

## Pray & Give Thanks!

**Pray** for our neighbors who are struggling with financial hardships, housing instability and other challenges.

**Pray** for the men and women in transitional housing who are rebuilding their lives, growing in their walk with Christ and reforging ties with family members.

**Pray** for God's blessing on the many neighbors who will be coming to Lexington Rescue Mission for help during the coming weeks.

**Give thanks** to the Lord for His never-ending love for us, His grace, forgiveness, and healing.



### Lend a Hand This Thanksgiving Season

Looking for ways to get more involved with helping people in need? We have plenty of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups and families! For more information, please contact Yvette Davis, our Volunteer Coordinator, at (859) 381-9600, ext. 226.

Or go to [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org) and click on "Volunteer."

### New lives and new beginnings



Hot meals

### Transitional housing



Outreach

### Education and employment assistance



Spiritual care



Reaching Hearts... Changing Lives

# Rescue ALERT

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**"I wanted to start over fresh."**

After growing up in an abusive home, being the victim of domestic violence herself, and losing custody of her children, Connie discovered our women's transitional home, Grace Place.

From there, finding her own home and being reunited with her children was the next important step.

*Read her amazing story inside!*



**DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.** [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org)

YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season.

- \$25.92 for **12 meals and care**
- \$51.48 for **24 meals and care**
- \$75.60 for **35 meals and care**
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many people as possible

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Easily give your gift online:  
[LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org).

Donations to Lexington Rescue Mission are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.



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# Struggling to do more with less

It seems more and more of us are in this situation today.

Far too many neighbors are struggling with losses. Throw in increasing food costs and skyrocketing gas prices, rent and utility bills, and you can see why the number of individuals and families coming to Lexington Rescue Mission is increasing.

Our three transitional homes – The Potter’s House, The House of Hope and Grace Place – are at capacity. More people to feed each day means more meals.

However, shortages of donated food and the increased cost of buying more of what is needed have meant belt tightening everywhere.

Our ability to provide our guests with the physical and spiritual care they need – without reducing or eliminating vital programs – depends on the kindness and generosity of partners like you.

As we prepare for a busy Thanksgiving, I’m asking you to send a gift of any amount to help feed and care for our neighbors. I’m also asking you to pray for those we serve, and the staff and volunteers who help turn lives around.

May God bless you as we work together to reach hearts and change lives!

Giving thanks for you,

*Laura Carr*



## “Grace Place has blessed me and helped me heal”

“I’m not going to lie,” Connie says of her decision to come into Grace Place, our transitional home for women. “I was terrified, but I felt like God was telling me this was what I was supposed to do.”

When Connie was growing up, her mom was in an abusive relationship. When her sisters followed their mother’s path, Connie swore she would never let that happen in her life. “I was like, ‘What is wrong with y’all? Why would you let a man do that to you?’ But you don’t realize that it’s happening until you’re lost in it.”



A mother for the first time at 15, Connie had been separated from her three youngest children for six years. What she wanted most was to be reunited with them!

**“Grace Place has blessed me...”**

Connie credits the staff at Grace Place for encouraging her to take the time to heal from all that she had been through. “I know today that I’m worthy of being treated with respect; I’m worthy of love. I am not my past mistakes, but I’m a child of God.”

“There’s physical healing here. There’s mental and emotional healing. And there’s spiritual healing. And for me, the most important is the spiritual healing. Because once you start chasing that spiritual healing, and chasing that closer relationship, everything else starts working itself out in really surprising ways.”

“Being here, you’re surrounded by people who have such strong faith in God that the energy of it is contagious. You want to develop a closer relationship with Him.”

Following God’s plan and purpose for her life, Connie got her GED then started college courses that will enable her to help others find God’s plan for their lives.

Connie was the very first woman to graduate from Grace Place! Since then, she has been reunited with her children and has moved to the town where they live. She is living on her own and just had her second interview for the dream job she’s hoping to get.

**Thank you for helping Connie rebuild her life through your prayers and support!**

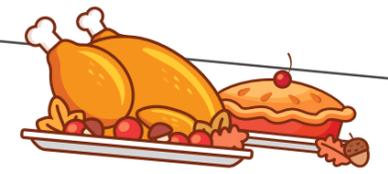
## Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – just \$2.16

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. With more people than ever coming to Lexington Rescue Mission for help, we’re already gearing up to serve hundreds of dinners.

The menu is set: turkey, potatoes, rolls, desserts – all the trimmings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Your generous support today will help ensure that we have enough food to feed every hungry man, woman or child who walks through our doors.

At just \$2.16 per meal, imagine how many dinners you can provide and how many lives you can touch. Please send a generous gift today or donate online at [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org).

**Thank you!**



## Today's Recipe

### Turkey & All the Trimmings

Stove Top-type stuffing mix

Boxed instant potatoes

Packaged gravy mix

15 oz. canned corn

15 oz. green beans

15 oz. canned fruit

15 oz. canned cranberry sauce

29 oz. canned yams or sweet potatoes

Brown sugar

Butter or margarine in tubs

Packages of ‘brown and serve’ rolls

Pumpkin pies

**Directions: Combine with love and feed hundreds of hungry people.**

**Help us fill the pantry for Thanksgiving Dinner.**

Please drop off donations at our Outreach Center, 444 Glen Arvin Avenue, Lexington.

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information, please call Tammy Smith at (859) 785-0967.

**No time to shop? Make a gift at [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org).**