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Meet *Lisa*
She can't thank **YOU** enough!

Because of you, Lisa's heart is filled with *new hope* this Easter.



“THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN WORKING IN ME AND CHANGING MY HEART.”

Lisa was hiding a dark secret – when she was young, her older brother had abused her. “There was a lot of anger there and I didn’t tell anybody.”

Unable to cope with the pain, Lisa let a boyfriend talk her into using drugs as a teen. “The first time I got high I thought, this is what I’ve been looking for,” she shares. “A way out... to escape.”

Lisa graduated high school, but was unable to keep a job for long. She looks back on that time in her life

with regret, thinking about everything she lost to addiction. “I had all these big dreams and plans. I just threw them all out the window.”

The day she walked into Holland Rescue Mission, everything changed for Lisa.

“I knew that the women in the shelter really cared about me because they didn’t judge me,” she says, smiling. “They just responded with love.”

“I really wanted to have a relationship with Jesus, but I didn’t know how to give up my own will.”

Lisa dedicated her life to Christ, and experienced tremendous personal growth in our Gateway Center program. The best change she’s seen is discovering how to be still and listen when God speaks.

“The biggest thing I’ve been learning is to apply God’s Word to my life,” she says. “I fought that for so long. **Now I’m working on obedience and God’s direction.**”

She graduated from the program and has found a new peace and purpose in serving others. Today, Lisa serves on staff here at the Mission while she attends Moody Bible Institute online.

She’s so grateful for her time in our care, and she encourages anyone who needs it to get help. “You’re not in this by yourself... it’s like a little family here.”

You may never meet Lisa, but she’s eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, her heart is filled with new hope for the future. “The Mission saved my life. Now there’s potential for me to do great things for God’s kingdom.”

Spring Garden Auction 2020

Ladies, we hope you’ll join us at Holland Rescue Mission’s Annual Spring Garden Auction!

April 22, 2020

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Baker Lofts – 217 E. 24th St., Holland, MI 49423

Visit hollandrescue.org for more information.

You can make a big difference in the lives of the women and children who are staying at our shelter by attending the luncheon (*with two delicious lunch options!*) and bidding on spring-themed auction packages featuring unique and handmade items.

You’ll also get to hear directly from residents and staff about how **your** gifts are transforming hearts and lives.

So invite all your friends and get ready to be inspired at this year’s event!

Here's how YOUR gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



just \$2.05
for a meal!

18,200 meals to serve



5,337 nights of shelter to provide



20 men & women to care for in our recovery programs (on average)



173 hours of education & counseling to provide

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



A Message from **DARRYL BARTLETT**

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon – and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, “He is risen indeed!”

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at the Mission right now... men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer a hurting world hope resonates with our guests.

In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome! As they begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

Forgiveness is a doorway to new life. It opens up our guests to

accepting love – not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the cross too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

Darryl Bartlett

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Executive Director



DAVID CAME FOR A MEAL...



... AND IT WAS THE START OF A NEW LIFE!

David didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.05
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$68.00!)
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

Each meal you give makes a big difference!

This Easter, as David celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **hollandrescue.org**.

Thank you again for your support of our Mission guests! Happy Easter!

YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

Sunday, April 12: Our Easter Celebration is at 12 p.m.!

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **18,200+ hot meals...** and provide hundreds of men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!



FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10:**

- HAMS
- CANNED/BOXED POTATOES
- CANNED GREEN BEANS
- SALAD
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- HOMEMADE DESSERTS (cookies, brownies, pies, etc.)
- FRUIT
- SNACKS

Food donations can be dropped off at the Men's Center at 166 South River Avenue in Holland, 7 days a week. **Thank you so much!**

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (616) 396-2200

✦ hollandrescue.org/give



Lend a hand this Easter season... **VOLUNTEER!**

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