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Tim's life has been redeemed by
GOD'S GRACE.

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Because of YOU,
THERE IS HELP & HOPE FOR
PEOPLE LIKE TIM –
AT EASTER AND ALWAYS.



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Tim was born to teach. “My mother was a teacher, and my parents stressed the value of education and public service,” he says.

He followed that path, earning a Bachelor’s degree in English Literature and a Master’s in Secondary Education and Adolescent Development. But he was injured in a car accident in graduate school and became addicted to prescription painkillers. “I would see multiple doctors,” he says. “I had unfettered access.”

Nevertheless, Tim graduated and found a teaching job he loved. “I was good at what I did. I cared and was thoughtful in my planning,” he says. “I was able to keep the house of cards standing for a little while.”

But when it became more difficult to get the prescription drugs, Tim switched to heroin and the house of cards fell. “Bad things started happening – cars getting repossessed, losing jobs,” he says.

It was then he decided he’d had enough and, after trying several rehabs, entered our Parker House Aftercare Program. “I hadn’t really believed in God up to that point, but I’d seen how much happier people are who have that spiritual element in their life, and I wanted that,” he says. “I’ve embraced it now and things have gotten a lot better.”

Tim is now using his education and teaching gifts to help others by tutoring at our Learning Center. “A lot of people weren’t offered the advantages I was and don’t have a high school education. I’m helping them prepare for their GEDs,” he says. “It makes me feel good.”

“I found undeserved kindness and charity.”

Because of your support, **Tim, and people like him, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of Rescue Mission of Utica – at Easter and always.** “Without the accountability here, I probably would’ve slipped. This program literally saves lives.”



2018 Easter CAMPAIGN



23,780
MEALS



5,040
NIGHTS OF
SHELTER



7TH ANNUAL

“WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES”

This year's "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" event on Saturday, February 3 was a day of inspiration and encouragement, as more than 300 walkers converged on Hanna Park to raise money for those in need. Their one-mile journey took them past the Mission's Parker House, and on to Westminster Moriah Olivet Presbyterian Church, where food and fellowship awaited.

Thank you to all who participated for your time and generosity! All proceeds from the event support the Mission's life-changing programs and services for those in need in Utica and the Mohawk Valley.

A Message from Jim Haid

CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life.

And that's exactly why it's so frightening for men, women and children to come to Rescue Mission of Utica. All other options are gone. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through Jesus!

It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.

Christ loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where they're at so they feel safe. Giving



them grace so they feel valued. Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.

That's what new life in Christ looks like here!

Thank you for creating a refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for men like Tim (*his story is on page 3*) who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.

Jim Haid
Executive Director

Easter HOPE

STARTS WITH \$2.19

SHARE THE HOPE OF
NEW LIFE THIS EASTER SEASON!

**HOT MEALS. SAFE SHELTER.
COUNSELING & JOB TRAINING.**

A new life...
and new hope at Easter!
It starts with your gift today.



THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!



An Evening of HOPE

Join us for our 24th Annual Alumni Banquet and be blessed as Mission alumni share their stories of God's transformation and continued leading in their lives.

Program graduates, friends and guests are invited for a time of food, fellowship and inspiration as we honor those who are living victorious lives in Christ.

WHEN: Monday, May 14, 6 p.m.
WHERE: Tabernacle Baptist Church
13 Clark Place, Utica, NY

For reservations, please contact Stacia Bridger at
(315) 735-1645, ext. 2102, by May 9.

TEE UP TO CHANGE LIVES!

Join us for our 11th Annual Golf Tournament to support Rescue Mission of Utica's life-saving services and programs that bring help and hope to those in need.

Our goal is to raise \$34,000 to give local hungry, homeless and hurting people a chance to rebuild their lives.

Come out and play a round. Become a sponsor. Or volunteer to help make this year's tournament another success. Save the date and watch for more details on our website at uticamission.org.

Save the Date
11th Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 14
Twin Ponds
Golf Course
New York Mills, NY



 **VISIT US ONLINE** to read stories of hope,
get involved in our ministry & securely donate anytime.

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LET'S BE FRIENDS!



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Beginning September 8, 2017; Ending December 26, 2017

Honor gifts of someone living and gifts made in memory of a deceased loved one are accepted throughout the year and published with the newsletter.

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