

A Community Center Update!

Thanks to the generous support of friends like you, we have reached the halfway point of our \$8.5 million Capital Campaign goal, bringing us closer to moving all of our services over to the new building, under one roof. This will allow us to serve more people and eliminate transportation barriers for clients accessing services scattered across various buildings. We're grateful and thank God for the funds raised, seeing this project as an answer to prayer.

Moreover, our partners at Isaiah House finished renovations on the third floor, where they will operate a behavioral health and primary care clinic!

Your generosity is making a significant impact on our Rescue Lives, Restoring the City Campaign. With the funds raised, we will be able to start construction and renovation, allowing us to implement key features such as:

- A new kitchen and dining room
- A café for staff to build relationships with guests
- Computer lab for clients to create resumes and apply for jobs
- A chapel with adjoining rooms for Bible study and pastoral counseling
- Private meeting rooms for professional trauma-informed counselors



Want to learn more about the new Community Center? Join us for a tour!

You are cordially invited to join us for one of our weekly Discovery Tours! They're a perfect way to learn more about this exciting project.

Tours are held every Friday from Noon to 1 p.m. at 535 W. Second Street. Lunch is included.

For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Erin Cress at (859) 381-9600, ext. 242, or at Erin@LexingtonRescue.org.



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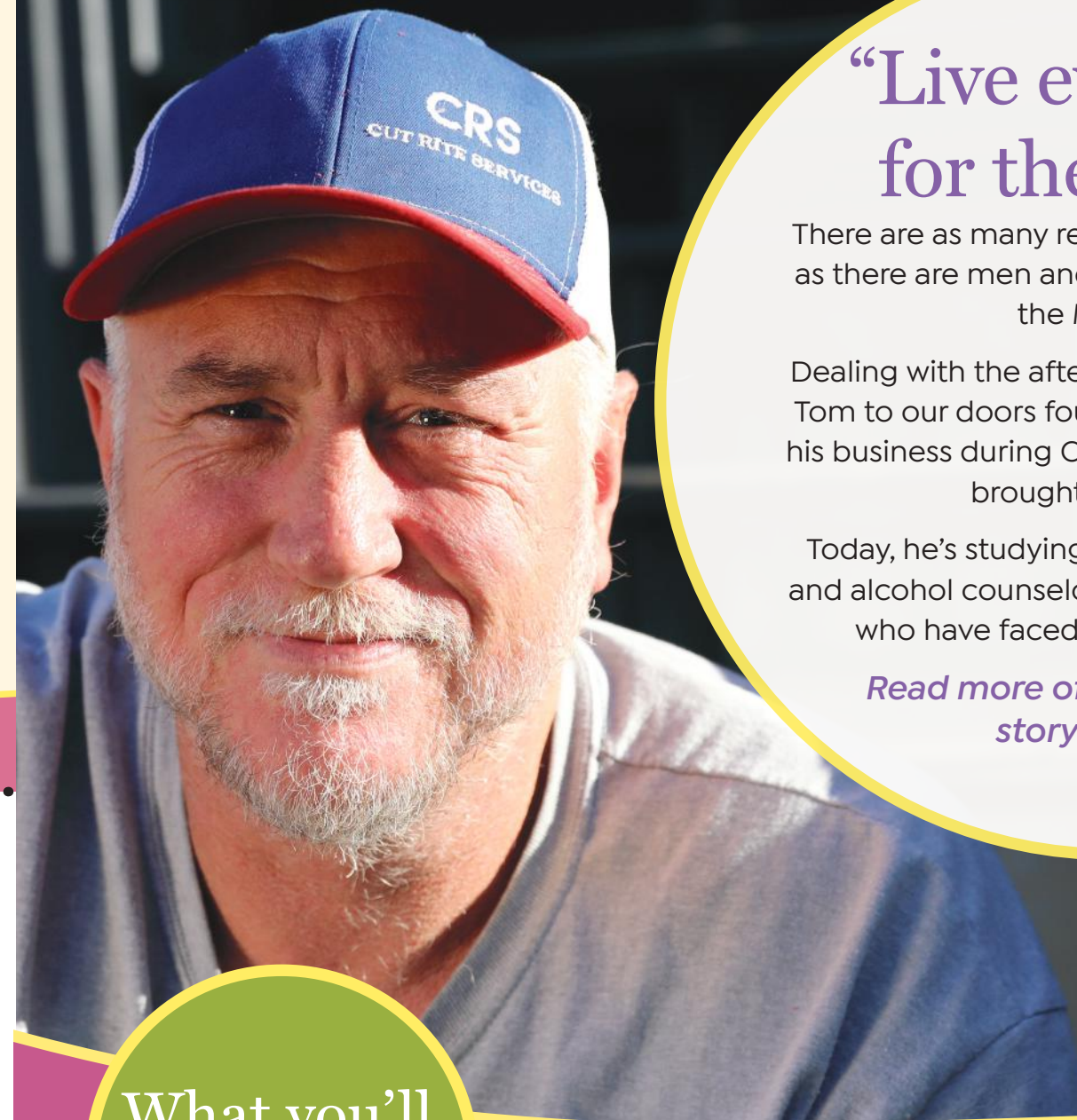
“Live every day for the Lord.”

There are as many reasons for needing help as there are men and women who come to the Mission.

Dealing with the aftermath of PTSD brought Tom to our doors four years ago. The loss of his business during Covid and a drug relapse brought him back.

Today, he's studying to be a certified drug and alcohol counselor so he can help others who have faced similar challenges.

Read more of Tom's inspiring story inside...



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Here's my Easter gift to fill plates with food and hearts with joy!

- ☐ \$25.92 for **12 meals and care**
☐ \$51.84 for **24 meals and care**
☐ \$75.60 for **35 meals and care**

☐ \$_____ to help fund the new Community Center

☐ \$_____ I want to make a pledge toward the campaign

☐ Bill my credit card ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

☐ Make this a monthly gift

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May you be blessed!

We are counting you among our blessings this Easter because you have blessed so many others.

You have shared hope for a better life through your prayers, your service and your generous support of Lexington Rescue Mission.

Your support has reunited families. Your gifts have provided meals for hungry men and women. Your partnership has helped those in need get back on their feet and find hope in our risen Lord and Savior.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”
(John 3:16)

Not just life today, or tomorrow, but life eternal.

At Easter – and throughout the year – you make the Mission a place where hunger and homelessness end and hope begins. It starts with a meal, housing, discipleship and counseling. But most of all, it starts with you!

Thank you for making an immediate and eternal difference in the lives of homeless and hungry men, women and children.

May the blessings of Easter fill your heart and your home!

Laura Carr

Give Easter Meals and HOPE.

\$8.64 feeds a family of four.

\$32.27 provides a night of safe transitional housing.

Mail your gift today or donate online at LexingtonRescue.org.

THANK YOU!



Please join us this Easter

Volunteer

Please contact Zea Shipman at (859) 391-9600, ext. 226 or at Zea@LexingtonRescue.org.

Donate food

Easter Candy
Vienna Sausage
Mashed Potatoes
Cookies

Fruit in Can
Snack Crackers
Jars of Peanut Butter

Please drop off donations by Friday, March 22nd at 535 W. Second St. in Lexington.

THANK YOU!

No time to shop?

Make a gift at LexingtonRescue.org.



“They teach you how to live the right way.”

Tom spent 17 years in the military serving his country, 13 of those years in Special Forces. “I never had a problem with alcohol growing up or when I was in the military,” he says. “But when I started having PTSD nightmares, I started drinking to push that down.”

When the drinking didn’t work, Tom turned to drugs, and finally to rehab.

“I got out of rehab, but I just knew I wasn’t ready to go home yet. I had already started this journey of getting closer to Christ, and I wanted to go somewhere to help me continue that journey,” he remembers.

Thanks to your support, that place was Lexington Rescue Mission. Tom’s first stay was seven months, and during that time he got a job and an apartment. “I was doing great,” he says. When he lost his painting business during Covid, you made it possible for the Mission to help again.

“I feel like I have a purpose now.”

“When I first came in, I was like, ‘A couple of weeks is all I need.’ And they said, ‘We don’t care how long you need.’” Tom started working

with the Mission’s lawn care team and was then offered a job as house coordinator for our House of Hope, a sober living home for men who are trying to get back on their feet.

“I fell in love with this place the first time I was here,” Tom says. “Now they’ve given me a chance to give back what they gave me, like mentoring the guys. I feel like I have a purpose now. They care so much about you, everybody here. They teach you how to live the right way. Everybody here will do what they can to make sure you succeed.”

Today, Tom is back in school working for his certification as a drug and alcohol counselor, with the goal of helping others facing the problems he has overcome.

To partners like you, who support the Mission with your gifts and prayers, Tom says, **“Thank you for your donations. Thank you so much for what you do, because you make it possible for the Mission to help the people they help. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.”**



In 2023, your gifts helped provide:

- 59,585 meals served
- 1,853 people clothed
- 138 people provided warm beds and discipleship in our transitional homes
- 88 homeless men, women, and children moved into permanent housing
- 106 people assisted with re-entering the community after incarceration
- 119 people placed in jobs to provide for themselves and their families
- 41 people living on the streets connected to treatment programs
- 235 people heard the gospel at chapel services and bible studies

Thank you for your prayers and support!