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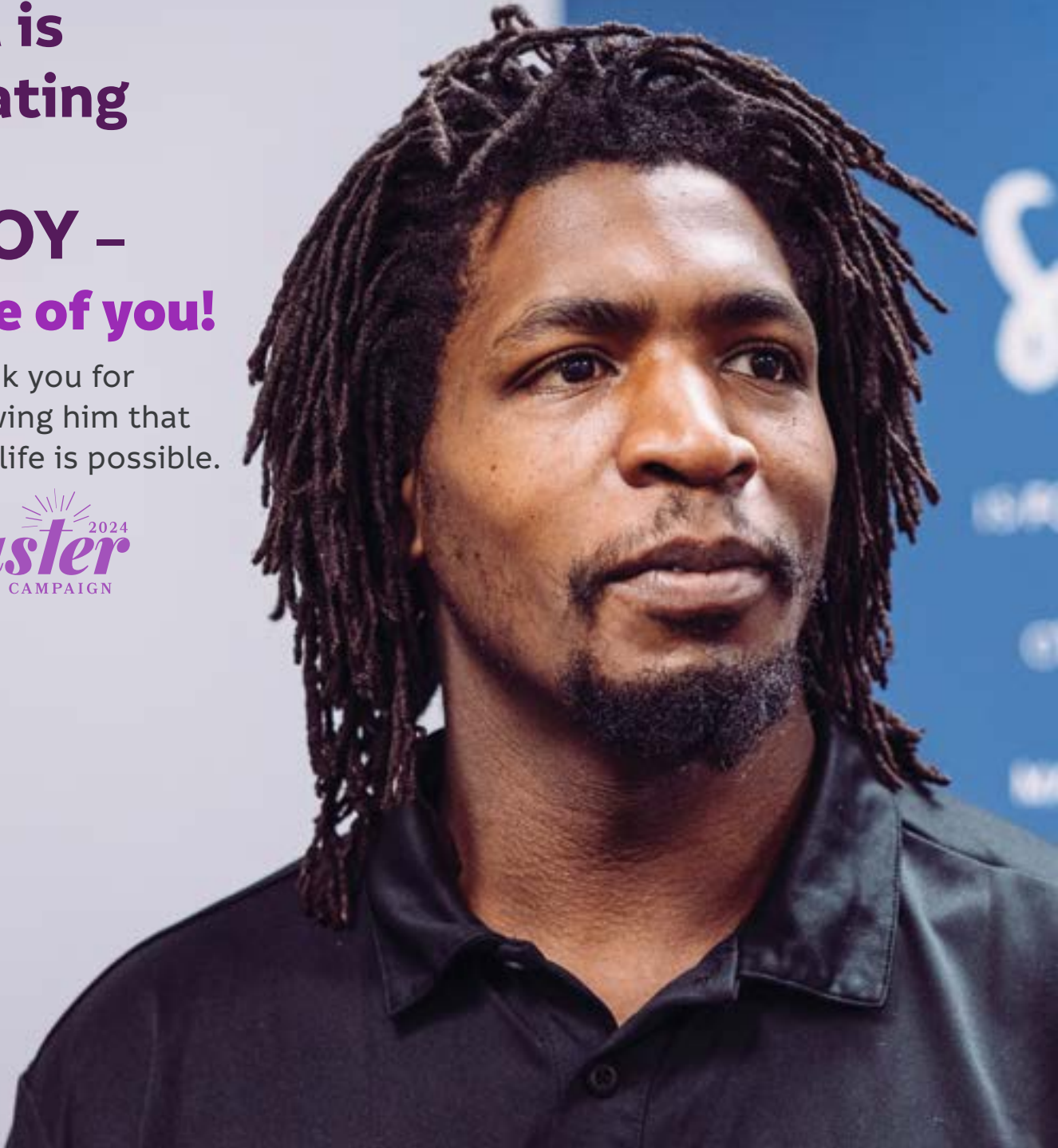


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Joshua is celebrating Easter with JOY – because of you!



Thank you for showing him that new life is possible.





A Message from PERRY HINES

THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at Wheeler Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter, and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women, and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE—hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them—in their present circumstances, for their future, and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you. Happy Easter, and God bless!

Perry Hines
President & CEO



JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM!



You're invited to make an eternal impact! Join our Prayer Team to lift up the needs of our neighbors, our ministry, and our community.

Through our Prayer Team, you'll receive monthly prayer updates via email so you can bring our most pressing needs to the Lord in prayer—and share them with your church family. You'll also see praises so you can celebrate the good work God is doing!

God promises He hears us, anytime and anywhere.

Join our team today by emailing Lisa Hines at LisaHines@wheelermission.org.



SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman, and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy:



56,697 meals and care—just \$2.08 each!



34,423 nights of shelter



Christ-centered care and healing in our life-changing programs!

Easter²⁰²⁴
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 🌟 Give online anytime at WheelerMission.org.

“I want to tell others about Jesus.”

When Joshua was young, he longed to be accepted by his peers. But instead, he was ridiculed and ostracized. “They judged me and laughed at me a lot,” he says. “I felt like an outcast.”

The rejection took a heavy toll, and as the years went on, Joshua struggled with depression, anger, and hatred. Finally, he turned to drugs to kill his pain. “When I got irritated, I’d use drugs to black out my feelings.”

Eventually, his addiction took over his life, exacerbating his depression and leading him down a dark path that led to broken relationships, overdoses, homelessness, and prison. “My hope was gone. I felt like I was wasting away.”

When he was released, Joshua had nowhere to go, so prison authorities dropped him off at our Shelter for Men.

“I sat in the Shelter and prayed to God, ‘Show me Your path to change my life.’”

Within a few hours, one of our staff members invited him to join our Hebron Addiction Recovery Program, and Joshua knew it was God’s answer to his prayer. Since then, his mustard seed of faith has grown strong, and he’s found healing for his anger and rejection through Bible studies, church attendance, and the counsel of his Program Manager.

“My faith was lukewarm, but Wheeler helped me build a strong relationship with the Lord and taught me how to apply scripture so I can live a Christlike life,” he says.

Joshua graduated from the program and went on to our Servant Leader Training, where he has served as the hands and feet of Christ, ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our Shelter guests. “Just being a happy presence, showing love, and having a listening ear goes a long way.”

Thank you for sharing God’s love with Joshua this Easter. His life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel! “Now, I’m a God-

fearing man, and I want to become a missionary and tell others about Jesus.”

“NOW, I KNOW THAT CHRIST DIED FOR MY SINS.”





Spend a day on the links and bring life-giving care to those facing homelessness at our 100 Holes for the Homeless event.

When you register to golf, you'll receive a personal fundraising page where you'll raise money for your entry fee. All fees

will go to our programs that meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness who come through our doors seeking help and hope.

There's a \$1,000 fundraising minimum and every \$500 raised will cover the cost of one month of meals, shelter, and care for one Wheeler Mission guest.

Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to make a tax-deductible donation to Wheeler Mission on your fundraising page and, together, you'll help sustain and transform the lives of those in need.

For more information on event details, and to register, go to 100holesforthehomeless.com.

Thank you!



God's Promise of Joy

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11

How Creating a Will Shows You Care

Before Dr. Gary Chapman was a bestselling author, he was a husband in a struggling marriage. His wife was frustrated that he didn't help around the house. He was disappointed she didn't respond to his encouraging words. When they realized they expressed love differently, the discovery led to Gary's book *The Five Love Languages*, a resource that has helped millions of people.*



Have you ever thought about legacy planning as an act of love? It's a loving deed that:

- **Serves your family.** Creating a will ensures your financial house is in order, your final wishes are clear, and your family is saved stress and expense.
- **Shares what matters.** Your will allows you to communicate with your loved ones about your cherished beliefs and values.
- **Spreads the love.** A gift in your will to Wheeler Mission helps us extend God's love to the people we serve. Your loving generosity embodies Jesus's words in John 13: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

*Story taken from *The New York Times*

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "Legacy Planning is an Act of Love" by contacting Steve Germani at [\(317\) 635-3575](tel:3176353575) or stevegermani@wheelermission.org— or bless your family today with an up-to-date will at wheelermission.christianwill.org.