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How Your Gifts  
Bring Joy

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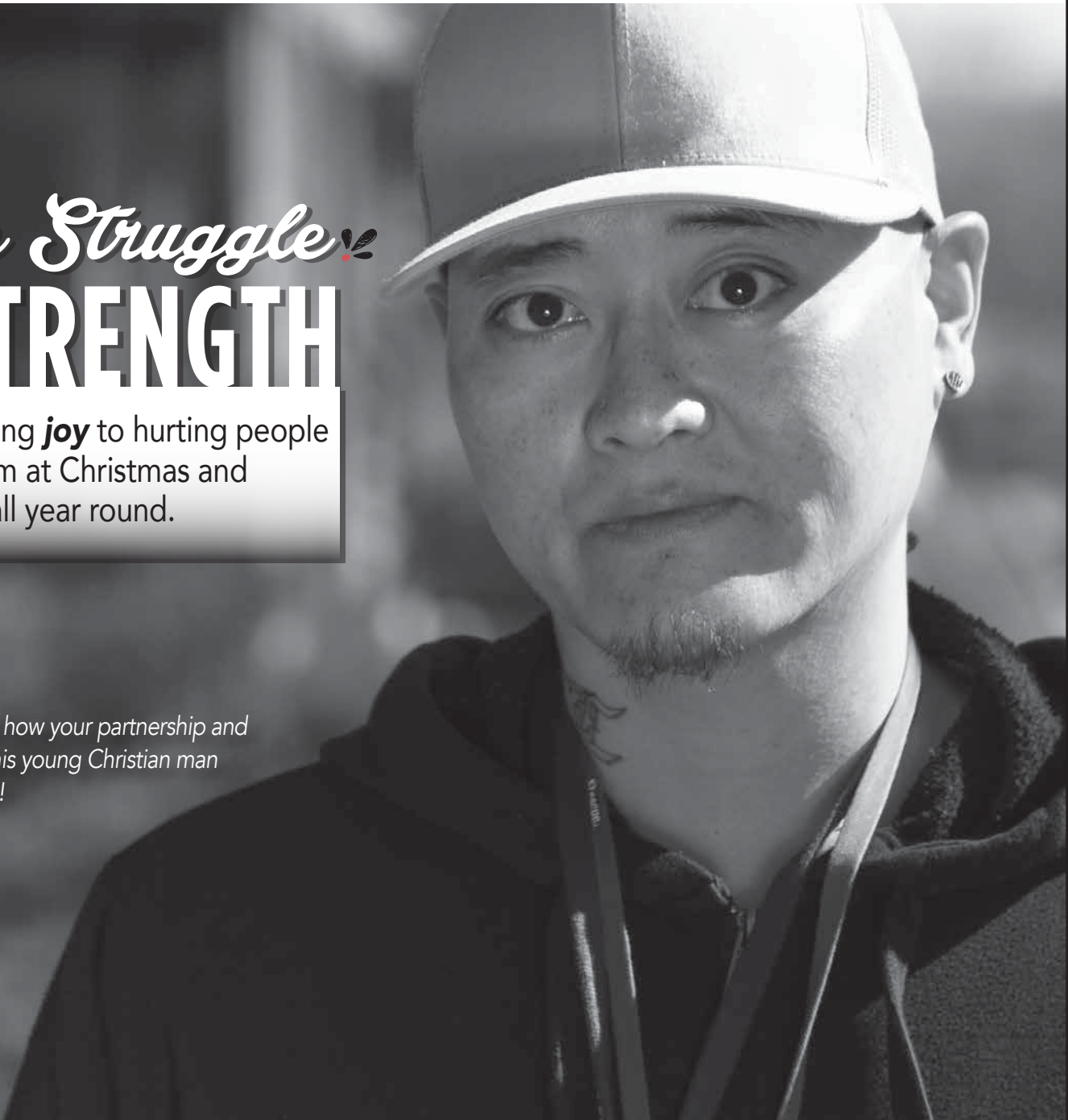
Help Fill Our  
Holiday Tables

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## *From Struggle* **TO STRENGTH**

Your gifts bring **joy** to hurting people  
like Tim at Christmas and  
all year round.

On Page 3: Read how your partnership and  
prayers helped this young Christian man  
answer God's call!



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Tim grew up in a strong Christian home with a desire to be a Godly man but, over the years, he'd fallen into a self-centered lifestyle. "I partied off and on. I wasn't really following the Lord," he says.

He wasn't at peace. He knew God wanted him living a different way, so he quit partying, started going to church and began spending his free time with his family. But he soon found out that it wasn't enough. God was calling him to a deeper change. ***"The Lord wanted more from me, but I was still self-centered."***

He couldn't have known that God was about to use a hardship in his life to win his whole heart. ***"I got injured at work, and lost my job and my apartment in one day,"*** he says.

It was then, at his mother's urging, that Tim entered our Parker House Aftercare Program. "I thought it was just to put a roof over my head until I healed, but it turned out to be a much greater blessing," he says. "Through counseling, chapel, prayer, and classes, ***I rededicated my life to the Lord and started thinking completely differently.***"

“I changed from  
**self-centered**  
to **selfless.**”

Tim demonstrated that selflessness by volunteering five days a week at our front desk, and working in our clothing closet and food pantry. Thanks to his hard work, after graduation, we invited him to join our staff as our Community Service Receptionist. ***"I now know my call is to human services. I'm so happy with the people I work with and what I do."***

We also invited Tim to live in one of our West Street Apartments set aside for the homeless. "It's rent-free for a year so I have time to get back on my feet," he says.

This Christmas, as Tim celebrates Christ's birth, he'll also celebrate the joyous new life he found inside our doors... because of your compassion. ***"The Mission gave me a wonderful chance to start over. They really do change lives."***





Your gifts  
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hurting people.

Your generous contributions are not only blessings in themselves, but they're multiplied exponentially by the countless gifts they allow the Mission to share with those who are hungry, hurting and homeless.

The food, shelter and clothing we provide are gifts that fulfill the most basic human needs. Guidance, education and job training are gifts too – and when accepted with commitment and dedication, they can lead to lives filled with promise and purpose.

***Yet the greatest gift we offer inside our doors is the message of God's love and grace, which can transform lives for eternity!***

This issue of *Reaching Out... Changing Lives* is all about sharing gifts – a subject that's especially appropriate during the holiday season as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Yet God's work, the Mission's outreach and our partnership with friends like you is focused on giving all year long!

Of course, none of our ministries would be possible without the gifts you first give to us. I'm so very grateful for your selfless giving, which brings joy to our hurting guests at Christmas and every day of the year. God bless you this holiday season and always.

**Jim Haid**  
Executive Director

P.S. Once again we'll be holding our Christmas gift-wrapping party to provide gifts to men, women and children in need, and we need volunteers and donations of gifts. If you can help, please contact Stephanie Moore at **(315) 735-1645, ext. 2103**.

end**HUNGER...** offer**HOPE**

**18,000** MEALS BY  
CHRISTMAS

A single nutritious meal is often the first step toward a new beginning for those who are hungry, homeless and struggling with life's challenges. Most importantly, *it's an opportunity to share God's love – the greatest gift you can give!*

*It costs only \$2.19 to provide one meal for a hungry person, during the holidays and all year round!*

✉ **GIVE NOW** using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

📄 **GIVE ONLINE** anytime at [uticamission.org](http://uticamission.org).

*Discover*  
what's happening  
during the  
*holidays!*

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**TUNE in**  
**FOR INSPIRATION**

Get a dose of encouragement through our radio show **"Reaching Out... Changing Lives"** on Mars Hill Network 91.1 FM or 102.9 FM every Saturday at 1:30 pm.

You'll hear testimonies from those whose lives have been transformed through our ministry, as well as the latest Mission news and volunteer opportunities. Lend an ear and be inspired!

# More Ways Your Gifts Bring Joy



## *Gift Cards are Great!*

Gift cards to local merchants like those listed below are great for buying holiday foods, gifts and year-round necessities for our guests, facilities and programs. Simply drop them by or send them to the Mission at **293 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13501.**

Walmart • Target • Lowe's • Staples • Big Lots  
Home Depot • Dollar General



## HELP FILL OUR HOLIDAY TABLES



Host a food drive or donate items to serve thousands of nutritious meals throughout the holiday season. Please deliver your items to 201 Rutger Street by **Friday, December 14.**

- Turkeys & hams
- Boxes of stuffing
- Bags of potatoes & sweet potatoes
- Fresh or #10 canned fruits & vegetables
- Baked pies & whipped topping
- Coffee, creamer, sugar (white & brown)



*Select the perfect gift with*

## #GIVINGTUESDAY™

Make your **#GivingTuesday** gift now by shopping our Christmas Gift Catalog. It's full of ways to bring the joy of help and hope to people like Tim (See Page 3).



**\$25**  
provides  
nourishing  
meals




**\$50**  
provides  
safe shelter



**\$100**  
provides  
education  
and training

 Shop online at **[uticamission.org/GiftCatalog](http://uticamission.org/GiftCatalog).**

 Or, add your special holiday gift to the enclosed reply card.

These Christmas gifts are representative of the needs of those we serve. Donations may be used to support the area of our ministry with the greatest need.

# In Loving Memory...

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

**Rescue Mission**  
*of Utica*  
Reaching Out...Changing Lives

Honorariums and Memorials: December 2017 – July 2018



## IN MEMORY OF

JONATHAN  
ART & NORMA BAKERT  
COLLEEN BANNON  
JACK BURNETT  
ROBERT COLEMAN

SHARON COSTELLO

CHAD DEFINA  
JOE DE JOHN  
LARAINA DELL  
JAMES J. DYER, BROTHER  
SANDRA FLAHERTY

RICHARD GOHRINGER  
JANET JOHNSON  
PASA JUKIC  
JAMES FRANCIS KELLY  
JAMES S. KERNAN, JR.

RON LALLIER, BROTHER  
ARMOND LA PINE  
PRABHAKAR RAO MALEMPATI  
PARA MARA  
RAJE SCHWAR MARA  
FLORENCE J. DYKEMA MORGAN

## GIVEN BY

RICHARD WILLIAMS  
MR. & MRS. DONALD E. KING  
ROSALIND KOVER  
MRS. JACK BURNETT  
ANN KOLAKOWSKI  
MR. & MRS. ROBERT F. NOVAK, SR.  
CAROL KEY & WILLIAM YOUNG  
MOHAWK VALLEY BASEBALL  
UMPIRE'S ASSOCIATION  
MARYTHERESA BALUTIS  
FRED & KATHY CAPOZZELLA  
JUDY DEFINA  
JOSEPH DE JOHN SPECIAL EVENT  
ROBERT DELL  
MICHAEL C. DYER  
SAM BYLAND  
TINA KRAVETZ  
MOUNT MARKHAM ELEMENTARY  
SUNSHINE  
CHRISTINA SECKAR  
JENNIFER WALLIGORA  
SHIRLEY GOHRINGER  
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MINELA IBRAHIMI  
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WILLIAM R. LALLIER  
LAUREN AND MICHAEL COLEMAN  
DR. & MRS. ANUPAMA MALEMPATI  
THE MARA FAMILY (TO PROVIDE FOOD  
SERVICE MEALS ON 5/14/18)  
VIVIAN B. BRUCKER  
PATRICIA CARRIER  
CLINTON RETIRED TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION

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RONALD NUTTY

DOROTHY O'NEIL

JOHN H. REDMOND  
STEPHEN ROBINSON

MALLIAH SARABU  
GUY SCERBO

ROBERT & CLARA LOUISE SHAUL  
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MARIE MAXIM  
HERB MORGAN FAMILY  
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