

INSIDE STORY



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BECAUSE OF YOU...

**MY STORY
HAS A NEW
BEGINNING!**

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Your gifts bring *JOY* to people like Steve at Christmas and all through the year!



**“God brought me out of the wilderness, and I don’t want to go back there,” Steve shares.
“So, I’m just trusting in the Lord.”**

“I’ve come from a very destructive lifestyle, lost in what I was doing,” Steve says.

Steve grew up in the church, but he let curiosity get the better of him when he first tried drinking at age 11. This led to years of heartache and grief, as alcohol slowly consumed his life and marriage. “Before I came to Wheeler Mission, I was drinking constantly.”

The wake-up call came when Steve ended up in the hospital. “I was blacking out and it was kind of a warning, to get it together – but I didn’t listen.” At his lowest point, Steve ended up in jail. But as soon as he was released, he walked straight to Wheeler Mission, determined to make a change.

Here, through your gifts, he was blessed with the essentials of safe shelter and nutritious meals. He received everything he needed to feel comfortable and at home.

“My life has changed significantly. The verse that sticks out to me is 1 John 1:9, ‘If we confess our sins, He’s faithful

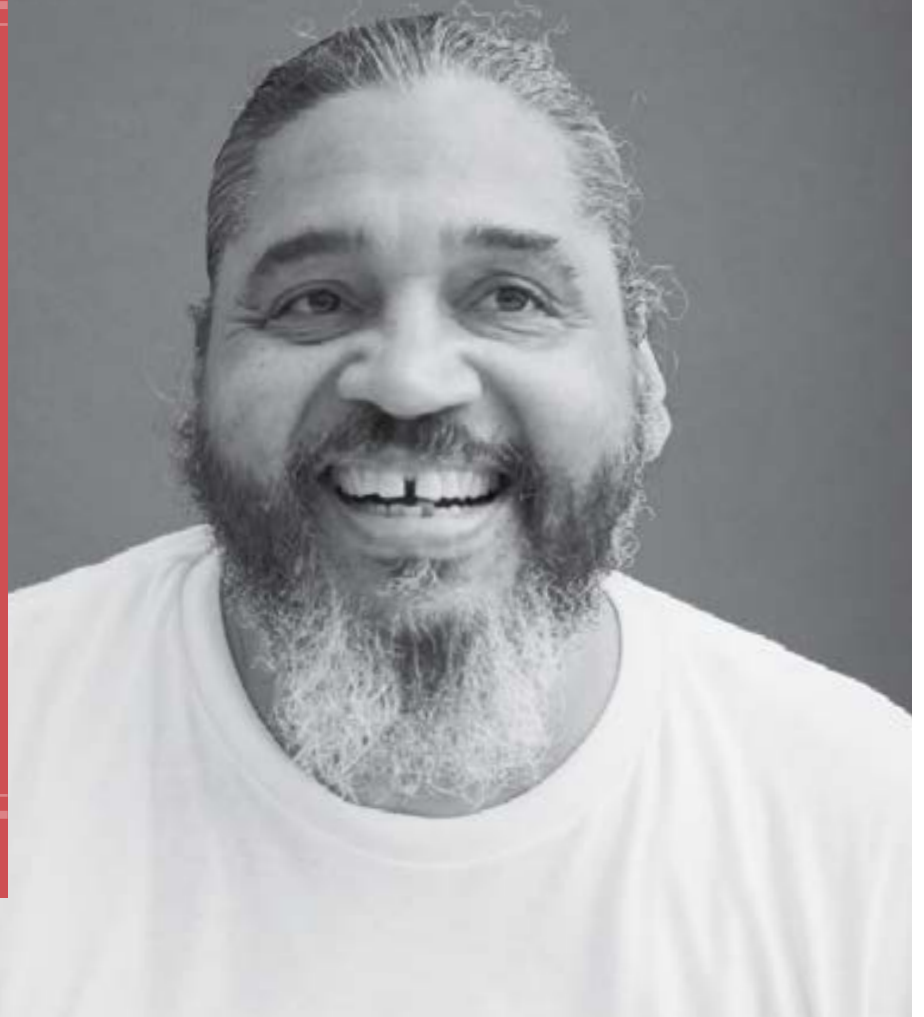
and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.’ **We’re all sinful people, and we need Jesus every day, every minute, every hour.”**

For the first time, Steve was able to celebrate the miracle of Christmas with God’s joy and peace in his heart.

Steve first entered Hebron, our long-term, residential addiction recovery program. Then he completed our six-month residential internship program, Equip, to prepare for work in ministry. He now works as a Guest Services Coordinator at Wheeler Mission, and he and his wife are taking steps to reconcile their marriage.

*This Christmas, **because of your compassion and God’s love**, Steve’s story has a new beginning. Through the gift of Christ’s birth, his future is filled with joy and meaning. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to get my life back on track. To surrender and accept Christ as my Lord and Savior.”*

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A MESSAGE FROM
RICK ALVIS



Your Gifts
Fill Hearts
With *Joy!*

The “Christmas story” isn’t fiction, fable, or fairytale. It’s God’s reassuring Truth!

Christ was born to bring hope to a troubled world and healing to hurting souls.

That’s the joy-filled message we’re honored to share with our guests at Christmas, and remain faithful to every day of the year.

Jesus’ birth begins a new story for all of humankind. But for a new story to begin, an old one often must end. Through the Christ-centered care your generosity provides, we help individuals close chapters of loneliness, pain, and tragedy in their lives and ask the Lord to be the author of their futures. I invite you to partner with us in the coming weeks to provide gifts of food, shelter, and life-restoring guidance as we celebrate the joyous new beginnings the season brings.

The redemptive story of Christmas continues today, each time friends like you reach out with compassion to those who are homeless, addicted, and downtrodden.

Thank you for keeping the story of Christ’s birth alive – and filling hearts with the joy of Christmas – every day of the year.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season and into the New Year.

Rick Alvis
President/CEO



Give a Meal. Change a Life.

32,399 meals by Christmas!

A plate of hot, wholesome food can change someone’s story from struggle to strength. From heartbreak to hope. From despair to joy. With each meal you give, you offer so much more:

- Safe shelter and warmth
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God’s life-changing love



It costs only \$2.10 to provide a meal and care for one hungry person.

Please Send Your Gift Today!



✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🖥 Give online anytime at WheelerMission.org.

Building for Change

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE – we’re getting closer to our goal!



We’re “Building for Change,” expanding our services and shelter capacity at our Center for Women & Children in Indianapolis. Thanks to your support and generosity, we’ve raised about 75% of our campaign goal! We’re humbled with gratitude for the community’s rapid response... but our work is not yet done! We’ll keep working until all \$12 million dollars are raised. To learn how you can make a difference, visit BuildingForChange.com.



Year-End Giving Ensures Ongoing Blessings



Your generous year-end gift to Wheeler Mission helps ensure we can bless those who are homeless with vital assistance and life-changing guidance well into the months ahead. Your gift may be tax-deductible for the current year if made by December 31!

-  Give online at **WheelerMission.org.**
-  Add your special holiday gift to the reply card and send it today.



Ways to Share the *Joy* of Christmas

DECEMBER 3 IS #GIVINGTUESDAY

Now in its eighth year, **Giving Tuesday** unites compassionate friends and partners in caring for their neighbors and communities. On this special day of generosity and kindness, your gift will bring life essentials and life-changing guidance to those in our care at Wheeler Mission!



**No need to wait until December 3.
Send your gift today!**

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FILL OUR TABLES



Donate these foods for the thousands of meals we'll serve throughout the holiday season. Please deliver them to our Men's Residential Center located at **245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or one of our other ministry locations** by November 22.

turkeys & hams * boxes of stuffing * bags of potatoes * canned fruits and vegetables * coffee, creamer, & sugar

MEET URGENT NEEDS



These items are a vital part of Wheeler Mission's everyday operations and the comfort of our guests. Please drop off your donations at our Men's Residential Center at **245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or one of our other ministry locations.**

cold medicine * cough drops * deodorant * soap * disinfectant wipes
toilet paper * men's and women's pajamas * sweatpants * socks
thermal sets * winter pants and shirts * new underwear