

# Addictions/Recovery

For those suffering from addictions, the Reno- Sparks Gospel Mission offers hope through it's **free** yearlong, 150-bed residential recovery program, Christian Addiction Recovery and Education (CARE).

Recovery isn't easy, so CARE is an intensive 13-month program designed to bring men and women to Christ, provide a safe environment for sobriety and to change faulty thinking patterns and poor decision-making.

Clients receive training to handle life's problems without turning to alcohol, drugs or gambling. Men and women in the program receive free housing, meals, clothing and personal hygiene products.

In return, they attend educational classes designed to strengthen their commitment to God. They work on specific areas of concern, such as addictions, low



self-esteem, coping skills, money management, relationships and anger, while learning new skills, such as a Certificated 6 month Culinary Program.

The first six months focus on building a solid biblical foundation and addressing immediate client needs and addictions. The second half develops clients into mature Christians while working on educational and vocational needs to return them to society as productive, responsible citizens who contribute to their community.

Program clients also attend daily chapel services, weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies.

Work therapy is vital, and clients are assigned to various work areas such as the warehouse, maintenance crew, or thrift stores. They utilize existing skills or are trained in such areas as retail, appliance repair, electronics, furniture repair, maintenance, and forklift operations.

Each assignment stresses self-discipline, responsibility and strong work ethics.

Our goal is to bring needed change in many areas of their lives by giving clients ample opportunities for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, the Creator of new lives.

About 40% complete the program (*about twice the national average*).

For those who graduate, about 6 out of 10 **DO NOT** return to their previous lifestyles!

## At a Glance...

- RSGM has served the Reno-Sparks and Northern Nevada area since 1963.
- We are the area's largest private provider of services to the needy and homeless with 150 warm, clean beds for men, women and children.
- The Mission offers a free yearlong residential recovery program for men and women. The Christian Addiction Recovery and Education (CARE) program is an intensive recovery program that focuses on the overall well-being of the client by addressing their spiritual, physical and emotional needs as well as extensive job-training and education.
- RSGM operates numerous facilities, including a downtown mission, women's shelter, emergency lodging for men, women and children, transitional housing, a warehouse and four thrift stores (Thrift Depot).
- We address morality, Christianity and self-discipline in all of our programs and services.
- The Mission's work extends beyond its door into numerous community outreaches and services, including food and hygiene giveaways for the poor and destitute, a community pantry, free clothing, and special events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the community.

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Founded in 1963, the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission has become Northern Nevada's largest provider of services to the homeless and needy. During that time, we've served nearly **11 Million** hot, nutritious meals, given away more than **2.5 million** pieces of clothing and provided over **2.3 million** nights of warm beds for those men, women and children seeking shelter from the often harsh environment of the high desert.

The Gospel Mission staff relentlessly pursues their mission of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who come through our doors.

Executive Director Luis Santoni brings over 14 years of leadership and ministry experience in dealing with the hurting and lost. He holds an MBA and prior to stepping into the Executive Director role in 2019; Santoni was our Director of Development since 2006.



"We're here to meet people at their point of pain," Santoni says. "Once we've got them stabilized, we'll work on spiritual issues, employment, social services and counseling. We look at each person as a whole."

To accomplish these goals, the Mission relies entirely on the private donations of individuals, families, churches, foundations and businesses that share this vision and care about the downtrodden. The Mission does not receive any public or tax dollars.

We're here to help. If you'd like to help us, please donate today by visiting our website or mailing in your tax-deductible donation to our offices. You make a difference!

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# Community Services

***The Mission helps the community in many ways. Every year, the Mission...***

- Serves more than **474,000** hot meals to the homeless and needy. Every day, we now serve more than **1,300** meals to the homeless, needy and residents of various shelters.
- Gives away about **98,000** articles of clothing to the poor.
- Supplies over **4,500** bags of emergency groceries to more than **13,000** low-income individuals and families.
- Provides Northern Nevada's largest and most comprehensive free residential substance abuse recovery program, with **150** beds for men and women.
- Conducts special events to help the less fortunate, including "Walk a Mile in My Shoes", "Christmas in July", "Street Treats" and "Random Acts of Kindness".
- Holds holiday food events each year to help about **1,500** families across Northern Nevada enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving or Christmas meal. Our holiday dinners reach more than **2,000** people in a variety of settings, including senior citizen centers.
- Operates four Thrift Depot thrift stores to offer great discounts on quality items, such as furniture, appliances, clothing and more.



Women from all walks come to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission for safety and help. Some seek security just for the night. Others arrive after reaching the end of their rope or because they know they can't do it alone. Sadly, many come after an intervention by judicial and social services.

Women coming to the Gospel Mission for help find a safe environment, free from the abuses that created fear, destructive choices, shame and substance dependencies.



Protected from their past, they can find a new beginning through our **free** 13-month Christian Addiction Recovery and Education

(CARE) program, which also provides meals, lodging, personal necessities and companionship.

Women attend classes offering life-changing curriculum that addresses their depression, low self-esteem and insecurities. Our Bible-based emphasis offers hope, love, healing and victory through the power of Christ.

Women learn structure under experienced leadership that nurtures their growth spiritually, mentally emotionally and physically.

Daily activities include Bible studies, chapel services, prayer and educational courses covering such areas as chemical dependency, basic Christianity, overcoming past wounds, developing healthy relationships and a deeper commitment to God.

Each woman also participates in our work therapy program designed to provide discipline and ethics in the workplace.

In addition, we operate the area's largest private homeless shelter for women, taking in 18 women and several children each night.

**For help, please call**

**775.323.0386, ext. 12**

**Or 775.329.0485 (24hrs)**

The Gospel Mission annually prepares and provides more than **474,000** free meals to the homeless and deprived across the Northern Nevada community.

Our staff prepares up to **1,300** hot meals each day. Every day, we serve men, women and families breakfast and dinner and provide free meals to the residents of the city-run shelters.

Volunteer groups from local churches and businesses are active in preparing and serving the nightly meals to anyone in need.

The Mission also provides countless meals throughout the year to underprivileged families across the Reno-Sparks area. We work closely with individuals, families, churches and schools to supply food from our community pantry to those who are in need.

During the holidays, we serve thousands of meals to those less fortunate across Northern Nevada. We host several special dinner events during non-tradition time such as Easter and our annual "Christmas in July" event.

If you are hungry or know of an individual or family that is, please contact us.

If you would like to help serve a meal or learn of other ways you can help, please call us.

**775.323.7999**

**(Assistance)**

**Or**

**775.323.0386, Ext 16**

**(Volunteers)**



# Food & Hunger Services