



REDEEMED & RESTORED

Stories of Hope from the Las Vegas Rescue Mission • Fall 2025

YOU are 
a blessing!

INSIDE: Charles shares
how your support gives
him hope.



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back my life...
my sense
of self-
worth.”



Charles had a loving and peaceful childhood, and as a young man he met the love of his life and knew right away that she was the one. “We fell in love and after a year we moved out to Las Vegas to get married.”

They spent 10 wonderful years together, but then his wife passed away from cancer. “I couldn’t understand why God gave us just 10 years. I was very angry about that for a long time.” The heartbreak of her death left him feeling broken and lost. “There was just no point anymore after she was gone. I didn’t care about myself or my life.”

Deep in pain, and without direction or purpose, Charles’s life spiraled. “After she died, a friend offered me drugs. I said yes... and 20 years later I was still doing it.” **Addiction cost him his home and belongings, and things eventually got so bad that he was living in a drainage tunnel.**

At rock bottom, Charles had a moment of clarity. “I woke up one day and knew things had to change.” Even through the pain and hardship, he felt God was calling him to a second chance. “I thought for about an hour, and then I came to the Mission. They invited me in and gave me a new start.”

At the Mission, Charles found more than food and

shelter – he rediscovered hope. Through classes like Smart Recovery, Celebrate Recovery, and Healthy Boundaries, he began healing. “I’ve gotten back my sense of self-worth and purpose... my ability to hold my head up and get back into life.”

Today, Charles is still on the path to recovery, growing stronger and looking forward to his next chapter. **“When I needed help the most in all 68 years of my life, they took me in gladly. I’m so thankful.”**

“ They stuck out their hand and made me feel welcome from the first day. ”

Your gifts are bearing fruit in the lives of people like Charles. Now, his heart is full of hope this fall... thanks to your kindness! “I’ve broken out of the vicious cycle and the feelings of worthlessness that I was trapped in. I’m hopeful about my future, and I know that the Lord will provide everything I need.”

Hearts and lives are full... thanks to YOU!



A Message from HEATHER ENGLE

As the seasons change, I'm reminded of Jesus' words to His disciples: ***"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."*** As one of our most devoted "workers," your support and care for our neighbors experiencing displacement is a powerful source of hope. For the people who come to us for help. For our staff... and for me personally!

This month, you have a special opportunity to make a difference for our struggling neighbors. September is Hunger Action Month – and we're inviting you to provide 30 meals over 30 days for our hungry guests. It's a meaningful way you can be a force for change here in Southern Nevada.

In September alone, we're preparing to serve 28,667 meals – and more in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Your support will help provide these life-changing meals that fill bellies with nourishment... and fill lives with hope.

Just read how your generous gifts are bearing fruit in Charles's life, whose story is on Page 3. He is looking forward to a more hope-filled future – because of the dedication of "workers" like you!

Thank you for investing in the lives of more people like Charles during Hunger Action Month and throughout the fall season!

Heather Engle, CEO

OUR CURRENT NEEDS

Donate essential items this fall!

Throughout the busy fall season, we'll welcome even more guests than usual here at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission! And with more people to care for, our needs also increase.

Our 3 most needed items:

- ☐ Travel-size hygiene items
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Underwear

This fall season, you can give hope and healing by providing for these and other immediate needs of our neighbors.



Visit vegasrescue.org/inkind to see our current needs list.

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT: HUNGER ACTION MONTH

28,667
Meals Needed by Sept. 30!

September is Hunger Action Month! Join our community in this month-long movement to fight hunger... and TAKE ACTION to help even more hungry neighbors we'll welcome this fall.



Sign up to
serve a meal



Donate
canned goods



Start a
collection
drive



Invite others
to join you

**For just \$2.49, YOU can
provide a nourishing meal
to end someone's hunger.**

Send your gift today OR online
at vegasrescue.org.

*Scan to take
action now!*



INVEST IN SAVING LIVES!

Make a lasting impact for our neighbors in need... while experiencing benefits for you and your family! Don't forget about these special giving opportunities before the year ends.

IRA Charitable Rollover

Are you 73 or older? If so, you can save on taxes while meeting your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution! A gift from your IRA is considered a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), so it's not taxable income.

Donor-Advised Funds (DAF)

A DAF acts as a charity savings account that you can use to send money to the Mission. If you put money in today, you'll get a tax deduction for 2025. The money sits in the fund and can grow tax-free!

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**TAKE
ACTION!**

HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



Donate essential items!

From food that stocks our pantry shelves to warm clothes that comfort weary neighbors – every item you give helps provide life-saving care for our community. And you can even spread the joy of giving by hosting a donation drive!

To see our urgently needed items, visit
vegasrescue.org/InKind



Join us as a volunteer!

We'd love to see you here at the Mission. Sign up to help serve a community meal in our dining hall. We'd be grateful to have you, your family, friends or church volunteer with us this fall!

To learn more, visit vegasrescue.org/Volunteer



Become a monthly giver!

Join other faithful friends who give monthly through our Visionary Club! Start giving monthly this fall to provide a steady stream of support for our neighbors during our busiest season.

To learn more, visit vegasrescue.org/GiveMonthly



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING HEALING & HOPE!

The road to recovery is a long and difficult one, filled with obstacles. But millions of Americans have successfully made the journey from dependence to dignity and hope.

This month we join thousands of other recovery programs around the country to celebrate National Recovery Month! We applaud the hard work and dedication of the courageous men and women who have transformed their lives in our recovery program.

As we recognize their incredible progress and the gift of God's healing in their lives, we are more committed than ever

to help reach those still trapped in the cycle of addiction.

Thank you for coming alongside these neighbors and for your continued support of the men and women who will come to our doors in search of recovery!

To see the faces and read the stories of men and women who've found healing and hope at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, visit vegasrescue.org.

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RECOVERY. HOPE. HEALING.

