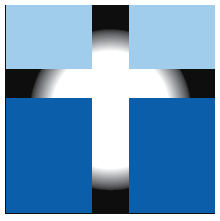


Summer 2026



# the MISSION

Stories of Second Chances



**See how your  
compassion  
gave Crystal  
a fresh start...**

**LOVE YOUR  
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## DON'T MISS...

**2** Love Your Neighbor

**3** "I have the foundation for success."

**4** Keep neighbors SAFE this summer



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



### A Message from Luis Santoni

## Sharing a story of **HOPE** this summer.

I'm grateful for how the Lord writes each of our stories, and how He weaves them together. Through your gifts and prayers, you play a meaningful role in the stories of your neighbors' lives!

Sadly, this summer, too many of our neighbors are experiencing a heartbreaking "chapter": Extreme heat on the streets... thirst and hunger... loss of hope. Many turn to us for cool and safe housing, meals and water, recovery services and more.

You can help share the life-changing care our hurting and homeless neighbors need.

That is my prayer for the summer, **as we begin our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign this month.** Together, we can provide vital help to change our neighbors' stories, and their lives, for good.

I've seen these life-transformations happen right here at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, like for Crystal, whose story you can read on page 3 of this newsletter.

Your support this summer will help make transformations possible for people like her, whether you help once or give all three months. Your generosity across June, July and August will mean steady meals, safe housing and Christ-centered care that helps write new stories of hope for our neighbors.

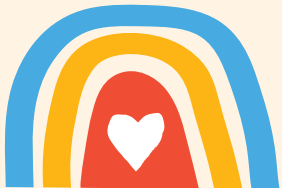
I'll be so grateful.



Luis Santoni  
Executive Director

*"Love your neighbor as yourself..."*

*- Matthew 22:39*



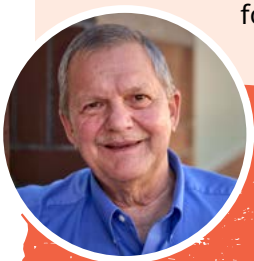
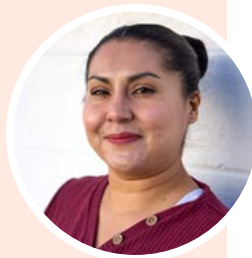
## Their story is just beginning... **THANKS TO YOU!**

Join us in **celebrating new graduates from our long-term C.A.R.E. program!**

Months of Christ-centered mentorship, classes and training have brought them here. Your support and God's grace have given them a new life of hope.

Please pray for our graduates as they rejoin our community. And thank you for your continued support to help new residents start their journeys of transformation.

Learn more about our recovery services for men and women at [www.rsgm.org](http://www.rsgm.org).



We are also blessed to celebrate several baptisms! As these residents commit their lives to God, we join them in praising His loving redemption in their lives!

## 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 mentorship and recovery.

**Give during our Love Your Neighbor campaign... and show local people who are less fortunate that you care.**



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

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**“Thanks to the Mission, I have the foundation for SUCCESS.”**

**C**ystal grew up in an unconventional situation... but it wasn't without love. “My grandparents adopted me when I was three months old and I grew up a happy kid.”

Her biological parents lived across the street. “When I was young, I knew them as my brother and sister. As I got older, I understood who they actually were and they were still part of my life.” But her grandparents were always the ones she called “Mom” and “Dad.”

So when she lost some of her closest family members over the past two decades, it sent Crystal spiraling into depression. Her biological father passed away, then both of her beloved grandparents.

“To numb the pain, I started to drink more and abuse prescription drugs. And then when those became harder to obtain, I turned to street drugs.”

When her drug use got her in trouble with the law, she knew she needed to make a change. “I realized

that all these things I was doing were leading me in a path of darkness,” she says. “I was in chaos.”

Thankfully, she had the opportunity to come to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission. “When I walked through those doors, I was crying because I was so happy to be here. I knew this was right, that God answered my prayers.”

Crystal joined the Christian Addiction Recovery Education (C.A.R.E.) Program and has fully committed to participating in the restoration it brings. Through the Mission's holistic care and supportive community, she has gained the tools she needs to stay sober and to reconnect with God and herself.

“I've had a lot of guilt and shame that the Mission has helped me heal from,” she says. “I've learned that if God can forgive me, I can forgive myself.”

**Because of you, neighbors like Crystal know that God loves them and they are worthy of a new beginning. Thank you for opening the door to hope and healing this summer! “I finally feel grounded. I feel like I have a purpose.”**

**“I needed someplace where I could stay sober and heal. I wanted to break that cycle.”**



# Keep neighbors **SAFE** this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

**Our neighbors out on the street face a scary reality:** Without shade or sun protection, even warm days put them at risk of heat stroke and dehydration. Hot weather is even more dangerous for seniors or families with children. **They need our help.**

Your donations of bottled water or financial gifts can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$20.63 provides a night of safe housing for a man, woman or child in need – along with other services like these!



**Cool water to drink & nourishing meals**  
*(donations of bottled water needed!)*



**Refreshing showers & safe housing**



**Clean clothes & socks**  
*(Socks are our most requested item!)*



**Sunscreen & hygiene items**

Your support helps meet these ongoing needs, allowing our hurting neighbors to recover and rebuild at the Mission – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!



To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit [www.rsgm.org/needslist](http://www.rsgm.org/needslist) or scan here!



## TO DO THIS SUMMER:

# Make a Will!

Your generosity can live on beyond your lifetime! **August is National Make a Will Month.** So now is a great time to get your affairs in order and complete your will this summer.

Through a gift in your will to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, the impact of your generosity will live on, bringing healing and hope to hurting neighbors, season after season.

Here are a just few examples of gifts you can designate to our ministry via your will:



Cash



Real Estate



Property



Stocks

*Ready to talk about leaving your legacy?*

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