
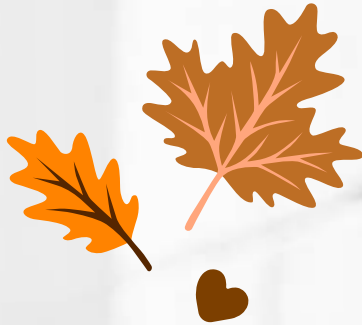


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Anthony wants to share how your support changed his life! 



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Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



A Message from LUIS SANTONI

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather is starting to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many men, women and children who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgi**

It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to the Mission for help, their season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that

they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire – and they **choose** a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 117,000 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling man and woman who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.



Luis Santoni
Executive Director

YOU'RE MAKING GOALS AND DREAMS POSSIBLE...



"I felt lost... I was coping by using drugs and unsure how to live my life. Now I know I'm loved and accepted by God, and my past doesn't define me."

"I'd been wrecked and humbled by drug use and prison... it felt like I was garbage and everyone knew it. Now I know I'm worth something. I've been redeemed and I have peace."



At the Mission, hopes and dreams are born – because thanks to the support of friends like you, men and women in our recovery program can believe that a brighter future is possible.

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives and fulfill dreams, visit www.rsgm.org.

Thank you for believing that everyone deserves the opportunity to build a better, more fulfilling life!

Join Our
2023 Thanksgiving CAMPAIGN

117,000
Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

For just \$2.17, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:


Safe housing in our Residential Treatment Program


Warm clothing, coats & shoes


Classes & job training


God's life-changing love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at www.rsgm.org.

Meet Anthony – who is thankful for your support!



“After years of addiction and isolation, I’m so **thankful** to be here.”



Anthony will never forget the day he picked up his phone in sheer desperation and dialed the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission. “I asked what it takes to get into the program,” he recalls. “And they basically said, ‘Just show up.’”

That call had been a long time in the making. Anthony had grown up in a broken home with both parents battling addictions. And as he got older, he began to dabble with alcohol and drugs, mostly to feel accepted by his peers. But it was a breakup with his ex and separation from his children that pushed Anthony to the brink.

“That period in my life was probably the most miserable I’ve ever been,” Anthony says. “For five years solid I wasn’t in contact

with my children, and I went off the deep end into alcohol and meth. I just felt sick all the time.”

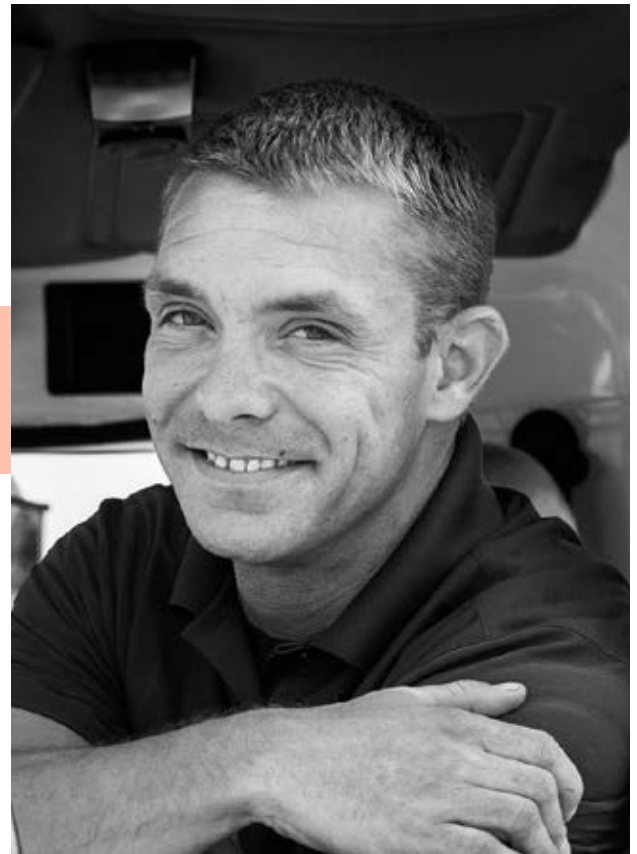
As a result, Anthony lost jobs, was evicted and had no place to call home. He knew he needed real help. He also knew he wanted to be a real dad to his kids. So, he made the phone call to the Mission. More importantly, he showed up.

Anthony was warmly welcomed, and through biblical mentorship and care he is gradually healing, physically and spiritually. “I didn’t know anything about God,” he says. “But coming here and hearing that God is all about love and forgiveness... now I’m learning to forgive myself.”

“Here at the Mission, I’ve found value in just being the person that I am.”

As Anthony continues to heal, he’s working toward becoming a certified welder. And he looks forward to reconnecting with his kids and becoming the father he was meant to be.

Anthony is filled with thanksgiving for God’s presence in his life – and your incredible generosity and support! “When you come here and you do the program through and through, it changes your life.”



The Gift that Keeps Blessing



HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?

What if you could bring healing and hope to hurting and homeless people well beyond your lifetime? You can... and it's as simple as including the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission in your will.

You choose how you'd like to give: cash, real estate, property or stocks. **And you can update your wishes any time.** It's truly a gift that will carry out your legacy of compassion and keep blessing those in need.

To learn more, please contact our Executive Director, Luis Santoni, at **(775) 323-0386** or **luis@rsgm.org**

Already blessed the Mission with a bequest? Please let us know so we can say, "Thank you!"



Book a Mission speaker for your next event!

Hear how God has been at work in our community this year, and how your generosity is supporting life-changing services and programs.

Contact Marie Krueger to arrange a visit: marie@rsgm.org.



Donate essential items!

Help stock our kitchen with the food items and our clothing closet with the protective clothing needed to care for our hungry, weary neighbors. OR... host a donation drive by inviting others to join you in collecting much needed items for struggling community members.

To see our most urgently needed items, visit www.rsgm.org/needslist



Get involved yourself!

Join us for a chapel service, attend our program residents' graduation, enjoy a guided tour – we'd love to show you the life-saving work made possible by your generosity! OR... set up a time for your family, friends or church to volunteer this fall!

To learn more, visit www.rsgm.org



There's More to See Online!

Visit us online to read more about the difference your support is making – and stay up-to-date on everything we have planned in the coming months! The holidays are just around the corner, so visit our website now to easily...



- Sign up to volunteer
- See our current needs list
- Donate safely and securely
- Read stories of lives changed
- Check out our upcoming events



Please visit our website today! www.rsgm.org