

Don't miss...



My Heart of Thanksgiving for You!

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"My life is a testimony."

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Restaurants to the Rescue!

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**ANTHONY WANTS TO**

*Thank You*

Anthony's heart is full of thanksgiving because of God's love & your generosity!



Anthony stood outside his parents' front door, hungry and homeless, hoping they'd give him some food even though he'd broken their hearts. "I'd stolen from my family and they had to kick me out," he says. "And still my mother handed out to me whatever food she had in the refrigerator."

He loved his family, but years earlier, Anthony had rebelled against their way of life. "I'd chosen to run the streets and get high," he says. "Living that way rewarded me with prison, hospitals and homelessness."

Then, one morning, he awakened in an abandoned building and had a moment of clarity. "I realized if I kept getting high, I was going to die," he says.

It was then when Anthony came to our Parker House Aftercare Program, where chapels, Bible studies and Christian counseling opened his heart to the Lord. "When I got here, I didn't know who God

minister to others who struggle as he once did. "I used to be blinded by selfishness, but now all I think about is who I'm going to give to and how," he says. "I know God has plans for me."

***"The Mission freely gave me genuine love and it changed my life."***

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was," he says. "But now I believe in Him and know He loves me."

Anthony's newfound faith has helped him become the man his parents always knew he could be. "I'm trustworthy now," he says. "And they love and support me 100 percent."

After graduating from the program, Anthony plans to

**Because of your generosity, Anthony's heart has been filled with thanksgiving... and God's love!** "People said there was no hope for me; that I'd never get my mind or my life right. But today I'm filled with gratitude, compassion, love, peace, joy, purity and fulfillment. My life is a testimony."



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**2019  
THANKSGIVING  
CAMPAIGN**

**MEALS NEEDED!**

*Help us get ready now!*

YOU can make a difference in the lives of homeless and hungry neighbors. By giving today, **you'll help us prepare for some of the 40,000 meals we'll serve** from now until Thanksgiving Day.

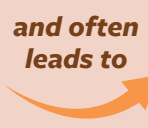
**LOOK AT WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE!**



**\$2.19**  
for 1 hot meal



**Nights**  
of safe shelter



*and often leads to*



A chance to share  
**GOD'S  
LIFE-CHANGING  
LOVE**



Please share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2019 Thanksgiving Campaign gift now**. Our hurting neighbors will find the help and hope they need for a new beginning in their lives!



Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at **uticamission.org**.



**THANK YOU**

AGAIN FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON.

**A MESSAGE FROM  
WENDY GOETZ**

*My heart of Thanksgiving for you!*

Each time I think of you, my heart overflows with thanksgiving. Your generosity to our homeless neighbors reminds me of the story of the Good Samaritan. During his journey, he stopped to help a man beaten and left for dead by robbers on the road – a victim others had walked right by.

Jesus then asks a simple question:

*“Which... was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*  
(Luke 10:36 & 37, NIV)

**Many who come to the Mission have been beaten down by life... they long for a Good Samaritan to reach out and help them.** This Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to take Jesus' challenge! The nourishing meals and safe shelter that your gifts provide are simple ways to give them a hand up.

I want to thank you for showing mercy to our neighbors who others often pass by. Your compassion helps our hurting guests recover and heal, and often opens their hearts to God's love today... and a transformed life forever!



*Wendy Goetz*

Wendy Goetz  
Executive Director

**IT'S A  
THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION  
...and you're invited!**



Come join us Thanksgiving Day as we gather to give thanks for all the Lord has done this past year through the Mission and your support!

The day's festivities will begin with a chapel service at 11:00 a.m. at Clarence Seaburg Chapel, 201 Rutger Street, Utica. Then we'll make our way to the Mission's Mary Tilton Clark Dining Room for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. This is a free event and all are welcome.

For more information, call **(315) 735-1645** or email Susan Woods at [susan.woods@uticamission.org](mailto:susan.woods@uticamission.org).

It'll be a day filled with food, fellowship and gratitude. We hope to see you there!

*Come and join us*  
**RESTAURANTS TO THE RESCUE!**

Our best area restaurants will provide one of their top entrees for guests to enjoy, at our **27th Annual Gourmet Guys Event: Restaurants to the Rescue!** Join us at Hart's Hill Inn at 4:00 p.m. for a five-course meal from the Mohawk Valley's finest!

- What:* 27th Annual Gourmet Guys Event
- When:* 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2019
- Where:* Hart's Hill Inn  
135 Clinton Street  
Whitesboro, New York



For more information, visit [uticamission.org](http://uticamission.org) or call Leslie Nicolette at **(315) 735-1645, ext. 2104**.

**BE A VOLUNTEER.**

With thousands of people to serve this fall, we really need YOUR help!

Call: Demetria Lunny at **(315) 735-1645, ext. 2103**  
Email: [demetria.lunny@uticamission.org](mailto:demetria.lunny@uticamission.org)

Or visit [uticamission.org](http://uticamission.org) to find out more or sign up now!



**Wendy, here's my 2019 Thanksgiving Campaign gift to feed & care for hurting neighbors:**

- \$21.90 to feed and care for 10 people
- \$54.75 to feed and care for 25 people
- \$76.65 to feed and care for 35 people
- \$89.79 to feed and care for 41 people
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

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