LISA IS celebrating new life THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching her life with hope.

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Lisa moved to Buffalo with big dreams for her future. “I really wanted to be a social worker, and I came here to go to college.” She and her son moved into campus family housing, and then the unexpected happened.

“The pandemic hit, and everything went crazy,” Lisa says. Her classes went online, and her son’s schooling became virtual, too. “I had to choose between educating myself or educating my son… I chose my son.”

Under the stress, Lisa’s grades dropped dramatically, and she couldn’t continue her classes. As a result, she and her son were forced to leave the school’s housing. “We had nowhere to go... It was terrifying.”

Thankfully, a social worker helped Lisa and her son connect with Buffalo City Mission. They came to our Cornerstone Manor shelter for women and children, grateful for a safe place to stay in their time of need.

After a few months, Lisa joined our Transitional Housing Program to take steps toward a more stable future. “The classes here have helped me prepare for real life… And my son just loves it here. He feels comfortable and safe.”

Through Bible study and prayer, Lisa has also reconnected with the Lord, who has now become an important part of her and her son’s life. “I think God was there for me… and He wanted me to come back into His arms.”

“I was just a mom who fell on bad circumstances... desperately needing help.

Today, Lisa looks forward to continuing her education, pursuing a career and finding her own apartment where she and her son can make a home.

**Your generous support has filled Lisa’s life with love, encouragement and, most of all, hope this Easter season.** “Through the Mission, we’ve rebuilt a relationship with God... and friendships with others, too. Before I came here, I felt lost... but now I feel loved.”

“God brought me back into His arms.”
“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” - Luke 24:5-6, NIV

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, “And God is able to bless you abundantly…” (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Stuart L. Harper
Executive Director

You can help transform hearts and lives!

18,295 meals
$1.98 for a meal!

8,349 nights of shelter

77 men and women enrolled in our Transitional Housing Program

66 clients linked with employment each year

Thank you for sharing hope & joy this Easter!

CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men, women and children turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ A hot meal for $1.98 – often the first step to a new life in Christ
♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-changing programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

☐ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
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Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!
The prayers of caring friends like you support and empower our ministry. And joining with other faithful friends to be part of our Prayer Team is the best way to know how you can pray for us!

Through our Prayer Team, you'll receive monthly prayer updates via email so you can lift up our most pressing needs to our Heavenly Father. You'll also see praises so you and other prayer warriors can rejoice with us when God answers!

God promises He hears us, anytime and anywhere.

Join our team today at buffalocitymission.org/pray

We are so grateful for our Corporate Sponsor, National Grid! For 20 years, National Grid has helped meet the needs of our struggling neighbors in Buffalo through their generous support of our ministry.

National Grid has helped sponsor our annual Mission: Possible Food Drive Challenge for 4 years, our new Alfiero Men's Center, several fundraising events and motorcycle rallies, plus countless drives for food and clothing.

We sincerely thank everyone at National Grid for their faithful support of those in need in our community!

"When a person is at the end of their options, Buffalo City Mission is always there to serve them by offering true restoration and life skills. National Grid is committed to being part of our community by supporting BCM."
– Natalie Terhaar, Community Relations Manager at National Grid

Meet Alexis!
In January 2021, Alexis started volunteering at Buffalo City Mission... and she's served over 200 hours since! Happy to help wherever needed, Alexis can be found cleaning emergency dorms, sorting and organizing clothes and other donations, and assisting with our outreach events.

“I volunteer because I recognize that I’m fortunate to have all that I have,” Alexis says. “We all have struggles of one kind or another and need others to care and support us. This is my time to give back to those in need.”

Thank you, Alexis, for everything you do!
For more information on volunteering, contact Sue Cervi, at (716) 854-8181, ext. 408, or scervi@buffalocitymission.org.