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**Richard's life
is changed
forever**
*AND HE WANTS
TO THANK YOU!*

Your support touches
lives with new hope.

“I KNOW THE LORD IS ON MY SIDE.”

Richard spent 20 years driving trucks and enjoying his life on the road.

Then a doctor’s diagnosis changed everything...

“I got diabetes and it disqualified me from trucking,” he says. “I couldn’t drive, so I lost my truck, which was also my home.”

Now homeless, Richard also felt completely alone. As a 6 year old, he’d been the victim of abuse from his stepdad and step-siblings. By God’s grace, his great-grandparents took him away from that home and raised him in theirs.

Unfortunately, the trauma he’d experienced left him with severe trust issues. Richard says that over the years, his inability to trust led to poor decisions, especially when it came to friends.

So when he lost his job and his truck, he had no one to turn to for help. And that’s when he turned to the Mission.

The day he came to Holland Rescue Mission, everything changed for Richard.

“I came here hoping to get closer to the Lord,” he says, smiling. “To get involved with church more.”

Richard had come to know the Lord through a man

he met at a chapel in a truck stop. But life on the road hadn’t allowed much time for church. Here, he’s found a church family that loves and supports him in his recovery.

Through our Gateway long-term restoration program, Richard found healing for the trauma that’s been the root of his trust issues. The Christ-centered counseling here has allowed him to open up about the abuse he experienced as a child.

“I have childhood family issues to deal with, and it’s hard to talk about. But facing my problems and dealing with them is the only way I’m going to heal.”

Richard has the support of his son and daughter, who encourage him during the recovery process. He hopes to find work in the Mission kitchen serving others.

“I like to cook and make good food for the people here. I would like to work part-time at the Mission if I can.”

Because you gave from your heart to help Richard, his life has been changed by your goodness and God’s love forever! “The Mission changes lives and helps people get back on their feet. I have a place now, and I know that the Lord loves me.”

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IF I CAN **MINISTER TO SOMEBODY**
OR HELP CHANGE THE WAY THEY FEEL –
EVEN JUST ONE PERSON – **THAT MAKES**
A DIFFERENCE.”



A Message from
DARRYL BARTLETT

**Give Where You Live...
to Meet Our Summer
Challenge**

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July and August cost \$78,000 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for faith-based recovery and practical guidance that empowers our guests to change their lives.

We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion now more than ever.

Please *give where you live* to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to Holland Rescue Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially in times like these.



Darryl Bartlett

Darryl Bartlett
Executive Director

**Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer
your gift today helps provide...**



38,000
meals



thousands
of clothing
items



11,700
beds



life-transforming
decisions for
Christ



countless hours
of counseling &
education

**Give Where You Live!
Our 92-Day Summer
Campaign is underway now.**

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🖨 Give online anytime at hollandrescue.org.

This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!

GIVE  LIVE
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

PLEASE HELP WITH OUR



SUMMER



Our "Summer Six" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all season long. Please deliver your donations to the Men's Center at 166 South River Avenue in Holland, 7 days a week. Those in our care will be deeply grateful for whatever you can share this summer!



1. Bottled water
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Toothpaste
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. High-efficiency laundry soap



The Best Bargains in Town

Gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys and bikes. Your donations – and your purchases – not only raise money to support the Mission, but also provide work experience for men and women in our recovery programs and clothing for those who are homeless.

Drop off donations at 661 East 24th Street, Holland, MI, 49423, Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Or, call **(616) 396-2200** to arrange a pick-up.




Let Your LEGACY Live On

If you're like many Americans, you have no current will or estate plan. Being unprepared could mean losing control of what happens to your assets.

Make sure your resources are passed on to the people and causes you believe in. We'd love to help you! Contact us today for helpful, current advice and guidance in planning your legacy... and gaining peace of mind.

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