

## Your Legacy of Caring

For 20 years, generous donors like you have saved and changed the lives of thousands of men, women and children in Lexington and throughout Fayette County. Through your compassionate support, you have helped individuals and families overcome homelessness and live better lives.

Now, your care for “the least of these” can be continued into the future when you make a planned gift, either during your lifetime, or through your will.

To learn more about continuing your legacy of caring, call Kim Livesay at (859) 381-9600, ext. 227, or send a private message to Kim at [kim@livesaygroup.org](mailto:kim@livesaygroup.org).

## Lives Restored at Grace Place



December 7 was an amazing day! Grace Place – our long-awaited, much-needed, transitional home for women – officially opened.

As many as 11 women seeking restoration from addiction, domestic violence and homelessness will now be able to take part in a residential program which provides the tools and support they need to live their lives filled with meaning and hope.

Our thanks to the many friends like you, churches and business who helped make this miraculous new facility possible. We also ask for your prayers for the ladies seeking restoration through this ministry. **God bless you!**



Reaching Hearts... Changing Lives

# Rescue ALERT

A Newsletter of Lexington Rescue Mission

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## New lives and new beginnings start here

Mail your Easter gift today, or donate online at [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org). THANK YOU!

### Hot meals



### A place to call home



### Changed lives



**DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.**

[LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org)



## Here's my gift to continue reaching hearts and changing lives:

- \$25.29 for **12 meals and care**
- \$51.84 for **24 meals and care**
- \$75.60 for **35 meals and care**
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many people as possible

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It's easy to give your gift online: [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org) or call (859) 381-9600 or text Easter to (859) 407-7799.

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**“The old has passed away, the new has come!”**

Drug use and abuse. They were both part of Bobby's life growing up. Even though he managed to graduate high school and put himself through college, drugs seemed to play a part wherever he went.

Thanks to your support, a better life was in store.

*Read more of Bobby's story inside.*

**What you'll find inside:**

**“Doubly Blessed!”  
A Really BIG Thank You**

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Laura Carr  
Executive Director

### Doubly Blessed!

*This past year, it would have been all too easy to give in to worry, fear and despair.*

*But I was often reminded of the promise made in Psalms 46: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..."*

*In addition to shielding us from fear, God sent His Son to live among us and free us from sin!*

*So despite difficult times, we have a double blessing to celebrate this Easter.*

*Furthermore, thanks to the prayers and support of friends like you, the men, women and children cared for by Lexington Rescue Mission can celebrate these blessings beyond measure this Easter.*

*As we move into a year filled with hope and promise, many neighbors still need your help and support to get back on their feet. Loss of jobs has far too many of our neighbors facing homelessness for the first time.*

*Please keep these neighbors – and Lexington Rescue Mission – in your prayers. And if you are in a position to volunteer your time or make a gift, that would be greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you so much for the blessings you share with men, women, and children in need through your prayers and support!*

*Wishing you and those you love a wonderful and joyful Easter,*

*Laura Carr*

## Rising in Triumph!

In the early morning hours of November 12, a fire started outside the Mission's Outreach Center, traveled up the side of the building and into the ceiling. Our kitchen, dining room and entryway were significantly damaged.

With cold weather setting in, work began immediately to restore services.

Tents were set up to continue providing meals. Those needing housing, job assistance and counseling met with our caseworkers at our men's transitional housing facility, the House of Hope.

Then, a miracle happened. The Robert H. Williams Cultural Center stepped up and offered the use of their facility directly across the street from the Mission!

An update to the kitchen enabled us to provide meals, while the basement served as a day center for our homeless guests who needed shelter from the winter's cold.

Now, repairs to the mission are complete, and thanks to generosity of individual friends like you, community businesses and other non-profit organizations, our doors opened to begin our 20th year rebuilding broken lives.

Thank you so much for carrying us through this crisis with your gifts and prayers!



## "I made mistakes. And, I paid for them."

"Growing up was rough," Bobby says. Both his father and stepfather were abusers, and there were always drugs in the home. Bobby moved out in the 8th grade, but drugs continued to be a "battle" everywhere he went.

He put himself through college, but bad choices eventually led him to jail. It was there that he met two men from our Breaking Chains program that helps incarcerated men and women transition back into the community when they are released.

Bobby's desire to change led him to the Mission's Potter's House.

### "They help you get back on your feet."

"They bend over backwards to get you everything you need, to get you on the right path," Bobby says. "But it's not that hard. They start you out with clothes, food and all the essentials that you need. They help you get your driver's license."

The Mission's Jobs for Life and Advance Lexington programs helped Bobby find work, first at a temp service and then at Old World Timber, where he had a chance to grow with the company and move up.

### What's in store for Bobby?

"I just want to continue doing the right thing and helping people along the way. I want to live a productive life and give back when I can."

Bobby's grateful not only to the staff at the Mission, but to those who support our work. "They didn't even know who I was, but they helped me; they gave me a chance. I was blessed to have that, and I would ask them to keep doing what they're doing, because it helps more people than they realize!"



## In 2020, your gifts helped provide

 44,302 meals

 Clothing and supplies for 1,434 men, women and children

 151 job placements

 9,530 nights of lodging

 425 chapel visits

 Housing for 56 homeless families

**Thank you for your prayers and support!**

## HOPE is on the menu this Easter.

\$8.64 feeds a family of four.

\$32.27 provides a night of safe transitional housing.

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THANK YOU!

