

# SOUP! *for your* SOUL

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TRUE LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH YOU!



## A Time for Renewal!

Thank you for bringing our  
neighbors in out of the  
cold and into new lives

# There's Hope on the Horizon



**Rev. Patrick H. Vanderburgh**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**Praise be to the God  
and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy  
he has given us  
new birth into a living  
hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead...**

—1 PETER 1:3, NIV

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If you were to ask me to find one good thing about a bitter Milwaukee winter, I'd say this: You can't truly appreciate the beauty and warmth of spring without having experienced the stark chill of winter.

I think many of our guests feel this in their own lives, as they enjoy a springtime of rebirth after a cold season of homelessness or addiction. When our hurting neighbors come to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, they find more than a meal and a place to sleep—they find fertile ground to grow in the love of the risen Christ.

Your compassionate support gives families like Joyce's the immediate and long-term care they need to break the cycle of poverty and adversity...and offers men like Roscoe the opportunity to restore their relationships with God, family and society.

As you read more about Joyce and Roscoe in this issue of *Soup for Your Soul*, I hope you'll feel inspired to continue your partnership with MRM by sending a gift today. Between now and our Easter Sunday celebration, we need your help to serve more than 14,000 meals. Not only will you help to satisfy physical hunger, you'll offer more men, women and children the dignity, hope and encouragement to make lasting changes in their lives.

Thank you for helping to provide warmth, nurturing and rebirth as spring approaches with the hope of Easter, and every day of the year.

I thank God for you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Vanderburgh'.



Therefore, if anyone  
is in Christ, he is a  
new creation; the  
old has gone, the  
new has come!

—2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

## Roscoe's Headed in the Right Direction

Before he came to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Roscoe's life felt a lot like a carnival ride—"around in circles, up and down." There were a few thrills on this ride, but the price of admission was high. Roscoe's drug and alcohol addiction cost him his family and everything else he held dear.

"I was depressed," Roscoe remembers. "I was tired of hurting people who were close to me, making promises I couldn't fulfill, losing jobs. I was tired of being a failure."

Roscoe tried several short-term rehab programs, but his periods of sobriety were also short-term. He knew he needed something else, some other way to find the stability that eluded him. He knew several men who had graduated from MRM's long-term

*LifeSkills* program. "They were still clean," he says, "and I wanted that!"

### **Closer to God**

In October of 2008, Roscoe arrived at MRM and enrolled in the program. "I came here for a change of life, to get closer to God." Roscoe knew that God was the missing element in his previous treatments, and that only with His help could he find the right road—and stay on it.

Roscoe describes his first day at MRM as "a joy! I knew I was finally going to get the help I needed." Since then, every day of his journey has brought him one step closer to becoming the man he wants to be.

### **A Brighter Outlook**

"I've got an outlook on my future now," he tells us. "Before coming here,

I didn't have a clue: no goals, no plans, nothing!" Today, Roscoe works in MRM's kitchen, where he's earned the friendship and respect of the staff. He looks forward to reconnecting with his grown children and being a grandfather to their kids.

Roscoe feels a deep gratitude for friends like you who support MRM. Asked what he would say to donors about how their gifts are used, he says, "They would not be disappointed! (MRM) doesn't turn you away, even in the middle of the night. They take you in and comfort you. They find out what you need to better your life: spiritually, emotionally even financially.

"If someone needed help, I would tell them to go to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission!"

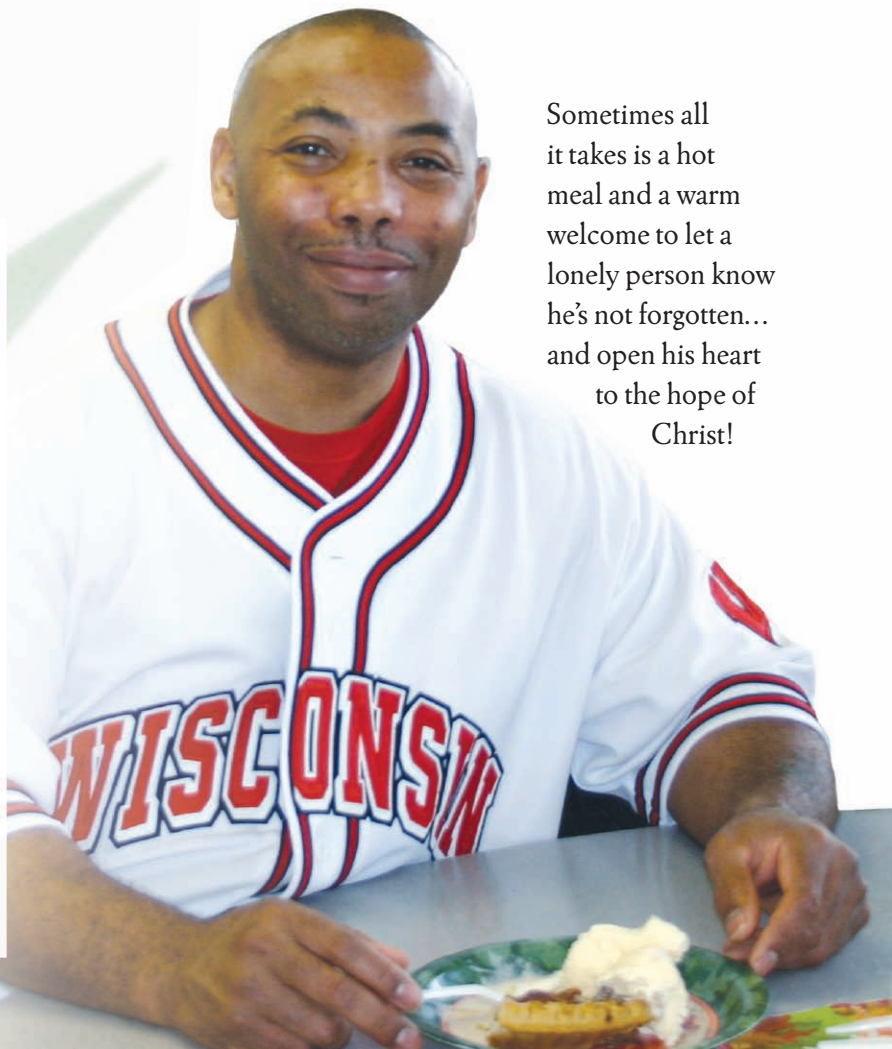


# Signs of **SPRING...** Signs of **HOPE**



Nothing says “hope” quite like the smile of a little one! Through donations and volunteering, your kind support gives boys and girls in Joy House and at CrossTrainers Academy a head start at a happy, successful life.

As winter slowly eases its grip on Milwaukee, we see plenty of new growth here at MRM—thanks to friends like you! Seeds of hope you helped to plant at Thanksgiving, Christmas and every day of the year are bursting into new life. This Easter season, as men, women and children come to us for food, shelter and counseling, we need your partnership to reach out and help the hurting.



Sometimes all it takes is a hot meal and a warm welcome to let a lonely person know he’s not forgotten... and open his heart to the hope of Christ!



A new beginning often means a new job—and your gifts help provide men and women with the resources and education to gain a competitive edge in the marketplace!



Spiritual support and Bible study are just as vital as food and shelter to our guests at MRM. Christ is the key to a successful transition back into the community.



Thank you for helping families in crisis heal together in a safe, secure environment. Our *New Life* and *Fresh Start* programs get mothers and children back on their feet again.

# SPRING Wish List

*Some of our most urgent needs are listed here. If you can help, please drop off your donation Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance.*

- Socks (men, women and children)
- Underwear (all sizes, but especially children's sizes 2-6, and men's and women's large sizes)
- Juice
- Fresh fruit
- Baby wipes
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Deodorant
- Lotion & Vaseline
- Kleenex (box and pocket-sized)
- Cold & flu medicines (non-alcoholic)
- Pain relievers
- Thermometers (digital preferred)
- Thermometer covers
- Vacuum cleaners
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Fabric softener
- Lunch bags and sandwich bags
- Paper plates, cups and paper towels
- Plasticware
- Toilet paper
- Working wrist watches
- Small clock radios
- Snacks

# memorial & in honor of gifts

## In memory of:

(gifts received from October 20 through December 31, 2009)

*Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones. A memorial gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member.*

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## Not Just a Face in the Crowd

An eviction notice—especially to a single mother with three young children—can look like the end of the world. But Joyce felt lucky. Although her sister had an upcoming move out of state planned, in the meantime, she could take Joyce’s family in. Certainly they’d be able to find affordable housing before her sister moved to Texas.

Finding a new apartment was a lot tougher than Joyce had bargained for. And when her sister moved last June, Joyce had no one else to turn to. That’s when she dialed “211” for help and got a referral to Joy House, our family shelter.

### A Fresh Start for Joyce

Within two months, Joyce graduated from our *New Life* program and enrolled in our *Fresh Start* program, which includes parenting classes, among others. She has been amazed at the positive changes she has seen in herself and her family! “I used to get so angry with (my children),” she admits. “Now, I’m learning different ways of dealing with them, like giving them options or taking away privileges instead of yelling at them.”

One-on-one Bible studies also make a profound impact on Joyce. “I’m learning

a lot about Jesus. I’m finding myself more on the right path and seeing how I fit into the scheme of things,” she says. Her three children—Corey, Antonice and Alauna—enjoy learning Bible verses and going to church. “We’re a close-knit family,” says Joyce, “and now we have a close connection with God.”

### A Family Thing

Because *Fresh Start* is a transitional living program, it provides a more stable, home-like environment which Joyce appreciates. She tells us that when she gets her own home, she plans to keep in touch with the other *Fresh Start* families she and her children have come to know and love. “I want to see all the kids grow up! It’s a real family thing,” she enthuses.

Speaking of “family things”, Joyce looks forward to spending this Easter with her children, as it has a new, special meaning this year.

Joyce extends her gratitude to you for making Joy House and its programs available to families in crisis. “No words can really express my thanks! I feel like they really care about me at Joy House. I’m not just a face in the crowd.”

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