

Good NEIGHBORS



THIS IS YOUR CITY. THIS IS YOUR MISSION.

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THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Oncitha* A NEW BEGINNING.



Because of you,
she has joy in her
heart this Easter!



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Don't miss...

2 Help our hurting
neighbors this Easter

2 Life transformation
starts with YOU!

3 "Now I feel safe."



**“Now I
feel safe,
strong and
hopeful.”**

For most of her life, Oneitha rarely felt safe.

“Growing up, there was a lot of mental, physical and emotional abuse,” she says. “I didn’t tell anyone about it for a long time.”

As a teenager, Oneitha was desperate to ease her suffering. She turned to substances to numb her heartache... but the trauma still wouldn’t go away.

“I tried to hurt myself, by going in front of a bus,” she says. “But my sister pulled me out of the way.”

Sadly, Oneitha’s challenges continued into adulthood as she found herself in an abusive relationship for 11 years. “I was constantly trying to leave and find a safe place to stay... but I had nowhere else to go,” she says. “I would just go back to my abusive partner... wishfully thinking things would change.”

When a social worker told Oneitha about the Buffalo City Mission, she felt hopeful for the first time

in a long time. “I came here with my daughter, and the staff were so welcoming and helpful.”

Oneitha joined our Transitional Housing Program, and through classes and the encouragement of our staff, she began working through the difficult experiences of her past... and started making plans for her future!

“For many years I wanted to work on my GED, but I was constantly moving around so it was hard. But here I can focus on that,” she says.

Oneitha is also grateful for the faith-based environment here that has supported her healing. “The Mission has helped me spiritually, to feel at home with God.”

With Jesus’ love in her heart and hope for the future, Oneitha is grateful for your support this Easter. “Here at the Mission, under Christ’s protection, I feel safe... I feel strong... and that’s given me hope.”

“Before I came to the Mission, my life was overwhelming.”



A Message from AUBREY CALHOUN

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at Buffalo City Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Aubrey Calhoun
Executive Director



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men, women and children this Easter!

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.40 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**

♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter

♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at **buffalocitymission.org**.

Easter²⁰²³
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Life transformation starts with YOU!



18,295 meals
\$2.40 for a meal!



9,882 nights of shelter



87 men and women enrolled in our Transitional Housing Program last year



96 residents who secure employment each year

Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!



We thank Citi Buffalo for their partnership with our ministry and their faithful support of those in need in our community!

Citi Buffalo has been a valued corporate partner for almost two decades, most recently sponsoring our annual **Mission: Possible Food Drive Challenge** for the last six years.

They have also contributed countless hours to volunteering at the Mission, while also hosting numerous donation drives for food, toiletries and other essential items. They have also invested in our residents by providing financial education, resume writing and interview practice classes. Their service has touched so many lives in our community!

Last fall, Citi Buffalo donated 300 homemade pies to help feed our hungry neighbors on Thanksgiving!



"We support Buffalo City Mission because the entire region thrives when all residents have the equal opportunity to become successful."

– Citi Buffalo Team



HOST A DRIVE

We are always in need of donations of **food, toiletries, clothing and other essentials**. Please consider hosting a drive for some of these much-needed items at your church, office, school or other group.

Contact the Volunteer Department to learn how you can start a donation drive:
☎ (716) 854-8181, ext. 419

Visit **buffalocitymission.org** to see current needs and view items on our Amazon Wishlist!



"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV