

# INSIDE STORY



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## The love **YOU** share

gives neighbors like  
Jermaine hope for a  
better life.





# A meal and care for \$2.51 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



## A Message from PERRY HINES

### Thank you for REMEMBERING your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations, lazy mornings, afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever.

Between work, family, and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at Wheeler Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. We're thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors—and that you respond with a heart of compassion—which is why we need

your help.

As we continue **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, we hope we can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the men, women, and children in Central and South Central Indiana who are experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer—no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Perry Hines  
President & CEO

*"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*  
- John 13:34b-35

## Celebrating 33 new beginnings, **THANKS TO YOU!**

Join us in **celebrating 33 men and women who've completed our Hebron and Higher Ground addiction recovery and discipleship programs.**



Months of Christ-centered counseling, classes, and training have brought them here. With your support and God's grace, they have a new life of HOPE.

As these men and women rejoin our community, please pray for them. And thank you for your continued support, as new residents start their journeys of transformation.

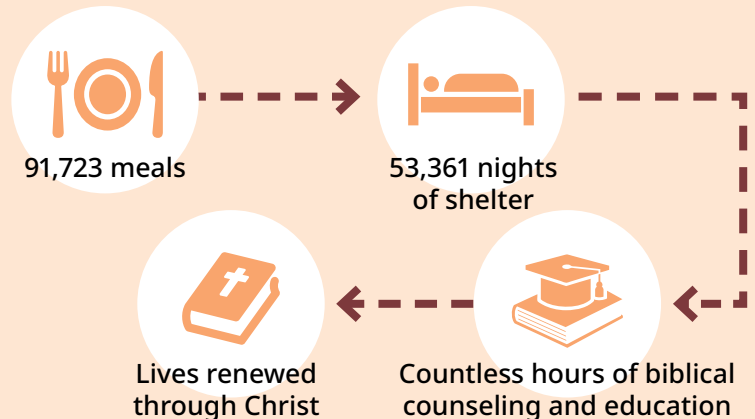
Learn more about our recovery services for men and women at **WheelerMission.org.**

87% of our long-term program residents shared that finding hope in Jesus changed their outlook. We join them in praising His redeeming work in their lives!



## TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer **thanks to YOU!**



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**  
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey, YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

*Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts and rebuild families!*

**Give now! WheelerMission.org**





**“Now I know my purpose: to be the hands and feet of Christ.”**

**J**ermaine was just 12 years old when his father abandoned him. “I was filled with bitterness and resentment toward him,” Jermaine says.

Though his mother and his church congregation tried to help Jermaine heal, his wounds remained. “I had this nagging void in me, this daddy-shaped hole, and as I grew, I tried to fill it with sports and girls, but none of it worked.”

When he was in college, Jermaine began numbing his pain with drugs, and for 27 years, he struggled with addiction. “I was killing my soul and the whole time God was telling me, ‘This is not what I’ve called you to.’”

Eventually, he was experiencing homelessness and came to our Shelter for Men, where he found a warm bed and nutritious meals. But he realized he wanted more. He wanted to find his way back to the Lord. “I knew God had a purpose for me,” he says.

That’s when Jermaine entered our Hebron Addiction Recovery and Discipleship Program, where our Christ-centered curriculum helped him find and address the root causes of his addiction, and finally fill the God-shaped hole in his heart. “The Lord used scripture to point out errors in my thinking and challenge everything about me,” he says. “Now, I’m free from addiction and obedient to the will of God for my life.”

After graduating from Hebron, Jermaine went on to complete our Servant Leader Training, then answered God’s call to ministry when he joined our Bloomington staff as the Guest Services Coordinator. “God is working in me and through me, and I get to see Jesus’s work daily,” he says.

**Jermaine now has strength for his future because of your heart of compassion for him and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God’s love, he has a path forward in life.** “I have a healthy, biblical view of life, and I know my purpose: to be the hands and feet of Christ.”

**“My relationship with the Holy Spirit is thriving again.”**

# Keep neighbors SAFE this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers, and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

**But our neighbors out on the street have no relief.** They're at risk of heat stroke, dehydration, or even death—especially those who are most vulnerable, like seniors or families with children.

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$22.66 provides a meal and a night of safe shelter and care for a man, woman, or child in need—along with other services like these!



**Cool water to drink**



**Refreshing showers and safe shelter**



**Nourishing meals**



**Sunscreen and hygiene items**

Because of your support, hurting neighbors have everything they need to recover and rebuild at Wheeler Mission—so they can have healthier, more stable lives!



**Your gift of \$22.66 provides a meal + night of shelter and care!**

## Gift Horses and Your Giving



You may have heard the phrase don't look a gift horse in the mouth, meaning you should accept a gift as-is because you might be surprised (or disappointed) if you look at it more closely.

What if you thought about that idea differently, especially when it comes to giving?

You may have appreciated assets that can make a difference for the organizations you love. When you look this gift horse in the mouth, you'll find:

- Your gift of stock helps you steward wisely. Your appreciated assets can be a tool for stewarding a legacy of generosity, opening the door for conversations with your loved ones about values, giving, and the causes close to your heart.
- Your gift of stock makes your giving go further. Donating appreciated stock, bonds, or mutual funds can make your gift up to 20% larger because you avoid the taxes you would have to pay from selling those assets and donating the cash.

Examining the “gift horse” of your non-cash assets a bit more closely will show you some unexpected ways to support your favorite charities.

*For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of “Is it Time to Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth?” by contacting Steve Germani at*

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*stevegermani@wheelermission.org—or bless your family today with an up-to-date will at [wheelermission.christianwill.org](http://wheelermission.christianwill.org).*

To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit [WheelerMission.org/needslist](http://WheelerMission.org/needslist) or scan here!

