

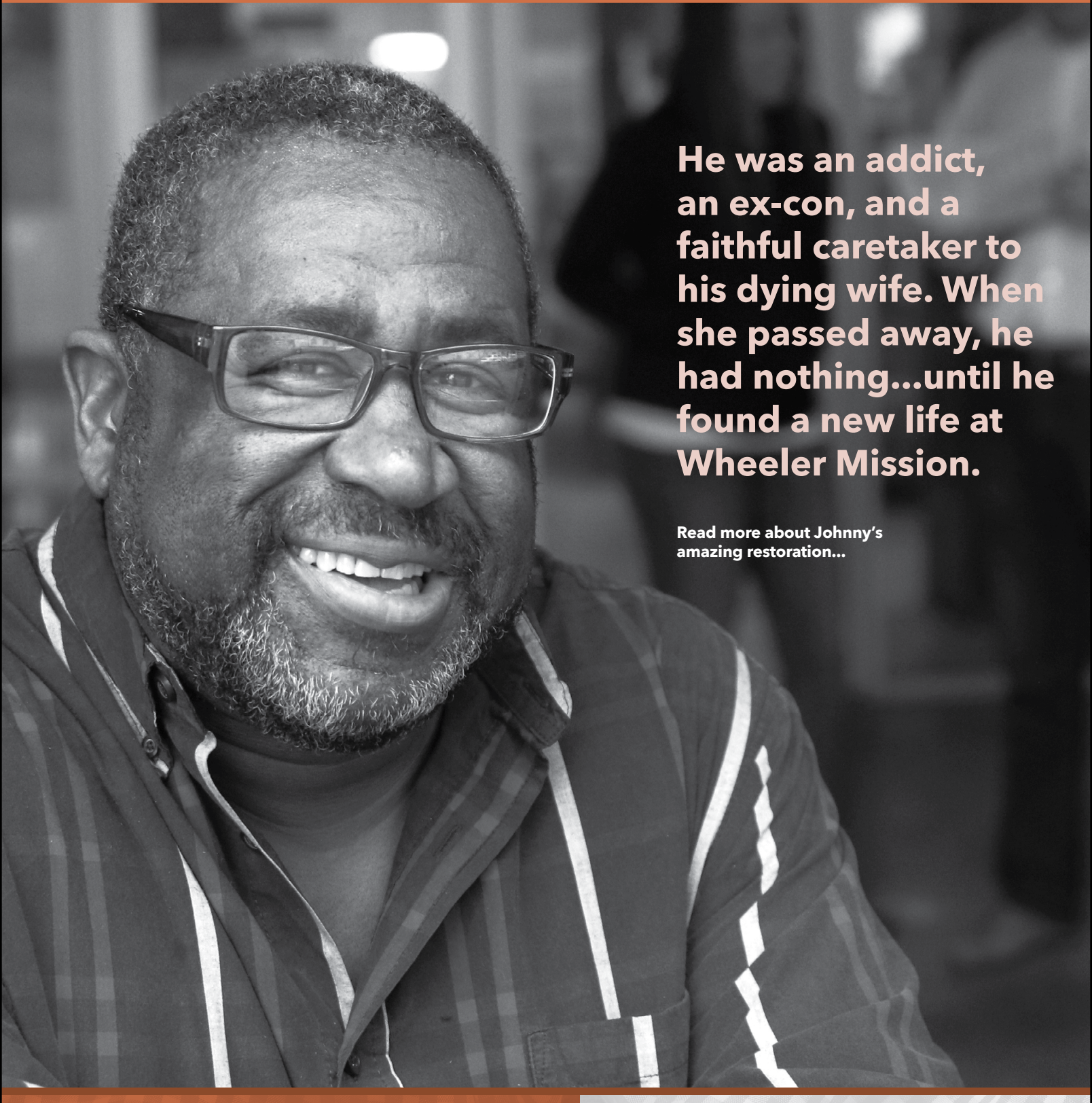


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WHEELER MISSION MINISTRIES *Help. Hope. Healing.*

Thanksgiving 2016

Homeless Shelters • Residential Programs • Addiction Recovery • For Men and Women



**He was an addict,  
an ex-con, and a  
faithful caretaker to  
his dying wife. When  
she passed away, he  
had nothing...until he  
found a new life at  
Wheeler Mission.**

Read more about Johnny's  
amazing restoration...

## A MESSAGE FROM RICK

We praise God every day for bringing men and women from Central and South Central Indiana to our doors to begin new lives: Lives without addiction. Lives free from abuse. Lives now filled with grace and hope.

More often than not, these transformations start with a simple meal, just like the 22,700 being served in the month leading up to Thanksgiving.

### **We also praise God for you.**

This ministry - the meals and shelter, classes and counseling, life-transforming addiction recovery and leadership training - is only possible with your support.

We thank you for fulfilling Christ's command to feed, shelter and care for brothers and sisters in need. And, we share with you His promise: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."



A stylized signature of Rick Alvis in black ink.

Rick Alvis  
President/CEO

Johnny's amazing restoration... continued

*"Without Wheeler Mission,  
I would have missed my blessing."*



Johnny began using drugs and alcohol when he was just 19. His habit escalated over the years, costing him jobs and landing him a three-year prison term for drug and burglary charges. **"You wouldn't have wanted to be around me in those days,"** he says.

Then Johnny's wife was diagnosed with kidney failure and he left his job to take care of her for several years. "I didn't want her to go to a nursing home," he says. "After she passed, I lost my house, so I came to Wheeler Mission."

Johnny wanted more than a place to stay, however, so he entered our STEPS Program, designed to move men and women forward toward economic and personal stability. **"I wanted to rehabilitate my life,"** he says.

Johnny has done just that - growing strong in his relationship with the Lord, maintaining his sobriety, and healing from the depression caused by losing his wife.

***"The Mission has helped  
reconnect me to my life."***

Johnny graduated from the program and now works on our staff, mentoring men who are where he once was. "I tell them you have to have God in your life, and be around spiritual people."

Johnny plans to get his own place, continue working at the Mission, and "just do God's will."

**"I never imagined life could be anything like this. It's beautiful,"** he says. "Without Wheeler Mission, I would have missed my blessing."

