

INSIDE STORY



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JAMI IS *celebrating new life* **THIS EASTER!**

Thank you for touching
her life with hope.



There were two women who shaped Jami's life—her biological mom, who struggled with addiction, and her mom's best friend, who became Jami's foster parent. "My biological mom lived with us until I was 15, then she just walked away," Jami says. "I had a lot of abandonment issues. I felt like I wasn't good enough."

Jami began numbing her pain with drugs, and by the time she was 20, she was using regularly. "It was an escape from the feelings I was battling inside," Jami says. "I was stuck in addiction for 20 years."

Along the way, she had a son whom she wanted to protect from her lifestyle, so she gave custody to her foster mother. For a while, Jami visited him regularly, comfortable that he was too young to see that his mom's life was spiraling out of control.

But, eventually, Jami found herself with no place to live, and her son had grown old enough to realize there was something terribly wrong with his mom. "He started asking questions. I would never hurt my son the way my mom hurt me," Jami says. "That was the turning point. I knew I needed help."

Jami entered our Higher Ground addiction recovery program, where Bible studies and chapel

services led her to surrender her life to the Lord. "Now, through prayer, I try to make sure all my decisions align with God's will for my life." Her newfound faith and biblical counseling have helped Jami heal emotionally, as well.

“
God has given my life a purpose.
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Jami graduated from Higher Ground, completed a ministry internship in our Equip program, and is now on staff, serving as our preschool lead teacher and as a house monitor in our transitional housing. She has also been reunited with her son! "My life has meaning," Jami says.

Your generous support has filled Jami's life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. "I was broken, but now I've been restored."

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Easter²⁰²² ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

You can help transform hearts and lives!



39,158 meals

\$2.18 for a meal and care!



38,261 nights of shelter



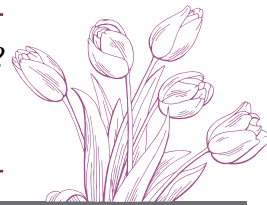
130 men and women in our addiction recovery programs



Thousands of sessions of case management and biblical counseling

Thank you for sharing hope & joy this Easter!

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” – Luke 24:5-6, NIV



A Message from RICK ALVIS



The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but hurt, regret, and shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the joy and love that fills their hearts and only comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having*

all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV).

Through your gifts to Wheeler Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior, and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Rick Alvis
President/CEO



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to Wheeler Mission each day, longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

- ♥ **A hot meal and care for \$2.18—often the first step to a new life in Jesus**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered counseling and healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our neighbors who are experiencing hunger and homelessness will be welcomed with food, shelter, and care this Easter season!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **WheelerMission.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Wheeler Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS

You have a BIG heart for those in need—and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals** and provide men, women, and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter and Christ-centered care.**

Our hurting neighbors are turning here, and we're counting on YOU to help them!

Drop off donations at our Men's Residential Center at 245 N. Delaware St. in Indianapolis or our Center for Men at 215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items
by Friday, April 15:

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

Leave a Legacy of Blessing

You care about the hopeless, the hurting, and the lost. It's evident in the way you live your life and share your blessings.

Do you want to continue ministering to those in need beyond your lifetime? When you remember Wheeler Mission in your will or estate plans, you ensure that your legacy of generosity will continue for years to come.

Wheeler Mission is a resource and partner to help you maximize your estate and find and fund projects that are closest to your heart.

To learn more about ways you can leave a legacy of blessing, please contact Steve Germani, Director of Grants and Legacy Giving, at SteveGermani@WheelerMission.org.

Thank you!