

INSIDE STORY



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Kadi has a **NEW LIFE** in Christ this Easter!

Thank you for opening
the door to her
transformation.





**“I knew
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me **FOR A
PURPOSE.**”**

Kadi felt safe and secure in her childhood home, surrounded by her extended family. They seemed to get along so well. Then the peace in her home was shattered. “I was 10 years old and one of my uncles came home and attacked my other uncle with a weapon. I’d never seen such violence before.”

From that day on, whenever her family disagreed, they turned to violence. Kadi was terrified of drawing their wrath and did everything she could to stay out of the way, never sharing

her feelings or standing up for herself. “I was always walking on eggshells,” she says. “I felt like I wasn’t worth having an opinion or even existing.”

Though she went on to a successful career in health care, she never developed any self-esteem. “I felt depressed and hopeless.”

One day, Kadi found the courage to face her fear and exert her independence. “I was living with my aunt. When I refused to agree with something she said, she tried to hit me. I decided I wasn’t going to live that way anymore, and I left.”

Kadi made her way to Wheeler Mission, where she found food, shelter, and the opportunity to change her life. Through our Foundations Program’s spiritual training, biblical counseling, and

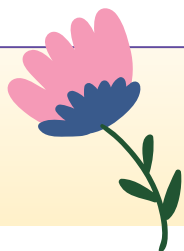
life skills classes, she grew closer to the Lord, healed from her emotional wounds, and developed healthy boundaries. “Now, I feel respected, loved, and worthy. I can stand up for myself,” she says.

Kadi completed the program, moved into her own place, and found her calling serving on our Compass Kids Childcare staff. “Wheeler Mission helped me get my Child Development Associate credential and set me up for long-term success,” Kadi says. “I love the kids, and I feel needed and valuable. I know God created me for a purpose.”

This Easter, Kadi is experiencing God’s gift of new life! Thank you for empowering her to follow Christ’s calling in her life. “Now, I’m independent and filled with joy.”



**“I TALK TO GOD EVERY DAY AND RELY ON HIM
TO GUIDE ME.”**



The Gift of New Life in Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17



A Message from PERRY HINES

All things new

Men and women often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry, and struggling with shame. For many, Wheeler Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services that help rebuild their lives!**

We believe God is "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5) for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Whether they come for a meal, a safe place to sleep, or life recovery—your generosity helps transform lives like Kadi's, whose story you can read on page 3.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb—a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for believing in our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness. Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter, and God bless!

Perry Hines
President & CEO



Mental Health Services



Did you know that in the U.S. one-third of those experiencing homelessness also experience some type of severe mental illness?* These illnesses make it difficult for individuals to care for themselves, maintain stable relationships, and complete basic household tasks.

That's why Wheeler Mission partners with other local service providers that specialize in mental health care, designating space in our buildings where our guests can meet with those providers who best meet their individual needs.

Thank you for helping us equip hurting people to become productive citizens who enjoy lasting success in Christ!

**The National Coalition for the Homeless*

This Easter, EVERY MEAL MATTERS

Just \$2.51 for a meal and hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at Wheeler Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care, and healing in our residential program!

Every meal you provide this Easter matters!

Just \$2.51 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need and shares hope for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🌟 Give online anytime at WheelerMission.org.



Get involved now

*change lives for
eternity*

So many of our neighbors here in Indiana are experiencing hunger and homelessness. It's heartbreaking. But you can be part of the solution by sharing your gifts, time, and talents here at Wheeler Mission.

There are so many ways to help change lives:

Volunteer at Wheeler Mission

Become a Corporate Partner

Support one of our annual events

Hold a fundraiser of your own

Join our prayer team

For more information about how you can help bring healing and hope to those in need, go to

**WheelerMission.org/
get-involved.**

EXPANDING YOUR FAMILY CIRCLE



Social worker Alan Naiman worked with families in crisis, served as a foster parent, and was the main caregiver for his developmentally disabled brother. When he died in 2018, Alan left \$11 million to charities that directly meet children's needs.*

Music teacher Jane Kesson left a gift in her will to the Philadelphia Orchestra, an organization she supported for many years. They use that gift to fund teacher workshops and concerts for school children in honor of Jane.**

Neither Alan nor Jane ever married or had children of their own, so they expanded the definition of family to include causes that were important to them—and left legacies that are impacting many beyond their lifetimes.

Married or single, parent or not, you can leave a lasting inheritance by adding a ministry you're deeply connected with to your estate plan. Expand your family circle to make a difference for years to come.

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "Is it Time to Expand Your Family Circle?" by contacting Jeff Boxell at [✉ JeffBoxell@WheelerMission.org](mailto:JeffBoxell@WheelerMission.org)—or bless your family today with an up-to-date will at [🌐 wheelermission.christianwill.org](http://wheelermission.christianwill.org).

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