

# INSIDE STORY



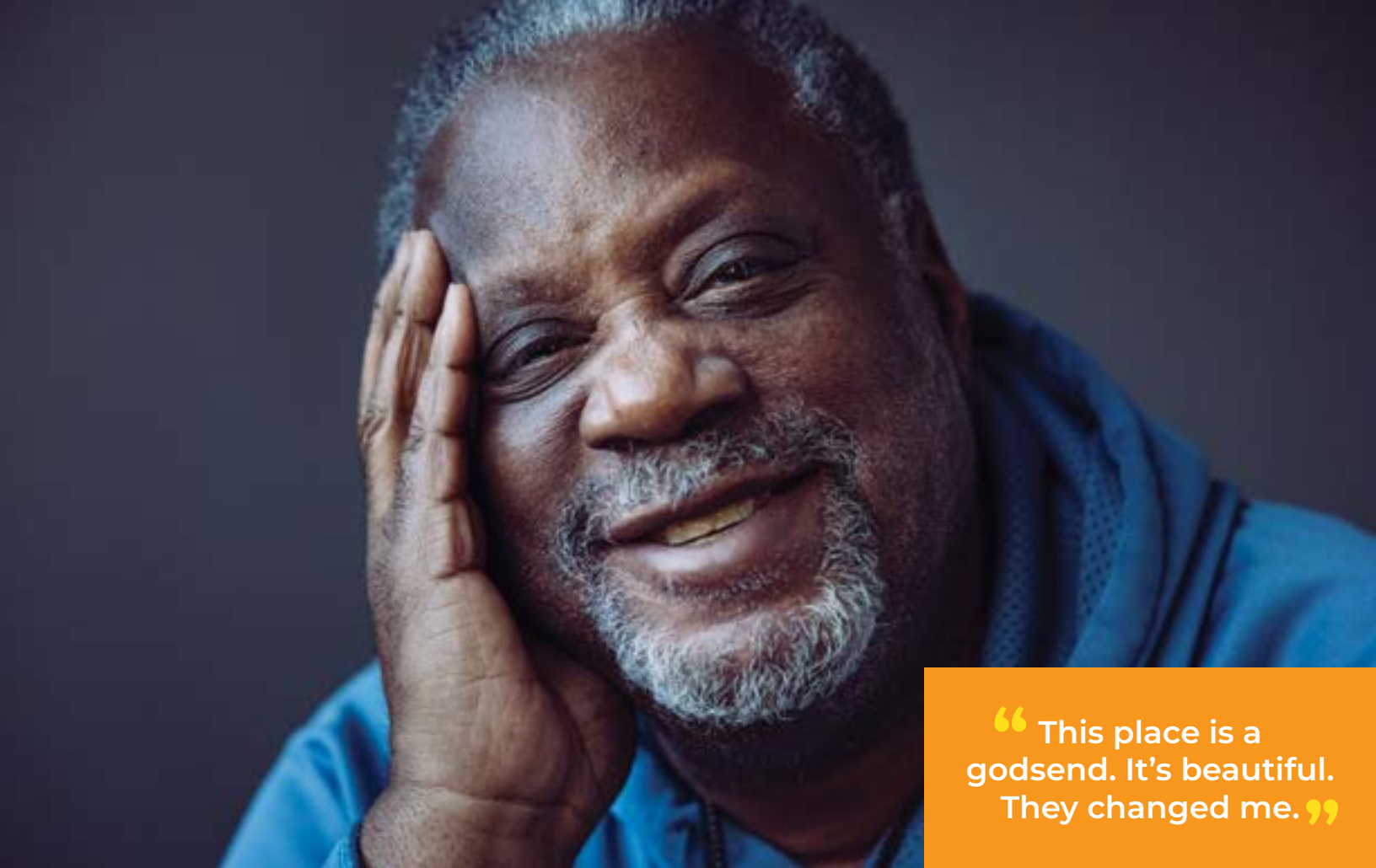
A NEWSLETTER OF WHEELER MISSION | SUMMER 2025



**Your love  
helps  
Kenneth  
know he is  
not alone.**

LOVE  YOUR  
**NEIGHBOR**  
SUMMER CAMPAIGN





“ This place is a  
godsend. It’s beautiful.  
They changed me. ”

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## “I FEEL BLESSED TO BE HERE.”

**K**enneth and his brother had always been close, so it broke his heart when his brother had him move out. “His wife didn’t like me, so she gave him a choice—her or me,” says Kenneth.

That’s when Kenneth experienced homelessness for the first time. When he arrived at Wheeler Mission, he learned an important lesson that has stuck with him since: **“In this place, you’ll get closer to the Lord. You don’t worry about the outside. You**

### **worry about fixing yourself.”**

Our Christ-centered environment has also made him stronger. “Before I came to Wheeler Mission, I was homeless. Now, I have the Lord with me, and that’s the best thing.”

Kenneth is grateful for all the services Wheeler Mission provides to help him get back on his feet. “They helped me get food stamps, my Social Security, and full-coverage insurance. They’re helping me get housing. I’ve been blessed,” he says.

He has also formed strong friendships here. “Once we leave, we’re going to stay in touch. **If something happens, we’re going to be there for one another.”**

Aside from plans to get his own place, Kenneth might open a food truck or work at a kitchen. Most importantly, he wants to be there for his daughter and grandkids.

“I’m thankful to Wheeler Mission because they were here for me. They’re here for all of us.”

**Thank you for loving neighbors like Kenneth “as you’ve loved yourself.” Your kindness has reminded him that he is not alone and that a better life is possible!** “Wheeler Mission has made me a lot stronger, more caring, and it has shown me that there’s a season for everything.”





A meal served with LOVE and care for a neighbor in need, just \$2.36!



### A Message from PERRY HINES

## You're sharing **God's love** this summer.

I don't have to tell you that our community is special. You see for yourself local acts of care and compassion. When neighbors feel lonely and forgotten, we step up to show love. It's what makes Central and South Central Indiana strong.

**But people like YOU make the greatest difference**—generous friends who go above and beyond to show love to neighbors in need. That's why I know we can count on your support over these crucial summer months—when so many local men, women, and children remain hurting, hungry, and homeless.

This month we're kickstarting **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign** to help meet the unique needs of our guests this summer season—like shelter from the

heat, nourishing meals, and clean water. Each month is an opportunity for you to respond with a generous gift that reflects the words of Matthew 22:39 to *"love your neighbor as yourself."*

Your support will show struggling people in our community like Kenneth that they are never alone. Read his story on page 3 of this newsletter—then consider how you can best respond to help more people like him this summer. We'll be so grateful.

Perry Hines  
President & CEO

*"Love your neighbor as yourself..."*

- Matthew 22:39



We hope to see you at our

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking for a fun way to support Wheeler Mission? Check out our exciting events this year! Whether you join as a participant or volunteer, you'll have a great time while making a difference for those in need.



JUNE 23



AUGUST 16



DECEMBER 6



SEPTEMBER 20



NOVEMBER 27

Visit our website to learn more and get involved!  
[WheelerMission.org/Events](http://WheelerMission.org/Events)

## YOU CAN SHOW A HURTING NEIGHBOR THEY'RE NOT ALONE!



*It starts with a meal*



*and ends with a life renewed!*

Your gift of \$2.36 provides a hot, nourishing meal and care—and can lead to other life-changing services like shelter, Christ-centered counsel, and recovery.

Give to our Love Your Neighbor summer campaign—and show local people who are homeless and hurting that you care.



Give now!  
[WheelerMission.org](http://WheelerMission.org)

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# How to Give Now, Give Later, and Get Peace of Mind



Bill gave annual gifts toward various projects at his retirement community but wanted to support the organization in an even more meaningful way. A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) was the perfect fit. In fact, Bill called it “a triple blessing.”

A CGA also helps you multiply the impact of your giving through its:

**Certainty.** Your giving is assured, as is the income you and up to one additional beneficiary receive. You also have the option to set up CGAs for loved ones to ensure they're financially supported for the rest of their lives.

**Practicality.** CGAs are tax-smart. You'll receive an immediate tax deduction for a portion of the amount you give to your CGA, plus a percentage of the fixed income is tax-free for the duration of your life expectancy. This can free you up to bless other ministries with your generosity.

**Simplicity.** CGAs are a single giving tool that gives you the opportunity to make a lasting difference both now and after your lifetime. What a wonderful legacy to pass on to your family and the organizations you love, like Wheeler Mission.

*For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of “How to Multiply Your Generosity and Your Peace of Mind” 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).*

## Sponsor SPOTLIGHT



Larry and Patty Baker have been donating to Wheeler Mission since 2016.

Their company, FleetWatcher, also sponsors two of our events: Strength In Our Streets and Drumstick Dash.

The Bakers' faith inspired them to help because of the Second Commandment to love one another. They want to “love our neighbors by helping Wheeler Mission serve those experiencing homelessness, hunger, and poverty.”

*“Wheeler Mission is a world-class operation. They are unbelievably well organized, efficient, and effective at everything they undertake. Every person we have met who works or volunteers at Wheeler Mission is dedicated and on a mission to serve!”*



*Thank you, Larry and Patty!*