

# INSIDE STORY

WHEELER MISSION  
help. hope. healing.

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KYLA WANTS TO

*Thank You*

Kyla's heart is full of thanksgiving because of God's love & your generosity!

“**GOD’S LOVE  
WAS JUST  
overflowing.**”

Kyla’s parents both battled addiction, so she grew up surrounded by drama and disgrace. Then one day, she witnessed a heartbreaking scene that left her devastated.

“My school was on the same street as my house. I looked out the window and saw squad cars lined up outside my house as my parents got arrested.”

Kyla’s father went to jail, and Kyla started smoking marijuana to cope. She quit when she gave birth to her son at age 16, but was using again when she became pregnant five years later. Her children were taken from her custody because of her dangerous and destructive lifestyle. Kyla went into a downward spiral for years until her boyfriend’s drug-related death convinced her to get help.

**Kyla came to Wheeler Mission and found God’s grace.**

“It meant so much to have a place to lay my head and feel peace. God was showing me His love through people that cared about me, and I hadn’t been loved like that in a long time.”

*“The Mission helped me see that my biggest enemy and problem was myself.”*

Kyla entered our Higher Ground long-term program that helped her overcome addiction by focusing on total life change. Through classes, counseling, and Bible study, Kyla grew closer in her walk with the Lord.

“I started the process of surrendering daily. These ladies at the Mission changed my life. The love of Jesus, speaking through them, changed me.”

Kyla graduated from our Higher Ground Addiction Recovery Program and is very thankful for all she learned in the program.

“God is so faithful! He’s using me to drive for this ministry and I couldn’t be happier. I want to continue to work with homeless women and children.”

**Because of your generosity, Kyla’s heart has been filled with thanksgiving and God’s love!** “This

place is amazing. It meets the community’s needs, and I just want to be part of its growth and continue to give back.”



A MESSAGE FROM  
RICK ALVIS

*Thanks to you, we're  
Building for Change!*

As you may know, we are in the middle of our Building for Change Campaign to expand our Center for Women & Children. Women and children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, which is truly heartbreaking. Nearly every night, we have more families come in than we have beds available.

In order to meet this growing demand, we need to expand our current Center for Women & Children to include 164 new permanent beds, a new childcare space, medical clinics, and much more. And we pray friends like you will give generously so we can serve more homeless and hurting families in our community.

I want to take a moment and have you hear from Allison Melangton, Campaign Chair for this capital campaign:

We're thrilled to report that, through all our combined efforts, we're already well over halfway to our goal!


Earlier this summer, Lilly Endowment generously granted Wheeler Mission \$4 million for our capital campaign (\$3 million up front and \$1 million in a 1:1 match)! We thank the Lord for this incredible contribution, significantly moving us closer towards our \$12 million goal. As Philippians 4:4 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!"

**2019 THANKSGIVING  
CAMPAIGN  
MEALS NEEDED!**



YOU can make a difference in the lives of homeless and hungry neighbors. By giving today, **you'll help us prepare for some of the 86,348 meals we'll serve and care we'll give** from now until Thanksgiving Day.

Please share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2019 Thanksgiving Campaign gift now**. Our hurting neighbors will find the help and hope they need for a new beginning in their lives!

 Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

 Give online anytime at **WheelerMission.org**.



**THANK YOU** AGAIN FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON.

**LOOK AT WHAT  
YOUR GIFT WILL  
PROVIDE!**



**\$2.10**  
for 1 hot meal



**\$7.50**  
for 1 night of  
safe shelter

**and often leads to**



A chance to share  
**GOD'S  
LIFE-CHANGING  
LOVE**



When you support us in Building for Change, you're helping remarkable women like Kyla, whose story is featured on page 3. Every day, we're climbing closer to our \$12 million goal. For the most up-to-date campaign information, visit **buildingforchange.com**. Will you



join us to give more women like Kyla help and lasting hope?

Rick Alvis  
President/CEO

# Your HEART OF THANKSGIVING today, tomorrow & beyond



Do you want to minister to those in need far beyond your lifetime? If so, we have many wonderful giving options that allow you to make a positive impact in hurting and homeless lives today, tomorrow, and beyond!



To learn more, please contact **Jim Gillespie** about remembering Wheeler Mission in your will or estate plan.

**Call: (317) 635-3575**

**Email:**

**JimGillespie@WheelerMission.org**

## Thanksgiving Season Needs

Please bless our homeless and hungry neighbors with a special Thanksgiving by donating any of these food items.



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 donations at our **Men's Residential Center located at 245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204**, or one of our ministry locations. In Bloomington, donations can be dropped off at our **Center for Men located at 215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404**. For more information, please call us at **(317) 635-3575**.

## BE A VOLUNTEER.

With thousands of people to serve this fall, we really need YOUR help!

Call: **(317) 686-6239**

Email: **volunteer@wheelermission.org**

Or visit **WheelerVolunteer.org** to find out more or sign up now!

