

the **MISSION**

Stories of Second Chances

**THANK YOU
FOR GIVING
Brice
A NEW
BEGINNING.**



Because of you, he has joy in his heart this Easter!



**RENO-SPARKS
GOSPEL MISSION
INC.**

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“I know that *God loves me.*”

Brice had to get away from the negative influences in his life – but he didn’t know how. All his friends were involved in drugs; it was what he was used to. **If he was going to break free from addiction, he’d need help.**

Brice had gotten involved with the wrong crowd as a teenager. It put a strain between him and his family, and Brice started turning to his friends more and more for emotional support. But the people he thought were his friends didn’t have his best interests at heart.

“I realized they just saw me as someone they could use to help transport their drugs. That really hit home, because they were all I had. It made me feel lonely, like no one wanted to be around me,” he says. **“It was a really dark time in my life.”**

The answer to Brice’s prayer for a new life came when he was arrested. Part of his release agreement was that he come to the Mission and join our Addiction Recovery Program.

“***The minute I got to the Mission I was joyous. I was just so glad to be here.***”

“I knew I could stay sober. I knew I could do good with my life. I just needed to give it all to God. I needed to learn His will for my life.”

Brice began to thrive as part of our recovery program. He started addressing shame from his past, and he found purpose in leading the food pantry ministry at the Mission. He’s still healing, but now he has hope for his future. He’s even planning to go to college!

“I used to see myself as a disgrace. As someone who was not worth being around. I



thought the world was just better off without me,” Brice says. “Now, I see myself in a completely different light.”

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Brice is grateful for your support this Easter. “I know that God loves me. I can be a light that shines in this world for Him.”



A Message from LUIS SANTONI

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**



Luis Santoni
Executive Director



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.17 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ Safe housing in our Residential Treatment Program
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 🌟 Give online anytime at www.rsgm.org.

Leave a legacy of *blessing*

Thank you for your generous spirit. It's reflected in all you do to share your blessings with those in need.

If you would like to continue bringing healing and hope to the homeless, hungry, addicted and abused in Northern Nevada beyond your lifetime, please keep reading.

When you remember the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission in your will or estate plan, you ensure that your spirit of compassion continues blessing others tomorrow and beyond. You'll leave a legacy of blessing for years to come.

For information on planned giving opportunities, please contact our Director of Development, Marie Krueger, at
☎ (775) 323-0386, ext. 14 or ✉ marie@rsgm.org.

Find a Bargain. Bless a Life.



When you make a donation or shop at our Thrift Store, you're blessing others in so many ways!

Our impoverished neighbors find well-priced necessities. Our program guests receive on-the-job training. And Thrift Store proceeds support our ministry that saves and transforms lives.

Shop between 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at any of our four locations:

*Thrift Depot McCarran (Reno):
2900 Clear Acre Lane (at McCarran)*

*Thrift Depot Sparks:
640 Greenbrae Dr. (Greenbrae
Shopping Center)*

*Thrift Depot Reno:
575 E. Fourth St. (at Elko)*

*Thrift Depot North Hills (Reno):
1075 North Hills Blvd., Ste. 360
(Raley's Shopping Center)*

To donate goods for our thrift stores, drop your donations off at our warehouse at 2115 Timber Way in Reno or call Marie Krueger at **(775) 323-0386, ext. 14.**

"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



Join an extraordinary group of people!

Most people walk into the Mission with just the clothes on their backs. They're homeless, abandoned by friends and family. They have nowhere else to turn.

A very special group of people who have real faith in our work have made a commitment to help them. It's a commitment that says, "I'll be there for you... I want to make sure you get the help you need!"

These monthly donors provide the regular support needed to feed and house men, women and children who are in need and hurting. To share the love of Christ. And to help those who are lost and destitute connect with loved ones and return to the community.

You're invited to become a member of this extraordinary group.

To learn more about becoming a monthly donor, call **(775) 323-0386, ext. 12** or email tammyt@rsgm.org or info@rsgm.org.