

For those suffering from addictions, the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission offers hope through its **free** year-long, 130-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, clients attend educational classes designed to strengthen their commitment to God. Participants work on specific areas of concern, such as



addictions, low self-esteem, coping skills, money management, relationships and anger, while learning new skills. Clients also have the opportunity for vocational training 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 returning them to society as productive, responsible citizens who contribute to their community.

Clients also attend daily chapel services, prayer meetings, Bible studies and weekly attendance at Journey Church.

Work therapy is vital, and clients are assigned to various work areas such as the warehouse, maintenance crew, or thrift stores. Clients utilize existing skills or are trained in such areas as retail, 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.

## At a Glance...

- RSGM has served the Reno-Sparks and Northern Nevada area since 1963.
- The Mission offers a **free** year-long 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, **free** residential treatment for men and women, transitional housing, a warehouse, Journey Church 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 one of Northern Nevada's largest providers of services to the homeless and needy. During that time, we've served nearly **15 Million** meals, given away more than **2 million** pieces of clothing and provided over **2.7 million** nights of warm beds for those men, women and children seeking shelter from the harsh environment of the high desert. We have helped more than **100,000** alcoholics and addicts.

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 has brought leadership and ministry experience in dealing with the hurting and lost since 2006. He holds an MBA and prior to stepping into the Executive Director role

in 2019; Santoni was our Director of Development.

"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 mentoring. 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 government 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...***

- Distributes nearly **500,000** meals to the homeless and needy. Daily, we serve more than **1,300** meals to the less fortunate, churches, food pantries and non-profits.
- Gives away nearly **100,000** articles of clothing to the poor.
- Supplies over **21,000** bags of emergency groceries to more than **13,000** low-income individuals and families.
- Provides Northern Nevada with a faith based, comprehensive **free** residential substance abuse recovery program, with **130** beds for men and women.
- Conducts special events to help the less fortunate, including "Walk a Mile in My Shoes", "Christmas in July", "Harvest Festival" and "Random Acts of Kindness".
- Holds events each year to help about **1,500** families 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 clothing, furniture, household items and more.



Women from all walks come to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission for safety and help. Seeking security women 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 vocational skills, discipline and workplace ethics.

RSGM offers a reunification space for women and children in our residential treatment program that is warm and inviting. This fosters a sense of connection and belonging.

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**Or 775.329.0485 (24hrs)**

The Gospel Mission annually prepares and provides nearly **500,000** free meals to the homeless and deprived across the Northern Nevada community.

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

Volunteer groups from local churches and businesses are active in preparing and serving 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, non-profits 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 the community. We host several special dinner events during non-tradition time such as Easter and our annual "Christmas in July" event. Monthly, the Gospel Mission provides a Pop-up Pantry at our Journey Church location. 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.

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# Food & Hunger Services