

# Save the date for the Turkey Stampede!



Mark your calendar now and get ready to join your family, friends and neighbors for

Faith Mission's 14th Annual Turkey Stampede!

Take part in the 10K run, the 5K walk/run, or the 1-mile walk through the streets of Elkhart. Or consider becoming an event sponsor!

All proceeds benefit the men, women and children served

by Faith Mission, making it a great opportunity to get some exercise, spend time with family and friends, and help people in need all at the same time. We hope to see you there!

**Thursday, November 23, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**Elkhart Health & Aquatics (200 E. Jackson Blvd.)**  
**Sign up today: [theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org).**



## Leaving a Legacy of Care



Since 1956, caring partners like you have transform a countless number of lives through your support for Faith Mission.

If you'd like to continue extending your compassion well into the future – and take advantage of certain tax benefits at the same time – then please consider making a bequest to the Mission through your will or other estate plans. Doing so is a relatively easy but effective way to leave a legacy of care.

**For more information, please contact Mike Perez at (574) 293-3406, ext. 105 or at [Mike@theFaithMission.org](mailto:Mike@theFaithMission.org).**

And if you've already included Faith Mission in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can properly acknowledge your generosity.

Thank you!



# Faith **IN** Action

Fall 2023

**“I knew this was a better place to be!”**

Curt was a guest here several years ago. So, when he lost his job and his place to live, he turned to Faith Mission once again for help.

Being at the Mission also forced Curt to confront his addiction to alcohol and get the help he needed. “I probably wouldn't have done it on my own,” he says.

**Learn how your support helped Curt “move to the next level”...**



## Just for you...

- We're thankful for... you!
- Helping Curt find the right path...
- Save the date for the Turkey Stampede!

**GIVE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.**

[theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org)

### YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season.

- \$23.52 for **12 meals and care**
- \$49.00 for **25 meals and care**
- \$74.48 for **38 meals and care**
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many people as possible

Bill my credit card

Make this a monthly gift

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It's easy to give your gift online:  
[theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org).



Point your smartphone camera here to give now

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROSS SWIHART

## We're thankful for... you!

As we enter our busiest time of the year, I want you to know how thankful we are for YOU.

Only with your prayers and your support are we able to care for the men, women and children who come to us every day for food, shelter, recovery and spiritual care.

Sadly, far too many people in our community are still struggling. With increasing food, gas, rent and utility costs, the number of families and individuals – including children and seniors – coming to us for help is increasing.

As the weather grows colder and the holidays grow nearer, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider helping again with a gift of any size to help feed and care for people in need.

I ask you to pray for those we serve, as well as our staff and volunteers.

At the same time, please let us know how we at Faith Mission can pray for you and your family.

Thank you again for reaching hearts and changing lives through your partnership.

God bless you for caring!

## Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$1.96!

Even with rising inflation, it still takes just \$1.96 to feed a hungry man, woman or child at Faith Mission!

That's because, in addition to generous financial gifts from friends like you, donations of food and other supplies from local businesses keep our food costs stable and help make your financial gifts go further to feed and care for people in need.

As we prepare to serve thousands of meals to hungry guests this Thanksgiving season, just imagine how many dinners you can provide and how many lives you can touch with your gift! Please mail your donation today or give online at [theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org).

God bless you!



## Helping Curt find the right path...

Curt got started down the wrong path early in life.

His mother was an alcoholic and drug addict who shared her addictions with her son. "In high school, I was smoking pot with my Mom and drinking with her every night," Curt remembers.

"Then, I tore my knee and discovered painkillers, and I liked them much better than drinking." But Curt discovered that the consequences of pills were more severe than those of alcohol – especially the legal consequences.

"The opioid epidemic made it harder to get pills, which was good," Curt says. "So, I just went back to alcohol because alcohol was my thing when I was younger."

He was driving a delivery truck when he got a DUI that cost him his job. "It was then that the drinking became a really big problem," he remembers.

Coming close to being "kicked out" of the place he was staying because he ran out of money, Curt came to Faith Mission. "I knew this place was here. It was a good option. I knew it was a much better place to be."

When he got caught drinking at the Mission, Curt had to make a choice: Get serious about getting his life together by going to detox or leave. "If my hand hadn't been forced, I probably wouldn't have done it," Curt says today. "I'm grateful for that."

Thanks to that decision – along with a job training program at Goodwill and the support provided by friends like you – Curt got back on the right path!

Today, Curt lives in our longer-term housing. He believes one of the most important things the Mission does for people is to begin by taking care of their physical needs.

"You can't focus on anything else if you're worried about where you're going to sleep or what you're going to eat. If you're worried about your safety and security, you can't move on to the next level."

*Thank you for helping Curt move to the next level through your support!*



## Today's *Recipe* Turkey Dinner for 16,000

**Turkeys**  
**Hams**  
**Boxes of stuffing**  
**Cans of mushroom soup**

**Dinner rolls**  
**Pounds of carrots, celery, onions and potatoes**

**Directions: Combine with love and feed 16,000 hungry people.**

**Help fill the pantry for Thanksgiving Dinner.** Please drop off donations at 801 N. Benham Avenue, Elkhart.

**No time to shop? Make a gift at [theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org)**

## Lend a helping hand this season!

Looking for practical ways to help people in need this Thanksgiving season? We have many different volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups and families!

For more information, call Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103, or go to [theFaithMission.org](http://theFaithMission.org) and click on "Get Involved."

