

TIME IS RUNNING OUT—WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

Thank you to everyone who has already supported our Easter outreach! However, we still need more help to make this event truly special. If you haven't yet contributed, or if you can give again, please do so today. Here's how you can make a difference:



Prayer and Support

First and foremost, we ask for your prayers. Please pray that God would use this outreach to change the lives of our homeless friends. We're working hard to make this a special event for homeless and low-income kids and their families, and we need your help to bless them. Our goal is to help these families **Rise, Renew, and Rejoice** in the love of Jesus, even as they navigate difficult life circumstances.



Preparation Help

We also need volunteers to assist with meal preparation a day or two before the event. If you can help, please email us at J.Doud@OgdenRescue.org.

Our homeless friends will enjoy live music and a delicious hot meal, along with access to free clothing, job placement opportunities, housing referrals, and more. They can also learn about our New Life Program, which offers a way out of homelessness. Most importantly, they'll hear the life-changing message of why we celebrate Easter—Jesus' resurrection!



Ways to Give

Your generosity can make this Easter outreach unforgettable. To donate, you can:

- Send a check using the enclosed envelope
- Scan the QR code on this newsletter
- Call our donor relations office at **801.746.1006** for secure giving by credit card
- Visit our website at RescueSaltLake.org

Thank you for your continued generosity. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.



Together, We Can Make a Difference

Easter is a time of renewal, and it's the perfect opportunity to help our hurting friends Rise, Renew, and Rejoice. With your support, we can provide hope and a pathway off the streets for homeless and low-income families.

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Your business or employer can partner with the Mission. Here's how:
Host a food or clothing drive • Volunteer • Sponsorships • Workplace giving
Get your company involved by emailing J.Doud@OgdenRescue.org



RESTORED LIVES

The bimonthly newsletter of the Ogden Rescue Mission

As an only child, my relationship with my mother has meant everything to me. But my struggles with addiction and mental illness strained that relationship to the point where last year, I had nowhere to turn, except the Ogden Rescue Mission, where God changed my life.

While I am only 27 and had a good childhood, I started having mental health issues about a decade ago. I developed severe anxiety, was diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum, and had another significant mental health issue.

TURNING TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

As these issues festered, I turned first to alcohol, which seemed to help me cope with my symptoms. Later, I turned to other drugs. I tried to get sober and use AA or other programs, but I could never remain sober for long.

When I was 25, I felt like drinking and using drugs was the only way I could feel comfortable around people. But my life was a mess. I was arrested several times for being disorderly in public and was forced to enter rehab. But when my time at rehab was up, I had nowhere to go. My mother and stepdad were done with me (I had relapsed many times while living at their house) and no one else would take me. My caseworker at the rehab facility told me I would have to go to a homeless shelter.

FINDING HELP AT THE OGDEN RESCUE MISSION

I was scared and didn't think I could cope inside a homeless shelter. But that's when I happened to find the Ogden Rescue Mission. I believe it was a God thing that I found the Mission. I had called every sober-living house I could find, but none had room for me. There were no options until I called the Ogden Rescue Mission and talked to Ms. Judy.



Robin Lawrence, with chameleon on her lanyard, imbues her love for Jesus, animals, and her customers at the Ogden pet shop where she works.

A BLESSING OF HOT WATER AT THE OGDEN RESCUE MISSION

We were in hot water here at the Ogden Rescue Mission, but thanks to donor support, we've come through it!

In truth, we were actually in cold water before God used donor generosity to help us with a much-needed upgrade to the hot water system that serves our homeless friends, and men and women on the New Life Program. It may not be something you often think about, but we heat a lot of water to keep our operations running. Without clean, hot water, we couldn't provide even our basic services—food, shelter, clean clothing, hygiene services, and safe living conditions.

- Hot showers provide warm hope to hundreds of individuals each month.
- Cleaning dishes after serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner to hundreds of hurting and hungry people every day.
- Washing thousands of towels, sheets, pillowcases, and clothing in our laundry.
- Sanitizing surfaces throughout the Mission to maintain a clean, safe environment every single day.

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That's a lot of hot water—and a lot of wear and tear on the Mission's aging water heating system. The problem was our old water heating system,

which dates to the 1990s, was failing. Replacing this outdated system was a costly \$22,000 project.

By God's grace and donor kindness, I am thrilled to share that we were able to replace our hot water heaters with a long-term, stable solution that will meet our ongoing needs. Even more, we were blessed to have a Mission-friendly company install the new system at a reasonable cost—likely much lower than the usual price—thanks to their generosity.

This upgrade will ensure that we can provide the life-saving essentials that draw homeless individuals to our facilities, and encourage members of the New Life Program. Thanks to you, we can continue offering our friends the hope of faith, life-skills, housing, employment, and a new life.

While we celebrate and praise God for His provision of hot water, we still have many other needs. So, as you rejoice with us, please continue to support our ministry, which provides 24/7, year-round assistance to those in Northern Utah who need food, shelter, clothing, and a free recovery program that helps them transition from the streets into faith, sobriety, employment, and housing.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this life-changing ministry!

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite

Executive Director



Robin: Continued from the Front Page

She told me about the New Life Program and it was exactly the structure I needed. I had to do work therapy at the Mission and attend classes on time and work through the Genesis Process recovery curriculum. I felt safe at the Mission as Ms. Judy and Pastor Greg taught me about the Bible.

They have a medical clinic on location at the Mission where local doctors see us and I was able to get the right medication for my mental health needs.

FINDING FAITH AND A WAY FORWARD

I started going to Juniper Tree church and I was baptized there in July of last year. It was amazing because I never had a relationship with God before. I felt the power of the Holy Spirit in my life and was a changed person. There have been times in my life where I have not been the light that the world needs to see, but with Jesus' help, I feel like I can be that light now.

When I came to the Rescue Mission I was thousands of dollars in debt. But through some legal processes, making payments on my bills, and other avenues, I am now debt free and have a good job. I work at a pet store—one of the best jobs I have ever had.

My managers are good to me. They offer me extra shifts to get overtime but also are understanding when I need to take a shift off. My coworkers are sweet and supportive. If I get overwhelmed working the register, my managers will come to me and tell me to take a break and spend time taking care of the animals for a while. It is amazing how they help me be a success.

As I work, I am saving money. I don't have huge expectations, I only want an apartment or a place I can call my own. I have never really paid for my own place, but always lived in someone else's home. This will be the first time I have ever obtained my own apartment and paid for it myself and that is huge step for me. I hope to save up for a car as well.

THE HEALING I NEEDED

Most of my mental health issues have gone away. I believe part of it is having the right medication, but I also feel healed by God. When I began a relationship with God, things started to improve and it felt like He took some of my issues away. Of course, being sober helped as well.

Today, for the first time in my life, I feel excited about the future. My mom is texting me again and has suggested that I could come visit her and my stepdad at their home, something that she wouldn't have allowed a few years ago. She has seen the change in me and since she is my only family, that means the world to me.

I thank you all, the generous supporters of the Ogden Rescue Mission. When I was at my most desperate and most scared, this was the one place I found that would take me in and help me. Your support and God's help has changed my life, and I have seen it make a difference in so many others while I have been here. God bless you for helping people like me who have nowhere else to turn.

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS: OUR STATS THROUGH FEBRUARY



Professions of Faith

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Meals

16,947



Family Food Boxes

152



Nights of Shelter

3,108



Clothing

1,051



Hygiene Items

2,598



Day Service

27



Jobs Obtained

3



Housing Obtained

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