

# the **MISSION**

Stories of Second Chances

**THANK YOU  
FOR LOVING  
YOUR  
NEIGHBOR,  
SHARAY,**

and giving her  
hope for the  
future!



**RENO-SPARKS  
GOSPEL MISSION  
INC.**

## **DON'T MISS...**

**2** Your love will transform lives this summer!

**3** "I have hope. I have God."

**4** Leave a lasting legacy

# “I have hope. I HAVE GOD.”

Sharay was alone for much of her childhood. Her single mom worked a lot. Sharay tried to fill her time with extracurricular activities, and she excelled at sports and music. But all she really wanted was to feel loved – and that seemed to be the one thing missing from her life.

**“I started looking for love in the wrong places.** I never felt accepted by my friends. I never felt good enough. It’s like there was a piece of me that was missing. I didn’t have God in my life,” she says.

Sharay turned to drugs to try to fill the void in her heart. By age 14, she was struggling with addiction. Over the following years, there were times when she was doing well – particularly around the births of her children. She wanted to be a good mom for them. But before long, life would throw another disappointment her way, and she’d go back to drugs to cope.

**Sharay knew it would take a long-term program for her life to finally change for good.** When her marriage failed and the heartbreak drove Sharay back to drugs yet again, she knew it was the right time. A family member suggested she come to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission.

“I felt like God was calling me here,” she says. “It was important for me to get close to God and to know Him, because I didn’t have Him in my life before.”

**At the Mission, Sharay found the love and acceptance she’d been searching for all her life.** Through mentorship and our recovery program, she healed from her past and gained the tools she needed to move forward as a mother and provider for her family.

“The Mission welcomed me with open arms. They let me come as I was and accepted me,” she says. “I’m just so grateful.”

**Sharay is thankful for the way you have answered God’s calling to love your neighbor as yourself – and have helped her learn how to love herself.** “I have God, and that’s really all I need. Now I have a lot of hope. I know God loves me.”



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“Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” - Galatians 5:13b-14

# A meal for \$2.17 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



## A Message from LUIS SANTONI

### Thank you for loving your neighbors as yourself

We all need a helping hand from time to time. No one makes it through life without a little care and compassion along the way. That's what loving your neighbors is all about, right?

And yet, you and I know that God's Word has a way of challenging us to go further... of stretching our faithfulness beyond what we thought possible. The Lord makes the impossible POSSIBLE at the Mission, thanks to the generosity of friends like YOU.

Now, as the summer months approach, I hope we can count on you during our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.

Time and time again in Scripture, we're told not just to "love your neighbor" but to "love your neighbor as yourself." That's a big difference! It's making the needs of others a priority equal with your own from the beginning.

I'm so grateful for friends like you who give in this way to our brothers and sisters in need in Northern Nevada. And I ask for your continued support through the summer, when the weather can be dangerous for people who live outside.

Thank you for offering a helping hand to your neighbors most in need – and for continuing to love them **as yourself.**



Luis Santoni  
Executive Director

## **YOUR LOVE** will transform lives this summer!

Your gift today provides:



127,400 meals



7,350 beds



hundreds of  
hygiene items



countless hours of  
mentorship & education



life-transforming decisions  
for Christ

**DON'T FORGET OUR NEIGHBORS  
THIS SUMMER... SHOW YOU CARE  
WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**  
98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**Give now!**  
[www.rsgm.org](http://www.rsgm.org)



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

## Find a bargain, **BLESS A LIFE...**



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

Our four locations offer well-priced necessities for low-income neighbors, along with on-the-job training opportunities for our program guests. Proceeds from all stores support our ministry that saves and transforms lives.

We accept donations at our Warehouse location, 2115 Timber Way in Reno, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We also are happy to schedule donation pick ups by calling **(775) 323-7999** or emailing [dispatch@rsgm.org](mailto:dispatch@rsgm.org).

For more information about our thrift stores, contact us at **(775) 323-0386, ext. 10** or [thriftdepot@rsgm.org](mailto:thriftdepot@rsgm.org).



# Help your neighbors **BEAT THE HEAT** this summer!

You know how hot it can get in Northern Nevada in summertime... now imagine being out on the streets in this heat. **Our brothers and sisters in need are at risk of heat stroke, dehydration or even death – especially those who are most vulnerable**, like seniors or families with children.

But this summer, YOU can help! You can show our hurting neighbors they haven't been forgotten by providing them with essentials such as:



**Cool water to drink  
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers  
& safe housing**



**Clean clothes & socks –  
our most requested item!**



**Sunscreen &  
hygiene items**

In addition to these basics, you'll welcome them to the Mission where they can recover and rebuild their lives. You provide medical care to treat any health challenges. Faith-based mentorship to heal from past trauma. Classes and job training to promote independence. Everything they need for healthier, more stable lives!

To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit <https://rsgm.org/ways-to-help/>.



## *Leave a Lasting Legacy*

Many people provide a lifetime of generous gifts for family, friends and organizations they care about – but over half of U.S. adults do not have a will or other estate plan.

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live. And the result may be very different from what you had wished, especially if your desire was not only to care for those you leave behind, but to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

The Mission can help make sure your wishes are followed, and that your generosity lives on to transform hearts and lives for years to come.

For information on planned giving opportunities, please call Marie at **(775) 323-0386, ext. 14** or email **marie@rsgm.org**.

*And if you have already included the Rescue Mission in your will, please let us know so we can say "Thank you!"*