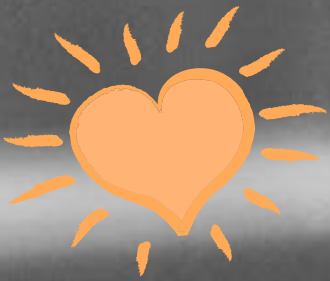


Summer 2025



the MISSION

Stories of Second Chances



**Your love
helps Rachel**
*know she is
not alone...*

LOVE  YOUR
NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN



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DON'T MISS...

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3 "I was empowered by encouragement and love."

4 Visit a Thrift Depot store today!



**“I WAS EMPOWERED BY
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Rachel grew up watching her mother struggle with alcoholism and drug addiction. With that chaos as the backdrop to her homelife, Rachel began using substances herself to cope. “I really looked up to my mom, so I followed in her path,” she recalls.

By the age of 13, Rachel was struggling with addictive behaviors. For years into adulthood, addiction guided Rachel’s choices, leading to trouble with the law and putting her in dangerous situations. “I even lived in a tent,” she shares. “Looking back, I can’t begin to fathom how I made it out of that time period alive.”

One day, Rachel sensed the Lord answering her prayers for help and guiding her to the Mission, where she could take her first step toward change.

Rachel was led to the Mission and accepted into our C.A.R.E program, a 13-month journey of healing and faith. “Most important in my recovery has been fellowship with like-minded people,” Rachel says. “Every day, I reflect upon what I learned – when I look to God, doors open.”

Since graduation, Rachel has found full-time employment and is a happy newlywed. She enjoys staying connected to the Mission.

“This place will always hold a special place in my heart. They provided me with essential support, resources and a welcoming community that inspired me to reevaluate my life’s path.”

Thank you for loving neighbors like Rachel “as you’ve loved yourself.” Your



**kindness
has reminded her
that she is not alone and
that a better life is possible!**

“I have a renewed sense of hope, and that’s helped me make meaningful changes and embrace a brighter future!”

**“This was a pivotal
chapter in my journey
toward a better life.”**



A meal served with LOVE for a neighbor in need... **just \$2.17!**



A Message from LUIS SANTONI

You're sharing **God's love** this summer.

I don't have to tell you that our community is special. You see for yourself local acts of care and compassion. When neighbors feel lonely and forgotten, we step up to show love. It's what makes Northern Nevada strong.

But people like YOU make the greatest difference... generous friends who go above and beyond to show love to neighbors in need. That's why I know I can count on your support over these crucial summer months – when so many local men, women and children remain hurting, hungry and homeless.

This month we're kickstarting **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign** to help meet the unique needs of our guests this summer season – like shelter from the heat, nourishing meals and clean water. Each month

is an opportunity for you to respond with a generous gift that reflects the words of Matthew 22:39... to *"love your neighbor as yourself."*

Your support will show struggling people in our community like Rachel that they are never alone. Read her story on page 3 of this newsletter – then consider how you can best respond to help more people like her this summer. We'll be so grateful.



Luis Santoni
Executive Director

"Love your neighbor as yourself..."

- Matthew 22:39



Pledge to **GIVE MONTHLY IN 2025**

We're grateful for faithful friends whose regular support as monthly giving club partners provides a predictable stream of revenue to fund our programs of rescue, recovery and restoration through Christ.

We invite you to join this vital group!

Your pledge of \$30, \$45, \$60 (or more!) per month will help ensure an ongoing foundation of transformation for men and women in Northern Nevada who are working to rebuild their lives, restore their families and return to their communities.



To become a monthly partner, simply call **(775) 323-0386** or visit **www.rsgm.org/ways-to-help** and click on the **GIVE MONTHLY** button to make a secure donation.

THANK YOU!

YOU CAN SHOW A HURTING NEIGHBOR THEY'RE NOT ALONE!



***It starts with
a meal...***



***and ends with
a life renewed!***

Your gift of \$2.17 provides a hot, nourishing meal – and can lead to other life-changing services like housing, Christ-centered counsel and recovery.

Give to our Love Your Neighbor summer campaign... and show local people who are homeless and hurting that you care.



Give now!
www.rsgm.org

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MAKE THIS THE MONTH **YOU** MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Find a Bargain. Bless a Life!

When you shop at one of our Thrift Depot stores in Reno, Sparks or North Hills, you're blessing others in so many ways! Our brothers and sisters in need find well-priced necessities. Our program guests receive on-the-job training and mentorship. Thrift store proceeds support our ministry that saves and transforms lives!

Every time you donate items, you're giving new life to your treasures while opening so many doors for those who are less fortunate.

Please drop off your donations at our warehouse: 2115 Timber Way, Reno, NV 89512, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

For more information, contact us at **(775) 323-7999** or **info@rsgm.org**.



"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." The Mission is always in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to lend a hand. Here are just a few ways you could help:

- Share your talents in our morning chapel service at the Mission
- Help serve dinner or share your faith as diners enjoy their meals
- Train our clients in your trade at our New Life Training Center warehouse
- Pitch in at special holiday events, meals or giveaways
- Make and/or distribute hygiene packs for men and women

Visit www.rsgm.org/ways-to-help/volunteer or call **Mariah Peaslee at **(775) 323-0386, ext. 16**, to get involved.**

Thank you!

