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Stories of Second Chances

## Giving thanks for YOU

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## A Message from LUIS SANTONI

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Donald, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

**I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help and healing to people who are hurting in our community.**

From the essentials of food, warm clothing and safe housing... to long-term healing and stability through our

recovery program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 117,000 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!



Luis Santoni, Executive Director

## YOU'RE MAKING GOALS AND DREAMS POSSIBLE...

At the Mission, hopes and dreams come to life – thanks to friends like you! Because of your prayers and support, men and women in our recovery program look forward to brighter futures.



*“I feel like I've been renewed. I'm very hopeful for the future. The Mission has given my life meaning.”*

*“The Mission has given me so many opportunities. It has turned my life around. I've been saved.”*



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

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit [www.rsgm.org](http://www.rsgm.org).

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# 2024 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 just \$2.17, YOU can provide a meal** to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:

  
Safe housing

  
Warm clothing, coats & shoes

  
Classes & job training

  
God's unconditional love

**Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season!** Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [www.rsgm.org](http://www.rsgm.org).



*Scan to see how you can help this fall!*

“I have hope and the tools to move on. I’M AT PEACE.”



All Donald wanted was a relationship with his father. It wasn’t until he was an adult with three children that he got that validation from him. “He told me he was proud of me and that he loved me,” he recalls. Just when Donald thought he was going to have a relationship with him, his dad died in an accident. “That really hurt,” he says, “I was pretty angry, especially at God.”

It wasn’t until after his father passed that Donald felt the full impact of his dad’s influence on his life. He started drinking more – just like he’d seen his dad do growing up. “I realized I turned out just like him,” he shares.

Donald struggled with addiction for most of his life. It ended his 32-year marriage. He sank into depression and “drowned the pain and loneliness away” with alcohol.

One day, while drinking, he fell down the stairs. “I was a fraction of an inch from snapping my neck. I should’ve been dead,” Donald shares.

His daughter eventually brought him to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission where he had an eye-opening conversation with a staff member. “This was God’s way of waking you up,” Donald recalls him saying.

He completed the Reno Sparks Gospel Mission C.A.R.E. program and now volunteers at our electronics donation site. “Before the Mission, I had no purpose. I’ve learned that I do make a difference. **I never got that appreciation from my father, but I get it here,**” he says.

He is grateful to the Mission for helping him overcome isolation, for the care and love he has received and for the resources provided. “**They give you everything you need,**” he says.

“The Mission has helped me see that I do make a difference.”

Donald says he has also come to “know God’s work, that He does care. He does hear me.”

**This fall, Donald gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life.** “Before I came to the Mission, I was hopeless, lonely and felt like I had no purpose. Now, I have hope and the tools to move on. I’m at peace.”





## *This season, we give thanks for...*

As we celebrate our 61st year of providing healing and hope for brothers and sisters in need, we are very grateful for a dedicated group of people who are the backbone of this ministry.

These people are our monthly partners.

They make sure we have the vital resources to provide ongoing care for those who come to the Mission struggling with homelessness, addiction and other challenges so they can rebuild their lives. Their commitment to provide a gift each month enables us to provide not only basic food and housing, but also job training, mentorship and the consistent support to change lives.

They stand beside us as we take in neighbors in need into our care and share the love of Christ.

**We invite you to become a member of this dedicated group making a difference each month.**

To learn more, visit our website at [www.rsgm.org/ways-to-help](http://www.rsgm.org/ways-to-help) or contact Marie Krueger at **(775) 323-0386, ext. 14** or [info@rsgm.org](mailto:info@rsgm.org).



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

Please visit our website today! [www.rsgm.org](http://www.rsgm.org)

Plus, follow us on social media to connect with other people in our community who share your heart for the cause:

