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Good News About Changing Lives!



WITH GOD'S
HELP AND WITH
THE HELP OF
THE MISSION

... we are rising
up and moving on

Your kindness is helping us start a new, positive chapter in our lives

My name is Frangelica, and I am grateful my children and I have the privilege of being at MorningStar Mission. I will never forget the day my daughter asked me, "Mama, are you going to find us a place we can call home?" How could any mother forget a question like that? It was such a joy to tell all my children that we had, in fact, found a place we could call home.

It's tough being a single mother, working two jobs and still not being able to pay the rent. I just got to the point where I was at the end of my rope. We stayed with my mom for a while, but that didn't work out too well, so we had to move on. While we came to the Mission for the basics of life, we are receiving so much more. I'm getting closer to God. I'm learning how to handle my problems from God's point of view. I'm also receiving good counsel on how to be a better mother. It's amazing that when I need someone to talk to there is always a counselor nearby.

I WILL NEVER GIVE UP . . . NEVER

I'm also learning to become a more patient person. When you see this photo of all my children, I'm sure you can understand my patience is required 24/7. One thing's for sure . . . I will never give up. Never. Even though we are at a Mission, I have to say that this is one of the best times of our lives. My children and I thank you for your donations, which give us food, shelter, clothing and so much more. I hope you realize your generosity allows the Mission to do miraculous things for us who need so much. You are a true blessing. I do not have enough words to express my gratitude to you for your kindness, so I will just say *thank you*.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD FROM MARILYN . . .

Dear Friend of MorningStar,

He was one of the quietest guests we've ever had at the Mission. He would sit by himself in the dining room . . . depressed, downtrodden and with no attempt to talk to anyone. Then one day a family came in to offer a few hours of service as volunteers. In that family was a four-year-old. With no inhibitions, the little boy went over and sat next to the man who was so unhappy. Before you knew it, the man was smiling. He and the child started to laugh together. Within a few minutes, there was a transformation on that man's face. It was interesting . . . we had tried so often, in so many ways, to encourage our friend to open up, but in the end, it was a child who helped our friend enjoy a few moments of happiness.

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YOU COME TO THE MISSION TO HELP OTHERS . . . BUT YOU'LL DISCOVER YOUR OWN HEART WILL ALSO BE BLESSED

Perhaps you and your family would like to bring your own children and grandchildren to the Mission to offer a few hours of volunteer service. *Even a four-year-old can help fold napkins.* We would love to have you all come to the Mission to share your compassion for people in need.

We are now in the midst of these critical summer months. And again this reminder: homelessness, poverty and despair don't take summer vacations. That's why we urge you to keep reaching out to people in need with your money and time. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Your servant,

Marilyn Farmer

Marilyn Farmer
Executive Director

PLAINFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM

Thank you to Plainfield Central High School's Hockey Team for helping to load semi-trailers with the gifts for the Stars of Hope program. We distributed over 11,000 gifts to families within our community. We value the ongoing partnership we have with the team.



ALLY FINANCIAL

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to the employees at the Orland Park Ally office. They donated a vanload of diapers for the babies and toddlers in our Women & Family Center and B.E.T.H. House. We thank them for their generosity.



HELP, HOPE AND A FUTURE FILLED WITH PROMISE

People who struggle to find their next meal, who are alone, afraid and without a friend in the world need to be rescued every day. That's why pain, fear, alienation from a living God and every other terror of life demand a spiritual response from the staff at MorningStar Mission.

And that's why we appreciate you as a valued partner of the Mission. Because of your ongoing generosity, we are able to share with our residents Christian love, compassion and a listening ear. We recognize summer is a time when friends of the Mission go on much-needed vacations, and we are glad you are able to take time to get away





MY RELATIONSHIP WITH A DAILY FIFTH OF JACK DANIEL'S JUST ABOUT RUINED MY LIFE

Thank you for the kindness of your heart toward someone like me

My name is Jeff. I'm here at the Mission for lots of reasons, but among them was because of my long-standing love affair with a fifth of Jack Daniel's. All alcohol did for me was ruin my life. But no one put the bottle to my lips. I did that, so I take responsibility for those actions. Because of my poor judgment, I became homeless, I panhandled for money, and I stared down the barrel of a gun at a stop sign where a guy said, "Hey, man, go get a job." I even used to hang out in front of strip clubs so I could gather up the loose change falling from the pockets of drunks leaving the clubs. Not much of a life, was it?

I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SO MANY GOOD PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Perhaps you can see why MorningStar Mission is a godsend for me. And when I realize all you do to help provide me with Christian counseling,

good food, clothing and safe shelter, I am overwhelmed. I didn't know there were so many good people in the world. In the old days, I would be happy to beg for a sandwich from somebody. My demands were small. But here at the Mission, I am receiving nutritious food and so much more. I know I have a long ways to go,

“ I thank God He's let me live long enough to know there's hope for me after all”

but I thank God He's let me live long enough to know there's hope for me after all. I'm also beginning to feel emotions. It's been a long time since I have even been able to cry. Now, I cry tears of joy for all God is doing in my life. I'm so glad the Lord has taken the place of that daily relationship with a bottle of whiskey. Thank you for supporting the Mission during the summer months and throughout the year.

with your family. At the same time, we also encourage you to remember homelessness refuses to take a holiday. During the summer months, our doors remain open to any and all who need a loving touch and an opportunity to begin a new life.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

You have reached out in Christian compassion to so many of our friends during the last few months, something for which we are so grateful. Now, we come to you again because you know the needs of those who are addicted and homeless never cease. To send a generous summer donation at this time, please use the remit slip enclosed. You may also give your gift on our secure website www.morningstarmission.org. Thank you.

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on my support
during these critical
summer months.

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- \$20.50 to provide 10 meals and other assistance
- \$30.75 to provide 15 meals and other assistance
- \$61.50 to provide 30 meals and other assistance
- \$_____ to provide as many meals and as much care as possible
- Please bill my credit card: VISA MC DISCOVER

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