



GOOD NEIGHBORS

Restoring Lives Together in Western New York



Restore!
Renew!
Rejoice!

Dan's struggles were so severe that he decided to end it all. But God had other plans ... and this Easter, he's rejoicing over the restored and renewed life you helped give him!



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A Message from Aubrey Calhoun

Lazarus, Come Out!

There's a wonderful resurrection story in the Bible. Yes, that Easter one of course, but I'm actually talking about the resurrection of **Lazarus**.

A dear friend of Jesus, Lazarus, had fallen ill. Jesus didn't immediately go to his friend and heal him as he had with others. He waited until after Lazarus died. When people asked why, Jesus replied, "So that you may believe."

Then came an Easter-like miracle. At the tomb, Jesus said, *"Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"* And then: "Lazarus, come out!" And he did!

Here in Western New York, many of our neighbors are sick and dying — some literally, some emotionally, some spiritually. Poverty. Addictions. Domestic abuse. Evictions. And more. They're all in need of some kind of resurrection, of a fresh start, of new life.

They need an opportunity to **restore, renew, and rejoice**, which is the theme of our Easter campaign. Thanks to you, just as God raised Lazarus so long ago, He still raises people up to new life today — and it's beautiful. Thank you for being a good neighbor and sharing the Lord's life-giving love with men, women, and children in desperate circumstances.

To God be the glory, and may you have a blessed Easter.



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"Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"
- John 11:40

Help a Hurting Neighbor This Easter Season



You can put a struggling neighbor on a path to help and healing with your support today. It starts with a meal, but also includes safe shelter, warm clothing, and other vital recovery services.

Life Transformation Starts With YOU!

Don't let your neighbors go hungry!

This Easter season, Buffalo City Mission will provide our guests with:



**More Than
24,000 Meals**



**More Than 7,820
Nights of Shelter**

\$2.40 for a hot meal is often the first step to real-life change!

Thank you in advance for blessing those in need this Easter season!

3 Ways to Give

- Send your gift with the enclosed reply card.
- Give online at buffalocitymission.org
- Scan the QR code.





Because of You, Dan Found a Reason to Live!

"I don't think I was depressed. I think I was delusional."

That's Dan, recalling his life back in October 2023, when he was thinking about planning a suicide party. He was actually considering inviting friends over to watch it happen. *"It was going to be awesome,"* he says. *"I was going to go to heaven."*

Dan never had the party. By God's grace, Dan survived. He did take a whole bottle of sleeping pills. But he threw up, woke up, and lived. Heaven would have to wait.

Dan hadn't planned for things to turn out like that. He was a professional chef with a thriving food truck business, but the work was all-consuming and he felt terribly empty on the inside. Against his better judgment, Dan eventually started taking stimulants just to keep up with the work, but it was an unsustainable "solution" that left him more and more despondent.

By the summer of 2023, he says, *"I was exhausted. I closed up my business and decided I didn't want to be here anymore."*

After his suicide attempt, Dan went to buy another bottle of sleeping pills so he could try again. *"But then I had a moment of clarity, and drove straight to the hospital."*

He was there for 10 days, on suicide watch. Dan realized he needed more than that. He wanted a long-term program to turn things around.

Somebody at the hospital said, *"We know a good place ..."*

"In the Right Place"

When he first arrived at Buffalo City Mission, Dan says, *"I was not in a good state of mind. I had a shallow existence. I felt empty."*

Once he settled in, Dan walked by the chapel when they were having a service. He found a seat, and within minutes, *"I knew I was in the right place."*

As the days and weeks passed, the Mission's love and encouragement helped Dan find a new life, one filled with hope — a fitting metaphor for this Easter season. Today, he expects to be in his own place again soon, hopefully in a rural area, living at a slower pace without stress.

"I wouldn't be here without the Mission," he says. *"Thank you for your generosity and compassion. It truly makes a difference."*

Thanks to friends like you, struggling neighbors like Dan have found reason to restore, renew, and rejoice this Easter season!

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Donor Advised Funds: A Simple Way to Give

Have you considered supporting Buffalo City Mission with Donor Advised Funds? DAFs, America's most popular tool for charitable giving, are like having your own private foundation, but without any red tape.

They're a simple way to give real estate, stocks, mutual funds, or commodities. They offer an immediate tax deduction for the market value of your donation, but also allow you time to decide when you want to give.

DAFs are simple to set up, and they're flexible. We've made it easy by setting up an online platform that allows you to log in whenever you choose and make distributions in just a few clicks.

Check it out here:
[buffalocitymission.org/
donor-advised-funds](http://buffalocitymission.org/donor-advised-funds)



Host a Drive



Please consider hosting a drive to gather donations of much-needed items like **food, toiletries, clothing, and other essentials**. It's a great way to get good neighbors involved at your church, office, school, or other group.

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

Scan the QR code to
see our current needs
and view items on our
Amazon Wish List!



Aubrey, here's my Easter gift to help our hungry and hurting neighbors:

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