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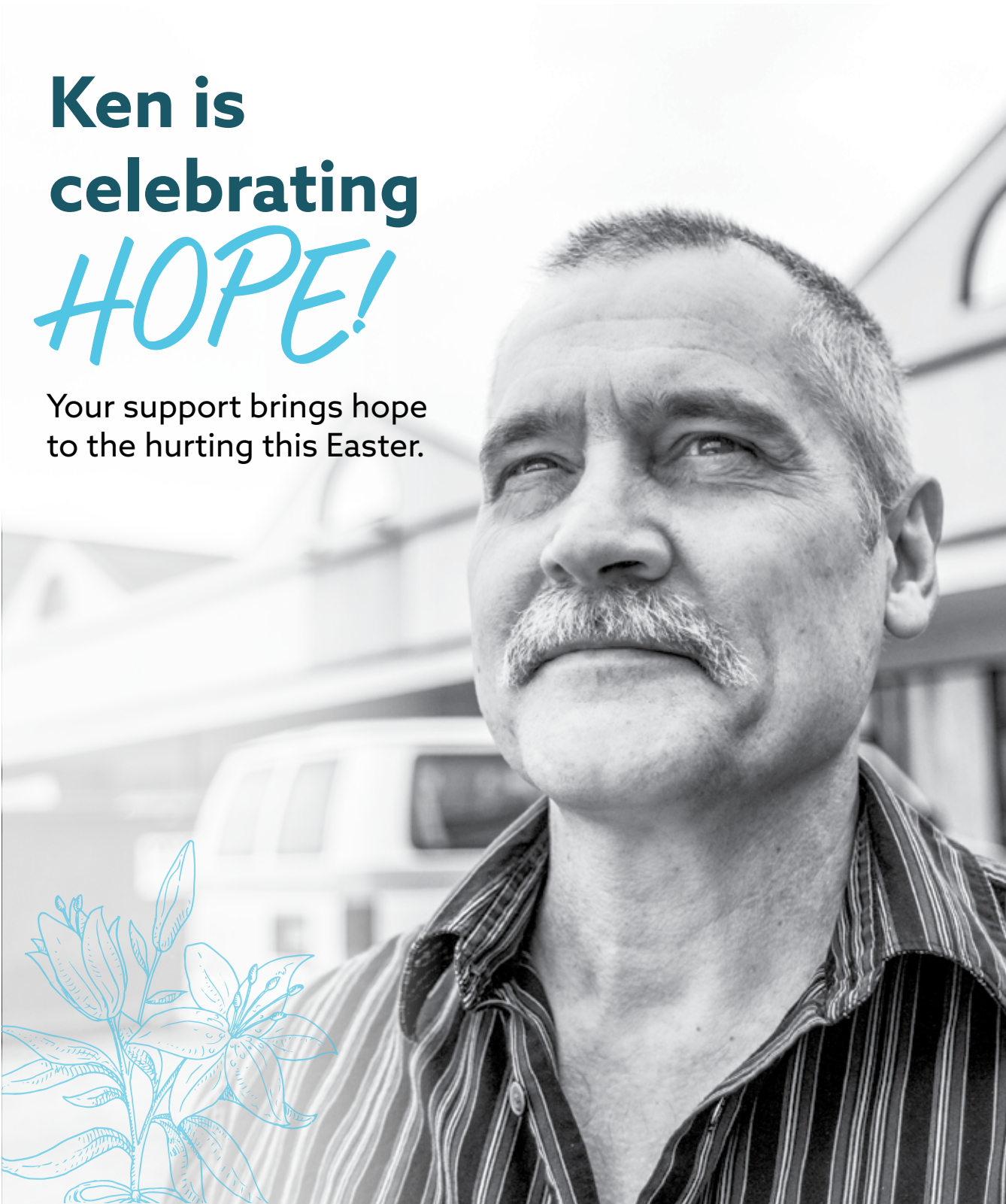


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Ken is celebrating *HOPE!*

Your support brings hope
to the hurting this Easter.



“Whatever doors God opens for me, I will go through them.”



Ken grew up with parents who were both alcoholics. But in trying to escape the chaos in his house, he started spending time with the wrong crowd.

“I tried to stay away from home as much as I could, and I ended up hanging out with the wrong kind of friends. I tried drugs at age 12 and it put me on a path to destruction.”

For more than 30 years, Ken tried to numb his feelings with drugs and alcohol. He chose drugs over his family, abandoning his children when they were young and spending many years homeless on the streets.

“I had no friends. I lost many jobs... and my dignity. I got to the point where I had no hope left.”

Then one day, Ken called out to God for the strength to overcome his pride and get help.

When he walked into Holland Rescue Mission, everything changed for Ken.

“When I got here, I immediately felt love,” he says, smiling. “They made me feel welcome and taught me how to deal with my issues instead of hoping they would go away.”

Through our Program, Ken got right with the Lord again.

“I’ve always had a relationship with God, but I was

drifting away. Now I can see that I have value and a purpose in this world.”

Ken learned what true faith meant, and gained the knowledge and tools to walk closer with Jesus. He is a Resident Assistant for others who are still in the Gateway Program and has found purpose in serving others while he looks for a place of his own.

“I’m learning more about how to walk as a Christian and show God’s love to other people, instead of it being all about me.”

“Now I feel at peace with everything going on around me. I actually have joy in my heart.”

He is taking steps to reconcile with his children and feels called into ministry to share his faith and experiences with others.

Thanks to the blessing of your support, Ken is celebrating Easter as a new creation in Christ.

“I have a relationship with God and that comes first. Once you have that, everything else follows.”



LEAVE A LEGACY

& Make an Eternal Impact

As you plan for your future, it's important to create a will or trust to care for your loved ones. But have you considered including your favorite nonprofit organizations as well?

Leaving a legacy gift provides you with an extraordinary opportunity to support the work of Holland Rescue Mission both now and for generations to come. Your gift will create a lasting legacy of support to share God's love and mercy with hurting and homeless people in our community.

For more information about the options available to you, please contact Rachael Neal, our Development Director, at **616-396-2200**. If you have already included the Mission in your will, please call so we can say "thank you."



"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10, NASB



A Message from **DARRYL BARTLETT**



THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *Lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in West Michigan today. Every chain that's

broken... every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Ken (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

Darryl Bartlett
Executive Director



Celebrate **NEW LIFE** this Easter

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and homeless. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.05**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items & Christ-centered care

YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter. A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

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

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



The Best Selection in Town

Come in today to our Gateway Thrift Store to find great deals on gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, bikes and more. Your purchases – as well as your donations of items you no longer need – raise money to support the Mission. You also help provide work experience for men and women in our recovery programs and clothing for those who are homeless.

Drop off donations at 661 E. 24th Street, Holland, MI 49423 – Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Or, call **(616) 355-6221** or visit **hollandrescue.org/thrift-store/** to schedule a pick-up. Thank you!



Spring Garden Auction 2021

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

April 21, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Baker Lofts, 217 E. 24th Street, Holland
Call **616-396-2200** for more information

You can give help and hope to the women and children who are staying at our shelter by attending this year's luncheon... which features two delicious lunch options! You'll have the opportunity to bid on spring-themed auction packages featuring unique and handmade items from local artisans and businesses.

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 prepare to be inspired at this year's event!

