President/CEO
Winter Wear NEEDED!

As winter approaches and temperatures drop, we don our warm coats, scarves, hats, and gloves to protect us against frigid days. But many who struggle with poverty, hunger, and homelessness don’t have the clothing that will keep them warm during the harsh winter months. For these men, women, and children, frigid temperatures can be life threatening.

You can help keep them safe by donating new or gently-used coats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pajamas, scarves, hats, gloves, and other cold weather wear!

Your donations may be all that stands between someone in need and the bitter cold of our Indiana winters.

Drop off your donations between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. at our Men’s Residential Center located at 245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or one of our other ministry locations.

In Bloomington, donations can be dropped off at our Center for Men located at 215 S. Westplex Ave.

Thank you for your compassion!

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

- 70 turkeys
- 20 boneless hams
- 20 #10 cans of sweet potatoes or yams, or 4 large cases (200 lbs)
- 100 individual boxes of Stove Top stuffing
- 10 gallons of turkey gravy
- White granulated sugar
- 50 2-lb. boxes of Velveeta cheese
- 100 lb. boxes of elbow macaroni
- 20 lbs. of butter
- 50 #10 cans of green beans
- 50 #10 cans of corn
- 12 #10 cans of cranberry sauce

Drop off your donations at our Men’s Residential Center located at 245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or one of our other ministry locations.

Thank you for helping!

Our Executive Vice President of Men’s Programming, Cal Nelson, has retired after 28 years of selfless service here at Wheeler Mission! We’re deeply grateful for his compassion and dedication that have helped bring healing and hope to countless people in need.

Well done, faithful servant, and happy retirement. You will be missed!

Rick, please use my 2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift to provide meals, care, & hope for hurting neighbors:

- $22.33 to feed & care for 11 people
- $50.75 to feed & care for 25 people
- $75.11 to feed & care for 37 people
- $93.38 to feed & care for 46 people
- $______ to help as much as possible
- Designated for Bloomington

Thank you, Cal Nelson, for a lifetime of service!

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