

MESSENGER



EASTER 2023

OUR MISSION IS CHANGING LIVES



THANK YOU
FOR GIVING
Brandon
A NEW
BEGINNING.

Because of you, he
has joy in his heart
this Easter!



DON'T MISS...

2 Help our hurting neighbors this Easter

3 "There's joy in my life now."

4 Celebration of Hope

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A Message from PAM STEGORA AXBERG

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local men, women, and children feel welcome here at UGMTC. We invite them to be part of our family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us all when we accept Him as our Savior.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Blessings,

Pam Stegora Axberg,
Chief Executive Officer



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS



Help make a new beginning possible for more men, women, and children this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.27—often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at ugmtc.org.

Easter²⁰²³
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Life transformation starts with YOU!



14,200 meals
\$2.27 for a meal!



12,156 nights of shelter



85 men & women in our recovery programs (on average)



675 hours of education and mental health counseling (monthly average)

Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!



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Brandon’s 2-year-old daughter was the light of his life. So when Brandon separated from her mother and had to move out, he was devastated. He’d always wanted a family of his own; now it had been stripped away.

Brandon turned to prescription drugs to fill the void of being away from his daughter, but when they became an addiction, he stopped cold turkey—only to replace the drugs with alcohol, which he could not quit.

“I was ashamed, but I just couldn’t function without it,” he says. “When I thought about my mental health issues and the alcohol, I’d be filled with regret, which just made me drink more. I had zero hope. I was stuck. I didn’t think I’d ever be able to get out. I thought I was going to die drinking.”

When he arrived at the Mission, Brandon was hopeless. He was desperate to get his life back, but he felt the battle had already been lost. **Yet, over time, through our recovery program, mental health counseling, classes, and Bible studies, he found hope.**

“As I went through the program, the Mission became my new home,” he says. “Even after I

graduated from the program, I chose to stay on to participate in a job training program because I knew it’s what was best for me. Building a relationship with God is what helped the most.”

“ I held a lot of regret, shame, and embarrassment, but at the Mission, I realized I was forgiven. ”

Brandon is a powerful example of a life changed. He now works at the Mission as an intern and enjoys giving back to others who are struggling as he once did. “I see God working through other people, and that helps me. I hope people can see God working through me, and that helps them as well,” he says.

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Brandon is grateful for your support this Easter. “I feel like I’m a good father and a good role model now. I’m a story that someone else struggling with addiction can look to and think, ‘He made it. I can make it too.’”

HELP US CELEBRATE EASTER

Easter is a day of celebration! As we prepare for Easter here at the Mission, our guests and residents follow along the pathway of Jesus as he made his journey to the cross. Our chaplains walk with guests and residents through the season of Lent during nightly chapel services and everyone eagerly awaits the joy that Easter brings. Your support enables us to continue to share the joy of our risen Savior!

Donate now! ☎ 651-228-1800 🌟 ugmtc.org



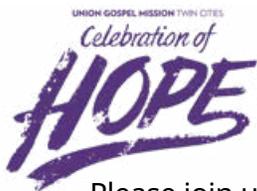
YOUR PRAYERS CHANGE LIVES!

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in the Twin Cities.

Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Mission.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods, and community. God bless you!



You're invited to celebrate hope!

Friday, May 12, 2023

Heritage Center

6155 Earle Brown Drive • Brooklyn Center, MN

Please join us for Celebration of Hope on May 12! You'll hear how friends of UGMTC like you have changed lives in the Twin Cities. Don't miss this special time to celebrate God's gift of hope.

Register by April 28 at ugmtc.org/COH2023