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# "I'm figuring out **God's purpose** for my life."

James had already done the hard work to beat his addiction. He'd been sober for years. It had been a long time since his divorce left him devastated. At the time, he'd turned to alcohol to numb his remorse and pain at his marriage falling apart.

But his reliance on alcohol was behind him now. James had a good job and was living independently.

But he wasn't happy. In fact, he was desperately sad.

"I was at a turning point in my life and just needed some answers to what was wrong with me," he says. "I lacked purpose. I lacked joy. I was just living and working, and I hated it. I felt depressed."

James needed time and space to work through his underlying issues and grow his relationship with the Lord. He spent time at Wyoming Rescue Mission before. He knew it was where he needed to be again.

Through our Discipleship Training Program, James has been addressing his struggles with low self-esteem and social anxiety. Thanks to the safe and supportive environment here, he's been able to ask himself some hard questions about his life – and even though he doesn't have all the answers yet, he's hopeful they will come.

There's a lot of love here at WRM. It's a safe space, and they made me feel welcome.

"Before I came here, I was broken inside. I didn't have a purpose for anything," he says. "Now I'm figuring out God's purpose for my life. My relationship with Him is the most important thing to me right now."

With Jesus' love in his heart and hope for the future, James is grateful for your support this Easter. "God's spirit is very much here at WRM. They're helping me get through. I'm grateful. I'm so happy to be here."



#### A Message from BRAD HOPKINS

# THE GIFT OF Eternal Tife

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 Wyoming Rescue 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.

Thank you,

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Brad Hopkins
Executive Director



#### HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for <u>more</u> men and women this Easter!

- **♥** A hot meal for \$2.15 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
- ✓ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- Give online anytime at wyomission.org.



#### Life transformation starts with YOU!



7,542 meals \$2.15 for a meal!



**4,926** nights of shelter



**30** men & women in our recovery programs (on average)



**3,312** annual hours of recovery classes

Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!

# HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



# **Sunday, April 9:** Our Easter Celebration from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.!

Easter is a day of joy and celebration. But right now, far too many of our neighbors are struggling with the rising costs of housing and food. Hurting people are turning here... and YOU can help welcome them with love and a special meal!

Drop off donations at WRM, 230 N. Park.

# URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS! Drop off any of these items by Friday, April 7: SPIRAL SLICED HAMS POWDERED MILK INSTANT MASHED DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought) BUTTER COFFEE CANNED VEGETABLES CREAMER

"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



# The backbone of our ministry...

### Become a monthly giving partner!

Most men walk into our ministry with just the clothes on their backs. They're homeless, abandoned by friends and family. They have nowhere else to turn.

Our job is to take them into our family and make them feel at home. Feed them. Shelter them. Share the love of Christ.

Thanks to a very special group of people who really have faith in our work here in Wyoming, we have the resources to do just that.

These people are our monthly giving partners, and today YOU are invited to join them!

To learn more about becoming a member, simply visit wyomission.org/donatemonthly. Thank you!