

A true Easter Miracle!

Johnny wanted nothing to do with Jesus until YOU helped him find the path to redemption

At one time, Johnny didn't think he needed anyone — not even God.

That was the night he walked out of our chapel service, figuring the streets were better than singing hymns and learning about Jesus.

Over the next 10 years, Johnny regretted the decision he made that fateful night.

Instead of the comfort and safety of the Mission, he was living in abandoned buildings and under bridges. He ate anything he could find — even if it came out of the bottom of a dumpster! And he used drugs and alcohol to numb the misery of what his life had become.

In short, he was mentally, spiritually and emotionally bankrupt, he freely admits.

Though he forgot about God, God never forgot about Johnny. Desperate to find a path out of his misery, Johnny joined Alcoholics Anonymous. But the temptation to drown his sorrows in alcohol remained strong.

Knowing that he still couldn't pass a liquor store without going inside, he

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Fill an empty stomach, provide hope



Just \$2.09
will provide a
meal and more
this Easter.

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cried out to Jesus one day . . .

“Lord, help me. Please don’t let me take a drink.”

Instantly, he says, his craving for alcohol vanished. And a great sense of peace filled his heart.

On Easter Sunday, 2020, Johnny finally buried his past once and for all and surrendered his life to Jesus. That’s when he returned to Central Union Mission, and was able to join our Restoration and Transformation Program, eventually becoming its first graduate.

“When people ask me how I stopped drinking, I always give glory to God,” he now says. “Today, I am a new creature — in Him!”

Since you made it possible for Johnny to come to Central Union Mission, his life has done a complete turnaround.

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Recently, he became night supervisor of our recovery program and shortly thereafter, married a wonderful Christian woman with whom he gets to share all his hopes and dreams. He has also earned his master’s degree in social work and now counsels individuals and families who struggle with mental health problems and alcohol dependency.

Johnny’s life was once headed toward ruin. But through God’s mercy and your generosity, he has found the courage and strength to live with promise and purpose — all to the glory of King Jesus!

The hope made possible by Christ’s resurrection is available to everyone who walks through our doors. Please give someone else like Johnny the chance to find a new beginning, starting with a \$2.09 Easter meal. Thank you!

and demonstrate God's love at Easter!

When the cupboard is bare . . . your kindness will come to the rescue!

Thanks to you, many struggling moms and dads in the DC Metro area won't have to disappoint their children and send them to bed without supper again during this holiest of seasons. That's because your generosity will provide them with food and so much more.

When families are going through hard times, the gift of food to prepare special meals sends them a powerful message of hope . . .

- >> That they haven't been forgotten, in spite of their troubles.
- >> That their Heavenly Father is watching over them, still helping to meet their every need.
- >> That there are people in this community who care, especially for the little ones.

As long as you and other good people give generously, struggling families in our community — that just need a little extra help — can have hope at Eastertime and all year long.



**LAST
CHANCE**
to help at
Easter!



Meet some Mission friends who share why they give monthly through Meals-a-Month

"We have been privileged to support the work of Central Union Mission on a monthly basis for over 15 years. We've volunteered there and have seen the work firsthand. They are the 'boots on the ground,' and we trust their stewardship."

— John and Anne Cherry

"I want to support the work of rescue, but I also want the Gospel to be shared. Central Union Mission does both. I'm honored to be a partner in this ministry and monthly donations are a seamless way to do that."

— John Dixon

Meals-a-Month partners are a special group of Mission supporters who give monthly to share not just a hand up but lasting hope for those who are hungry and homeless in our community.

Giving monthly is the easiest, most efficient way to create that lasting hope.

Each and every gift will provide:



Healthy meals



Safe shelter



Job training, education,
Christian counseling and more

Why my favorite time of year is Easter (and not Christmas)!



JOE METTIMANO
President, CEO

This might surprise you, but Easter is my favorite holiday of the year!

While I'm grateful for Thanksgiving and the opportunity to thank God for all He

gives us . . .

And for Christmas and the reminder that He gave us His very best gift when He sent Jesus to be born as a man . . .

It's Easter and the new life made possible by Christ's death and resurrection that has become so precious to me.

Because Jesus was resurrected, so too can people living in poverty. They can be rescued from addiction, poverty, unemployment, homelessness and more.

As I write, we're so happy about the results we're seeing at our Family Ministry Center. We're meeting not just the need for food, clothing and shelter, but also creating pathways out of poverty through expanded programs in computer literacy and job placement.

Plus, in the wake of COVID, our valued volunteers are coming back to help us. There's so much to talk about — thanks to you.

Please know how grateful I am for your support. Because of you, Johnny and so many others are living new lives!



To join Meals-a-Month, complete both sides of the accompanying reply form and mail it back with your first monthly gift. Thank you!

Change a life this Easter season

When you provide Easter meals at Central Union Mission, you don’t just change someone’s life for a day or even a season.

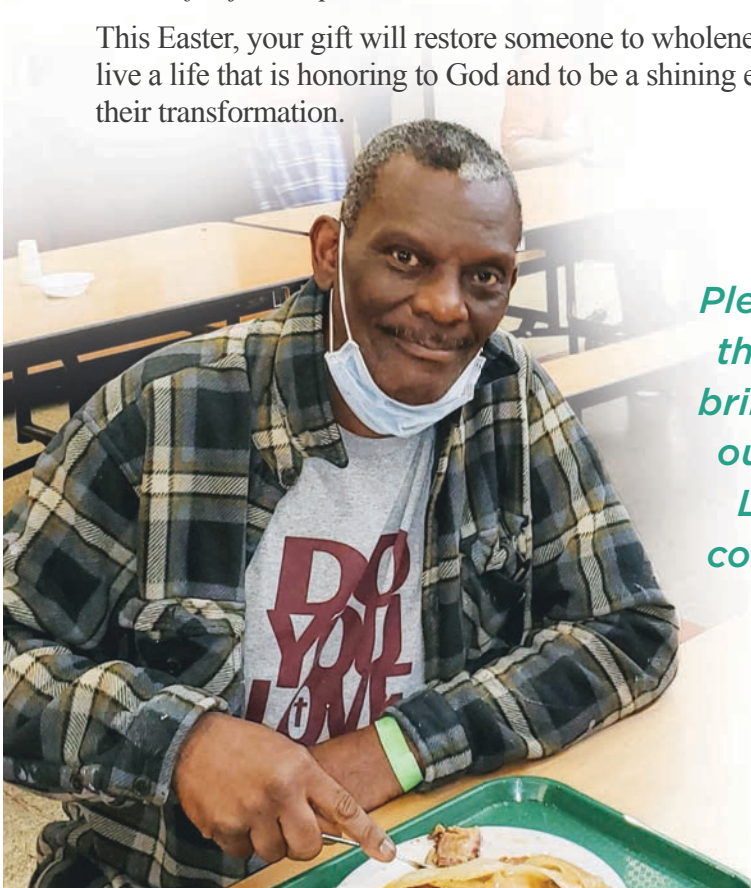
Many times, you change their life forever!

That’s because more than just filling their stomachs, a meal brings the opportunity to introduce them to Mission services that can transform their lives — from addiction recovery and education, to work- and life-skills training.

These services make a lasting impact, equipping men and women to become better parents, better employees and better members of our community.

All this for just \$2 per meal!

This Easter, your gift will restore someone to wholeness, enabling them to live a life that is honoring to God and to be a shining example to all who see their transformation.



Please give again this Easter. And bring the hope of our resurrected Lord to every corner of the DC Metro area.



Can’t get on the same page? Here’s help.

Are you at odds with your spouse on how to structure your legacy planning? Here’s some help:

- 1 See conflict as an opportunity.** Conflict is uncomfortable AND unavoidable. The best way to resolve conflict is to see it as necessary for growth.
- 2 The wise way is better than “my way.”** It’s normal to think our way is better. But often, we’re motivated by self-preservation or fear. When we understand why we feel a certain way, it can help us hear someone else’s idea — which may be the wiser choice.
- 3 Consider inspiration over information.** There’s a big difference between seeing your estate plan as a complicated financial arrangement and seeing it as an expression of your values.

When your will aligns with your values, it becomes rich with meaning — a crucial part of the heritage you’ll want to pass along to your children.

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Please return this Easter Meal Ticket with your gift!

