

Heart of Bloomington

Your heart for our city...in action

Easter 2020

A NEWSLETTER OF WHEELER MISSION—BLOOMINGTON

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Meet *Charley*
He can't thank
YOU enough!

Because of you, Charley's heart
is filled with *new hope*
this Easter.



“Wheeler Mission— Bloomington

*turned my
life around.”*

It was then another community organization referred Charley to our Center for Men, where he received food, shelter, and clothing. “When I first got here, I didn’t have anything but the clothes I was carrying around,” he says.

But Charley wanted more. He wanted to become self-sufficient again, so when he learned about our Foundations Program, he decided it was for him. Through the program’s faith-based counseling and support

groups, Charley’s faith has grown strong. “I’m learning about the Lord and how to make my life better through a closer walk with Him,” he says.

Meanwhile, our Foundations classes are helping him develop communication, money management, and other life skills necessary for successful, independent living. When he moves into Phase Two of the program, he’ll utilize his new skills to find and maintain employment. “Wheeler Mission—Bloomington will help me get set up with a job and a place to stay,” he says. “They’re helping me get back on my feet again, and I feel blessed.”

“I’m so glad they were here to help me and let me lean on them.”

Charley was a veteran who prided himself on being a self-sufficient, hardworking, responsible man. Then he lost his job and his world fell apart. “I ended up losing my apartment and was staying in my truck for a while. Then I couch surfed from one friend to the other, but they couldn’t continue supporting me,” he says. “Eventually, I didn’t have any place to go and I didn’t know what to do.”

You may never meet Charley, but he’s eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, his heart is filled with new hope for the future. “Before I came to Wheeler Mission—Bloomington, I was broken. They picked me up and faced me in the right direction. They turned my life around.”



at Wheeler Mission—Bloomington!

We love engaging with our community of friends, supporters, and partners, getting to know you better while you get to know us! If your organization – business, faith community, or community service provider – is interested in learning more about our work in Bloomington, please join us for a “Lunch & Learn.”

Sessions are available the second and fourth Thursday of every month at our Center for Men. You’ll enjoy lunch prepared by our food service team, a tour, and a presentation of our programs and services that sustain and transform lives in our Bloomington community.

For more information or to inquire about available dates, please email Chris-Michael Morrison at cmmorrison@wheelermission.org or call (812) 219-2939.

We hope to see you soon!

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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Here's how YOUR gifts care for our neighbors experiencing homelessness this Easter season!



just \$2.10 for a meal and care!

9,009 meals to serve



4,718 nights of shelter to provide



116 men receiving shelter every night



3,361 hours of case management & counseling to provide

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



A Message from RICK ALVIS

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon, and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate the hope of new life this joyous season brings.

But for many coming to Wheeler Mission—Bloomington right now – men who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, hunger, and addiction – it can be hard to have hope.

At Easter, it's our joy and privilege to refresh hurting hearts with the good news of God's love. It's a message that changes lives and restores hope! As our guests begin to believe God loves them, and experience the love of our staff who stand by their side, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

Love is a doorway to new life. Knowing they're loved, our guests can walk in freedom. Past guilt and shame fade away as they discover hope for a brighter future.

Empowered by love, they see that they too can overcome!

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the blessings of love in your life – God's love and the love of family and friends who surround you. Thank you for surrounding hurting people with love that leads to new life. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by this life-changing love.

Rick Alvis
President/CEO



BOBBY CAME FOR A MEAL



AND IT WAS THE START OF A NEW LIFE!

Bobby didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal and care for \$2.10 ← *Every dollar you give makes*
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$7.50!) *a big difference!*
- Showers & faith-based care

This Easter, as Bobby celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

Thank you again for your support of our Wheeler Mission—Bloomington guests! Happy Easter!

YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **9,009+ hot meals** and provide hundreds of men with **basic necessities like safe shelter, vital services, and faith-based care.**

Our neighbors experiencing homelessness are counting on us, and we're counting on YOU!



FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10:**

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- BUTTER
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- POWDERED MILK
- DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- COFFEE
- CREAMER

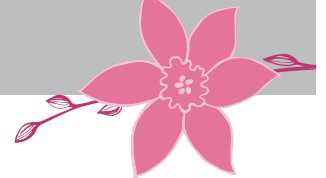
Drop off donations at our Center for Men, 215 S. Westplex Ave. in Bloomington, 7 days a week.

Thank you so much!

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (812) 727-6300

🌟 WheelerMission.org



Lend a hand this Easter season: **VOLUNTEER!**

Contact us or visit our website: ☎ (812) 727-6300 🌟 WheelerVolunteer.org