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## Your Help is Needed More Than Ever

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — *Philippians 4:6, NIV*

During these challenging weeks and months of COVID-19, your prayers and support are especially needed. Many organizations including ourselves have had to make adjustments never done before, but our commitment is the same — to care for our homeless neighbors, who are particularly vulnerable to the outbreak and need care now more than ever.

Many of these folks are already suffering from chronic health conditions. Making matters worse, they have difficulty accessing basic sanitation, which puts them at further risk of COVID-19 and other deadly viruses.

We're working hard to provide food items and hygiene supplies — and to educate them about how they can protect themselves and prevent the spread of germs. But we need your help.

The impact of the virus on the economy has caused giving to the Mission to drop dramatically since March. Please send whatever you can today to help make up the shortfall and care for suffering men, women and children who are precious in God's sight. Thank you!

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# "I have a whole new life with the Lord and I love it!"

**I** have lived my hell right here on earth," Carolyn says. The hell of which Carolyn speaks began as a child, when she was abused physically, mentally, and sexually. It continued later in life when, as a single mom, she lost two children to a horrific car accident. Perhaps it's no wonder that drug addiction became her escape.

Carolyn's addiction quickly overtook her and led to numerous overdoses, including a recent one that nearly took her life. Doctors had to shock Carolyn's heart six times to bring her back from the brink of death. When she eventually recovered, the hospital sent her to Faith Mission.

Faith Mission is the only emergency facility in Elkhart County where shelter, meals, clothing and life skill programs are provided all in one place. Through the generous support of partners like you, our loving staff welcomed Carolyn without judgement and began helping her work through her pain to reclaim her life. And she's making amazing progress.

"When I first landed here and they said it was Christian-based I was like, 'this isn't for me,'" Carolyn says. "But eight months later, I have a whole new life with the Lord and I love it!"

As part of Carolyn's recovery, she is helping lead our Low Barrier program, which provides nightly shelter and a hot breakfast for homeless neighbors. And her participation is doing wonders for her confidence and self-esteem. "Over the past few months, I've gotten nine people beds here," she says. "Seven of them have gotten jobs and have gotten their own place."



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Thanks to a generous Gift from our Board of Directors, your support today will double the impact.

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**\$20 doubles to \$40 to help with meals and shelter.**

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**\$100 multiplies to provide \$200 worth of life-changing services.**

So, please rush your generous gift today with the attached reply slip. And reach our homeless neighbors with twice the help and hope. Thank you!

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