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to Jesus—and YOU!



Dr. Patrick H. Vanderburgh
President

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

— Romans 6:4 (NIV)

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH AN EMPTY TOMB

Dear Friend,

Homelessness here in Milwaukee is heartbreaking, tragic and overwhelming.

The struggling men, women and children who come to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission arrive devastated for so many different reasons: poverty, hunger, addictions, childhood abuse and neglect, poor educational backgrounds, a lack of job skills, a lifetime of emotional trauma—unfortunately, the list can go on and on.

Homelessness is complicated, and usually there is no single solution to help someone change their circumstances. That's why, thanks to your generosity, we offer people many different avenues to recovery: hot meals, safe shelter, counseling, education, job training, work therapy, Bible studies, spiritual nurture and so much more. And all these can help someone recover and head down a better path.

But the Milwaukee Rescue Mission isn't just interested in changing people's circumstances. We want them to experience transformation. We want them to experience new life, not only for a day or a lifetime, but for eternity.

And the answer to that kind of change is not complicated. The answer lies in an empty tomb and a risen Savior. Transformation and new life are only possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—through Easter.

The Easter message of hope is at the core of everything we do. It's the miracle that transforms lives—and God is using you to make those miracles possible every day at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Thank you for being a partner with us in this miraculous ministry.

May God grant you a blessed Easter,

Patrick H. Vanderburgh, D.Min.
President



HOPE BEGINS WITH YOU

Men, women and children devastated by homelessness need hope. It has to start somewhere, and many times, something as simple as a hot, nutritious meal can make so much difference. This Easter season, you can provide that meal and the chance to transform someone's life!

COMING BACK TO CHRIST

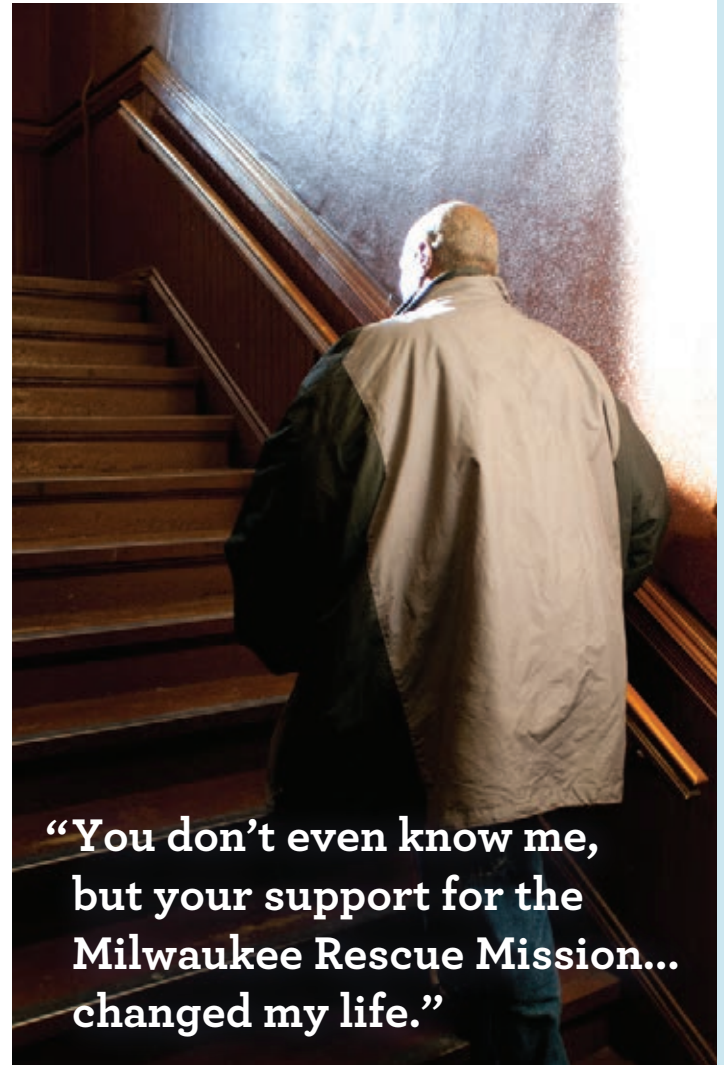
It all happened so slowly. Day by day, drink by drink, Phillip's life was slipping away. But he couldn't see it. Or he didn't want to see it—until one morning last winter when he looked in a mirror and didn't recognize the man staring back. What happened?

"I was raised by godly parents who loved the Lord and loved me," he says. "I was protected, cared for and happy. I didn't know anything about drugs or alcohol. After high school, I got a job as a painter and started living on my own. But I wasn't ready to deal with everyday life."

Phillip drifted from God and started drinking. Not a lot, just enough to take the edge off. But life kept getting harder. His best friend died, so he drank more. He became a father, so he drank to cope with the responsibility. In 2008, the recession hit and work became scarce. Then there were car issues, relationship issues, money issues. More and more, alcohol became Phillip's crutch as he started losing jobs, losing friends, disappointing his daughter and messing up again and again.

"But I could never see it," he says. "Not until that day I looked in the mirror. I felt so much shame and embarrassment. I finally had to admit it. I was an alcoholic. And it was time to change. I came to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, because I knew I had to get God back in my life."

From day one, Phillip turned his life over to Christ. He surrendered everything, and in return, Christ surrounded him with a community of godly men all committed to one thing—"getting our lives back on



track, living the lives God intended for us, and doing it together. We pray together, encourage each other and lift each other up in the Lord."

"Today, I'm sober and I'm filled with a joy I haven't known since I was a child—because someone like you cared," Phillip adds. "You don't even know me, but your support for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and your love for people like me changed my life. Thank you!"



WILL YOU PRAY WITH US?

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ♥ Safety, nourishment and hope for homeless men, women and children seeking help at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.
- ♥ Wisdom and strength for our staff as we minister to our hurting guests in Christ's name.
- ♥ Our donors and volunteers, as they seek to compassionately help those who otherwise might be living on the streets.
- ♥ Peace in Milwaukee's disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- ♥ Protection for Milwaukee's emergency personnel as they protect the most vulnerable in our community.
- ♥ God's guidance and resources as we look to expand programs at our North Campus in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood.
- ♥ Students and staff at our North Campus as they experience godly and strong academic instruction.



THIS EASTER, NEIGHBORS WHO ARE HURTING WILL EXPERIENCE NEW LIFE—THANKS TO YOU!



This year, thousands of men, women and children devastated by homelessness will come to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission seeking help. Your gifts will help provide **over 304,000 meals, including a traditional Easter dinner, over 72,000 items of clothing and more than 98,000 nights** of shelter for these precious neighbors.

Beyond satisfying their basic needs, many will also enter our life-transforming programs. With your support, they'll receive short- and long-term assistance, education, counseling, recovery classes, job training and much more.

The Gospel message lives at the core of these transformative programs. That message of the life-transforming love and grace of Jesus Christ can bring healing to every precious man, woman or child, no matter what their circumstances.



"In one of the darkest spots of my life, you brought me back into the light. I don't know where I'd be without you and the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. You really did give me the chance to start over."
— Alicia, Door of Hope



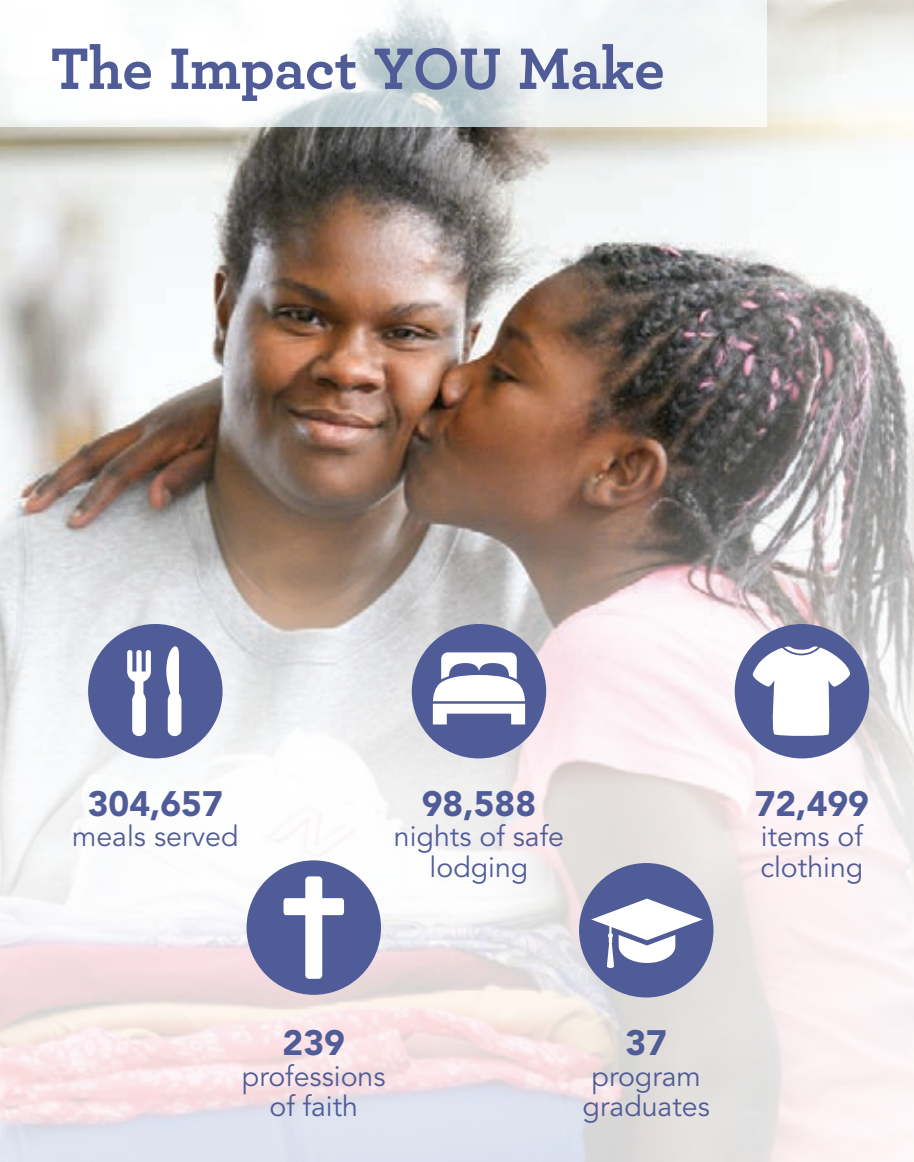
"I have my daughters and my ex-wife back in my life. I have my self-respect. As a donor, that's what you did for me. You gave me my life back. Thank you!"
— Michael, Safe Harbor



"Thank you for supporting the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. You're not only giving me the chance to heal, you're giving me a new future for me and my son. Thank you."
— Alesha, Joy House



The Impact YOU Make



304,657
meals served



98,588
nights of safe
lodging



72,499
items of
clothing



239
professions
of faith



37
program
graduates



Contributions	\$11,735,748	54.7%
Child Enrichment Center	\$130,773	0.6%
Wills & Estates	\$747,181	3.5%
In-Kind Contributions	\$5,403,424	25.2%
Choice Income	\$2,673,102	12.5%
Investments	\$416,047	1.9%
Events	\$222,882	1.0%
Miscellaneous	\$135,190	0.6%
TOTAL:	\$21,464,347	100%

Save the Date!



The Milwaukee Rescue Mission will host our annual banquet on **Thursday, May 7, 2020**, at Discovery World. An evening of fun, food, fellowship, dining and inspiration will be on the menu! Proceeds from the event will help homeless men, women and children start over and rebuild their lives on a firm foundation.

For more information, contact events@milmission.org, call **414-935-0253** or visit milmission.org/events.

Matthew Award

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission's Matthew Award is given to honor special partners who exemplify the spirit of Matthew 25:40. In 2019, we honored Power Test, who has changed lives here through many years of faithful financial support, Thanksgiving food drives, support for our capital campaign and much more. Thank you, Power Test!

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'—Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

MEMORIAL & IN HONOR OF GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF: Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost a loved one. A memorial gift to MRM is a special way to offer hope to the hurting in the name of a friend or family member.

Vincent Alvaro
Catherine, Oliver and Justin Amidon Pirkil
My dear Dad Babu
Martin L. Bachhuber
Mrs. Kamala Bangalore-Raju
Mah'Leah Barbee
Thomas A. Barczewski
DuWayne A. Begotka
Mary Lou Behling
Dorothy Bein
Joseph (Joe) Bennett
Ambika Bhandari
Luke Blavat
Our father, Walter Blodgett
Paul T. Bock
Shirley Boerner
McKenzie Ray Bohlinger
Kim Bori
Paul S. Braun
Mary Beth Braun
CL Braxton and C. Thompson Braxton
Ted John and Tim Charek Bray
Donald George Breitbach
My Grandma and Grandpa Breunig
Mom and Dad Lecher Brix
Linda Brost
Dick Buchman
Martin Luther Budithi
John and Kay Buratto
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Lucille Faust
Richard Fenelon
Gayl Fetzner
Edmund Fink
Mitchell Fischer
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Gerald (Jerry) Frank
Mavis Freyberg
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Grandson. Steven Godecke
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Osborne Gruetzke
Mary Ruth Gutmann
Ellen Hader
Agnes Harless
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Vaclav Havel
Audrey Ann Hawkins
Jeffrey Heilert
Leona Hejnal
Norbert Hemesath
Chuck Herbst
Ileana and Gheorghe Herr
Roger A. Herriges
Tyler Herzog
Andrew F. Hetzel
Ferdinand (Timothy) Hinrichs
Robert Hoerig
Marianne Hoerig
Sandra L. Hoffman
David Joseph Holly
David Hubbard
Ingrid Hughes
Dorothy K. Humphrey
Musarrat Intiaz
Gaile Ine
Chuck, Helen, Noel and Carol Jackson
Richard and Roberta Jaeger
Robert W. Jensen
AWJ, MEJ Johnson
William E. Jones, Sr.
Norbert Kaczorowski
Roger Scott Kasal

Charlotte and Gene Keller
David and Barbara Kelley
Cecilia Kern
Dewey, Opal, Helen, Jim Kessen
Karl Keup
Dean W. Kick
Kyoko Kinishi
Jesus Kiper
Dorothy Kizewski
Betty Kjer
Jerry Kleeman
Mom and Dad Kopke
Georgia Koterba
Lawrence Kraby
David Krause
Robert (Bob) Krawczyk
Janet Krueger
Diane Krueger
Robert and Dorothy Kruger
Rudy Kubicek
Roberta and Betty Kugel
Judith Kunda
Diane K. Kyano
Vic La Fond
J. Naczek Ladwig
Norbert and Johanna Lanser
Mary Anne Larsen
Shirley Laska
Raymond M. Lauerman, Jr.
Jean Lazarus
Lawrence and Ann Levandowski
Mr. and Mrs. James Livingston
Ronald G. Lopez
Franklin Lotter
Don Maas
Jackie Macaulay
Geraldine (Geri) Maddison
Clarence Mann
Chef Mike Marcello
Jeff Martin
Rebel Martin
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My brother, Steve M. Mesheski
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Betty Jane Ryan
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Richard Schroeder
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John Schwartz
Al Seer
Diane Seymour
Gerald T. Simons

Laura Kathleen Smalley
Lorraine Smith
Miriam L. Smith
My deceased family Spoerl
Margaret Spuehler-DuPrey
Wesley and Phyllis Stehr
Cynthia (Cindy) Stenz
Gunther (Gunner) Stenzel
Lucille and Donald Sterr
Harold Stops
Linda Stowell
Joseph (Joe) Strong
Ruth Tamms
Helen Tarasinski
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Sadie M. Torre
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Richard (Dick) Trinkl
Tania Troncoso-Karrels
Georgia Tubbs
Papi and Danny Valdes
Manolo Valdes
Edward Vander Grinten
Don Vanderventer
Gerald P. Veendaaal
Anthony J. Verdore
Bruce Vosseller
Clarence Wagner
Loretta Walz
Kenneth (Ken) Warschkow
Ms. Mildred Washington
Sharon Weeks
Norman Richard Wein
Bob and Tillie Weinert
Eugene H. Weitzer
Fred and Eleanor Wertz
Karmen Whitish
Jerry Edward Wiesmueller
Stephen Wilken
Ron Williams
Cleora Peace Williams
Kelly Wolfmeyer
Timothy (Tim) Wolfmeyer
Jim and Anne Wolter
Hope Wudtke
Anna Marie Zachar
Eric Zagorski
Paul Zavodski
Franklin M. Zelenik

IN HONOR OF: A gift to MRM is a great way both to provide hope and to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion!

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Katyrose Chapman

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Joseph Cieminski
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Mary Bednarik Crumrine
My Daughter Shari Day
John and Jaime DeChamps
Doug Dehler
Katherine Nelson Desmarais
Richard Dodd
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Rodney Fairbanks
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Janet Harvey
Marten P. Henriksen
Chuck Herbst
Wally Hesselbein
Bob Hudson
Anthony Impellitteri's
70th Birthday
Rev. and Mrs. James P. Jankowski
Mary Jones
Holly Josephs
Noah Josephson
Mike and Carol Keiler
My Lord and Savior, Jesus
Mary Knepel
John and Mary Knepel
Walter Laughrin
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Steve Metz
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Karyn Minkley-Birmingham
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Jane Ore
Reed Family
Buntrock Family
Averill Family
Grandma Betty Ostermeyer
Min and Peg Ott
Roger and Audrey Otten
Pharmacology Office Staff
Our Lord Jesus Christ
Fred and Inta Reaman
YHWH Relerford
William Rice
Alicia and Aaron Roberts
All my friends, old and new,
Rogers
The Bible Study Sisters, Ruesch

Brother in law, Tony's
70th Birthday, Schabowski
Ward Schieg
Fertile Ground Discipleship
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Claire Ugowski
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SHAWNNA'S NEW PATH OF HOPE



Tragedy, chaos and homelessness followed Shawanna for much of her life. Disappointment and heartache were all too familiar.

It didn't start out that way. "I had the best mom ever," she says. "Homemade meals, she protected me, every day she said she loved me, she was awesome."

But Shawanna's self esteem suffered as she struggled with learning disabilities at school. Despite her mother's protection and encouragement, Shawanna's life began to stray. In high school, she was sexually assaulted. Then, at 22, she gave birth to her son, Jaydin. Shortly after, Shawanna's precious mother was diagnosed with cancer.

To cope with single motherhood, working and caring for her dying mother, Shawanna began taking pain pills. Sadly, things went from bad to worse when her mother passed away. Devastated, lost and facing homelessness, Shawanna started using heroin—wrecking not only her health, but her hope.

"Between my addiction and depression, my body got weak. I caught pneumonia," Shawanna says. "I was basically dying. And I was okay with that, I really was."

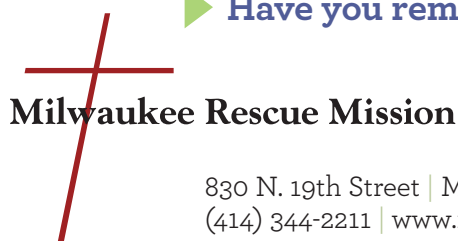
Though she recovered, another gut-wrenching loss followed. Her once-absent father died of an overdose just as she was rebuilding a relationship with him.

After another rocky living situation fell apart, Shawanna needed help. Overwhelmed with grief and stress, and on the verge of homelessness again, she turned to Joy House, where she found stability for herself and 9-year-old Jaydin—and a new path for her life. "Joy House got me in touch with God and Jesus again. They gave me hope, and a chance to reevaluate," Shawanna says.

Soon, they will move to new housing, forever changed by Joy House and the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. "I am so grateful for all the donors who gave me this second chance when I needed it most. And to Joy House, for showing me the love of Jesus and His forgiveness and giving me the chance to get my life back on track."

Work at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission!

Have you ever thought of joining the team at MRM? Check out our employment opportunities at milmission.org/employment



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"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40 (NIV)