

the **MISSION**

Stories of Second Chances

VICKIE IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING *because of your support*

You've given her hope and
new life this holiday!



**RENO-SPARKS
GOSPEL MISSION
INC.**

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2 Our Thanksgiving
Campaign has begun!

3 "I gave all my
worries to God."

4 Help Us
Get Ready!

Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from LUIS SANTONI

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Luis Santoni
Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

117,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.17 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at www.rsgm.org.**

Read Vickie's story - a life you helped change!

"I GAVE ALL MY WORRIES TO GOD."

From a young age, Vickie struggled with depression and didn't know how to cope. "My parents were recovering addicts, and there was a lot of drinking all the time," she says.

So as a teenager, whenever she felt sad or experienced a difficult situation, Vickie turned to substances – as she'd watched her parents do – to numb her emotional pain.

"Addiction really ruined my life," Vickie says. "I didn't care about myself at all."

When her struggles led to time in jail, Vickie hit rock bottom... and found God. **"I just remember asking God, 'If you are there, can you please help me?' I was tired of hating my life."**

Vickie started praying and reading the Bible... and she stayed sober for almost 2 years after her release. Sadly, the pressures of life outside a jail cell – like caring for a sick parent, maintaining a job and providing for her children – became too much to bear and she relapsed. "I lost sight of God... and I wasn't putting Him first."

Thankfully, Vickie was offered the opportunity to come to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, where her life began to change.

“**When I came to RSGM, all the weight of the world was lifted off of me.**”

Vickie joined our Christian recovery program, where she found a safe place to begin processing her emotions and the triggers of her addiction. "All of those things I struggled to deal with were brought to the light, and I learned to talk about them in a comforting way," she says.

Through Bible study and the support of our staff, Vickie has also discovered her self-worth. "I'm learning I'm loved regardless of what I've done... that God's love is unconditional. He's redeemed me."



Vickie's heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave her the confidence and encouragement to rebuild her life. "I'm so thankful for how RSGM has helped me put God first... This program has changed my life."

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve men, women and children here at the Mission? **We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!**



Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: **Mariah Peaslee** at (775) 323-0386, ext. 16

Email: mariah@rsgm.org

Or visit www.rsgm.org to find out more or sign up now!

Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at **2115 Timber Way in Reno between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

- Turkeys
- Sweet potatoes or yams
- Turkey gravy
- Brown sugar
- Butter
- White onions
- Cranberry sauce
- Cream of mushroom soup
- French fried onions
- Potatoes
- Pumpkin pie
- Cool Whip



Thank you for making these meals extra special!

The Backbone of Our Ministry...



Our Monthly Giving Partners ensure a steady stream of support for our life-changing outreach. Their monthly gifts of \$20 or more provide food, shelter and Christ-centered guidance that empower hurting individuals to rebuild their lives. You're invited to join this extraordinary group!

Simply complete the back of the enclosed reply card, or visit www.rsgm.org and click the "donate" button. God bless you for your dedication to your neighbors in need.

Luis, I want to bless our neighbors in need with my Thanksgiving season gift of:

- \$21.70 to feed & care for 10 people
- \$54.25 to feed & care for 25 people
- \$75.95 to feed & care for 35 people
- \$88.97 to feed & care for 41 people
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

Helps the most!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

- CHECK ENCLOSED BILL MY CREDIT CARD
- VISA M/C DISC AMERICAN EXPRESS

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