

Good NEIGHBORS



THIS IS YOUR CITY. THIS IS YOUR MISSION.

SPRING 2018

HOPE FOR A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

God helped Ethel break the chains of addiction and find peace.

— *Because of YOU,* —

THERE IS HELP & HOPE FOR
PEOPLE LIKE ETHEL — AT EASTER
AND ALWAYS.

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Don't miss...

2 A Message from
Stuart L. Harper

3 "I prayed for God
to forgive me."

4 Easter for Everyone!



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Ethel knew she needed to be a better mom – her years of drug and alcohol abuse strained all her relationships. But it was when she tried crack cocaine that things fell apart rapidly...

One morning, she got tired of waking up crying and went to a detox center. After completing the program, Ethel learned her landlord had evicted her and she had no place to go.

Instead of going to the streets, Ethel came to Cornerstone Manor, where she began Buffalo City Mission’s DREAM Transitional Housing Program to help lift women and children out of poverty and place them on the path to a better life.

“This has really changed my life. I prayed for God to forgive me – to come into my heart, my mind, my body and my soul – and to never have the desire to use again,” she says.

Ethel signed up for a baptism class, as well as other recovery classes, and the transformation has been astounding.

“I always believed in God, but I didn’t have that faith. Coming here brought that faith inside of me. I just fell to my knees and bawled, thanking and praising God.”

Through God’s grace, Ethel is seeing her relationships restored.

“My mom and sister came to my baptism. I’m just praying to have my family back in my life – my kids and my grandbaby – and it’s all coming together.”

Ethel plans to get her GED, and then enroll in school to get her license and open her own hair salon.

“Right now, I’m just working on my recovery. I’m thankful today. I’m grateful!”

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Because of your support, Ethel, and others like her, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of Buffalo City Mission – at Easter and always. “This place has really changed my life.”

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

FEBRUARY 2018



14,310
MEALS SERVED



6,620
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



80
MEN & WOMEN IN OUR
RECOVERY PROGRAMS



1,326
ARTICLES OF CLOTHING



1,040
HOURS OF COUNSELING

CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life.

And that's exactly why it's so frightening for men, women and children to come to Buffalo City Mission. All other options are gone. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through Jesus!

It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.

Christ loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, addicted and fleeing domestic abuse: Loving them where they're at so they feel safe. Giving them grace so they feel



valued. Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.

That's what new life in Christ looks like here!

Thank you for creating a local refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for women like Ethel (*her story is on page 3*), who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.

Stuart L. Harper
Executive Director

Easter HOPE

STARTS WITH \$1.98

SHARE THE HOPE OF NEW LIFE THIS EASTER SEASON!

**HOT MEALS. SAFE SHELTER. MEDICAL CARE,
COUNSELING & JOB TRAINING.**

**A new life... and new hope at Easter!
It starts with your gift today.**

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card & envelope.

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THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!

MARCH
27TH

Tuesday, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
EASTER COMMUNITY MEAL

EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

12,000+ meals
for men, women & children!

With your donation of any of these items, YOU will make Easter special for our local homeless and hungry.



Drop off donations **by Sunday, March 25** at the Mission, 100 E. Tupper St., Buffalo, NY, 7 days a week. Thank you!



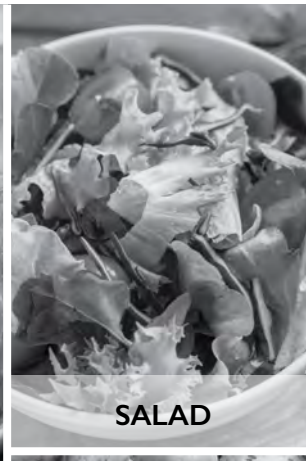
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Volunteer: Please sign up to help serve others this Easter season!
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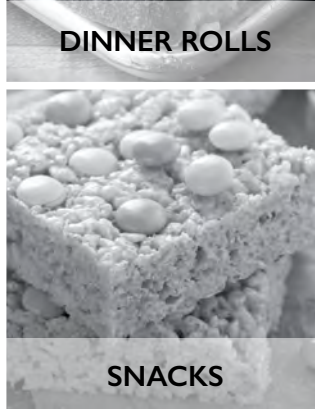
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SALAD



HOMEMADE DESSERTS



SNACKS



BAGGED POTATOES



HAMS



CANNED GREEN BEANS



ASSORTED CANDY



FRUIT

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