



# Vision

*Caring for Those in Need Since 1967*

A publication of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission

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WSRescue.org

## Because You Gave

In 2015, you helped provide:

90-day Program Graduates	74
1-year Program Graduates	14
Permanent Housing	30
Employment	28
Men Attending College	1
GED	1
Bed Nights	34,210
Meals Served	182,875
Salvations & Rededications	22
Clothing Closet Items	12,609
Food Pantry Meals	45,739

## MISSION NEEDS

- Resident Room Renovations
- Non-perishable Food Donations
- Donated Thrift Store Items
- Medical Building New Roof



## Thrift Store Donation Drop Off

715 N. Cherry St.  
Winston-Salem, NC

Call **(336) 723-1848**  
for pickup of  
your donated items!

## Restoring Hope and Envisioning a Future...



The first thing you notice when you meet Kevin Cornatzer is his smile. Most people would not know, but behind that smile are the things he has had to overcome to bring him to this point.

Reflecting back on his journey, Kevin says his life was good, and at the age of 10, he gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. As he got older, he became egotistical and self-centered, which eventually led him to deny his faith.

At the age of 28, Kevin was introduced to social drinking. Little did he know that his choice to join in would lead him into trouble

with the law, losing his job, and eventually becoming homeless. Kevin's life would stabilize for a while, and then the demon of alcohol would return – pulling him down. This pattern would then repeat itself, and he “fell like a house of cards.”

*“...I was without hope!”*

In 2006, Kevin came to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission seeking help. However, he decided to leave the program early after receiving an inheritance, and fell back into drinking and a party lifestyle.

In 2010, Kevin moved to Asheville where he held a good job at Goodwill – until the drinking addiction returned. It wasn't long before he was sleeping on the streets and scavenging for food. He recalls, “I was without hope!”

Kevin returned to Winston-Salem and decided to take another chance to turn his life around. He entered the Rescue Mission program again, and this time was successful. Kevin graduated in September 2015, and in November obtained employment at the WSRM Thrift Store.

While at the Mission, Kevin rekindled his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and now trusts Him for His future. He has surrounded himself with a good support system for success. Going forward, Kevin hopes to return to school to train for the medical field. He is thankful for the Mission, and uses his job and testimony to encourage other men in the program. He is giving back, and the hope he had lost so many years before has now been restored.



# From the Director

## A New Year and New Opportunities for Positive Change!

- **Positive Change in Mission expenses.** We continue to evaluate and make changes including: changing vendors and reducing mailings starting May 2016, along with other positive changes to reduce expenses.
- **Positive Changes in lives of our men.** (like Kevin Cornatzer's story on page 1)
- **Positive Changes in lives of families in our community,** through New Food Pantry (page 2); Thrift Store (page 3); Free Clothing; and Free Medical/Dental.

Thank you for standing with us through your investment of prayer, money and time, resulting in God's impact on thousands of lives in our community.

May God richly bless you in this New Year as we serve together!



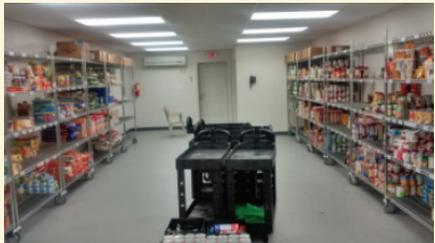
Ken Heater  
Executive Director

*Positive Change*

## Feeding the Hungry: New Food Pantry



No one wants to see anyone go hungry, yet in Forsyth and its surrounding counties, many families are in need of assistance feeding their families. To help address this need, the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission established a Client Choice Food Pantry over nine years ago. In 2015 alone, the Mission Pantry was able to distribute over 44,000 meals to our community.



As the number of individuals and families needing food increased, the Mission determined there was a need for a larger pantry space. After hearing about the need, Dr. Steve Cortis, Sr. Pastor of Center Grove Baptist Church (CGBC) challenged his leadership and congregation to support the efforts of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission by underwriting a new pantry. The new pantry location needed many upgrades for operation requirements, including new drywall, drop ceiling, floor improvements, electrical system, new paint, insulation, plumbing, bathroom fixtures, new roof and HVAC.



We are very grateful to the Center Grove Baptist Church family for their direction and financial support in making this project a success. We also thank the many other community vendors, anonymous donors and volunteers who helped provide tools, supplies and funding to make the New Pantry possible. Bob Gilgunn, WSRM Food Service Manager, shared that it was truly a "God Thing." All praise to God for meeting this need.

The NEW WSRM Food Pantry is located at 708 N. Trade Street.

## It's That Time of Year Again—Spring Cleaning!



Preston Ward  
Director of  
Development

As you prepare for this delightful season of Spring Cleaning, we ask that you allow us to help you with this task.

**First**, please help us help you by updating our mailing lists! If you are receiving too many mailers, or if you need to change your information with us, please go to our website [SurveyMonkey.com/r/GV7KXX3](http://SurveyMonkey.com/r/GV7KXX3) and complete the short questionnaire. This will help us as we work towards serving you better.

**Second**, let us help you by coming to pick up those gently used items you are ready to clean out this year. Schedule a FREE pickup for our Thrift Store at [WSRescue.org](http://WSRescue.org) or call 336-723-1848, ext. 101. It is a great way to recycle the things you no longer need, and help support Mission programs that impact lives. All donations receive a gift-in-kind donation receipt.

**Third**, you can also help by giving to the Mission through our website at [WSRescue.org](http://WSRescue.org). The site is secure and you will save money on postage, as well as help save Mission expenses. To give on your smart phone... text "WSRM" to 41444. **Thank you for your Prayers and Faithful support!**

## Supporting the Mission's Work Therapy Program Through Our Thrift Store

If you are like most people, every dollar counts. The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Thrift Store gives customers a great opportunity to shop for bargains and save money, while helping to support the addiction recovery and community assistance programs offered at the Mission.

Chris Wittlinger directs our work therapy program where men in both the 90-day and one-year recovery programs gain life skills by working in the thrift store or assisting with store pick-ups. This Mission program provides an opportunity for the men to learn how to communicate with others in a positive way and how to function in the environment outside the walls of the Mission. Hands-on experience provides an opportunity for socialization and job training, resulting in restored self-confidence. This, partnered with classes and guidance by our case management staff, helps enable the men to successfully transition back into society. You may find more information about Mission programs on our website at [WSRescue.org](http://WSRescue.org).

You can support Mission recovery programs by donating your gently used items to the WSRM Thrift Store. Schedule a FREE pickup for our Thrift Store on our website at [WSRescue.org](http://WSRescue.org) or call (336) 723-1848 ext. 101. A gift-in-kind tax receipt will be given with each donation.

*"When I came to the mission, I had sciatica nerve damage. Work therapy helped me work through the pain."*

—Mission Resident



*"Working in the thrift store helps me keep my mind occupied. It gives me purpose."*

—Mission Resident



**RESCUED TREASURES**  
**CHANGED LIVES**

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**2015 was a great year! Thank You!**



Alpha Acres Jamboree



Poplar Springs



Graduation



Newsletter Stuffing



Anniversary Banquet



Blue Ridge Ice Cream  
 at the Thrift Store



Serving Christmas Dinner



Fleet Feet Event



Calvary Baptist



Center Grove Baptist

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Friday, April 29, 2016**



*10th Annual  
 Golf Tournament*

**Bermuda Run West  
 Bermuda Run, NC**

For sponsorships or to sign up, go  
 to [WSRescue.org/get-involved/  
 events/golf-tournament](http://WSRescue.org/get-involved/events/golf-tournament)

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**Consider Including Winston-Salem Rescue Mission in Your Will**

To bless your family with a God-honoring will, go to [ChristianWill.org/wsr](http://ChristianWill.org/wsr) or  
 for more information, contact Ken Heater at (336) 723-1848 Ext. 112.

