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A newsletter of Dallas LIFE



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HOMELESS RECOVERY CENTER

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THROUGH IT ALL:**
**Sarah is especially
thankful for YOU!**
Your compassion &
support change lives.



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NO MATTER WHAT.”



Sarah was in an abusive relationship – just one of a string of bad relationships. But when he left her and evicted her from their home, she felt lost and alone.

“I lost my mother in 2004, and then my dad. My mom’s mom the next year and my dad’s mom the following year. That was literally all the family I had. So, when he abandoned me, I was scared.”

Sarah had already lost custody of her three children and had trouble keeping a job. She stopped using drugs a few years before and didn’t want to fall back into addiction or end up homeless on the streets. That’s when she found the courage to come to Dallas LIFE.



“They bring you in and **it’s like you’re coming into God’s house... you’re part of the family.** I never thought I was worthy enough to feel like this.”

When Sarah first got here, she was angry... at God, herself and life in general. But the classes helped her recognize past behaviors and learn healthier ways to cope with her pain. She also recommitted her life to the Lord and found strength in the surrender.

“They taught me patience... and of course, God has helped me with that. I pray every day that His patience will be my patience. His understanding, my understanding.”

Sarah graduated from our program and is still with us as a resident staff worker – helping out

with security while she looks for a job and a place to live. She sees her kids as often as possible and is sharing her faith by teaching them about Jesus and the Bible.

As Sarah celebrates this Thanksgiving, she feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it’s given her a fresh start in life. “Now I see myself as worthy and lovable... Dallas LIFE made that possible. This is my family.”

THANKSGIVING 2021

As Thanksgiving approaches, I look forward to slowing down and enjoying my family with a good meal and grateful hearts. It seems to be the untouched holiday that slows everyone down, knowing that afterwards we all gear up for Christmas.

The conversation around the table does my heart good to listen to my grandchildren describe why they are grateful as smiles warm every heart in the room. While football often follows, it is still the slow pace and relaxed day I look forward to the most.

I wish the same for you. I want you to know that, due to your generosity, we at Dallas LIFE are able to feed the hundreds of people that come to us for help. All year long you partner with us in amazing ways... but during the holidays, your help blesses us beyond words.

As you celebrate with your loved ones, you can be sure you have already taken the time to reach out to the most vulnerable and needy of our community and share the love of Christ with them. I am honored to call our donors my friends, and am always challenged by your willingness to help. I regularly tell our residents the sacrificial love with which you give to us, and how we stretch your dollars to work as hard as you did to earn them.

I pray your Thanksgiving is filled with open hearts and family joy that lasts throughout the year. As you share with those you love, please know our guests are thanking God for how you helped here first.



Rev. Bob Sweeney
Executive Director

2021 THANKSGIVING TURKEY FRY

***Give our hungry neighbors a delicious
holiday meal!***

94,500
Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

**It's almost time again for our
5th Annual Turkey Fry!** Tracy Lawrence and volunteers will fry turkeys and prepare Thanksgiving food for our guests and neighbors. This event takes place in the parking lot at Dallas LIFE on Wednesday, November 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. – and volunteers are still needed!



Turkeys and Food Boxes will be handed out to the community on Monday, November 22. Turkeys will also be delivered to Dallas Police Officers for their own families on Monday at 2:30 p.m.

YOUR GIFT TODAY WILL GIVE OUR NEIGHBORS REASON TO CELEBRATE!



**\$2.50 provides a
Thanksgiving meal
for 1 person**



**\$50 provides a
Food Basket for 1
local family**

Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our guests and neighbors who are homeless and hurting during the busy holiday season! **Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

💻 Give online anytime at **dallaslife.org**.

**READ SARAH'S STORY TO
LEARN MORE!**



Psst... don't miss out!

*Follow us! Like us!
Be in the know!*

Ever read an email or a post that made your day? Then you should **follow us on social media!** It's a great way to be lifted up by seeing how your partnership transforms lives.

Another great way to see your impact is to **sign up for our emails!**

You'll stay up-to-date on our urgent needs, special events and more. Please tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to be part of the celebration this Thanksgiving!



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OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

There's still so much to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season! Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these critically-needed items.

Food baskets to hand out at our Turkey Fry:

- 1 Can of green beans
- 1 Can of corn
- 1 Can of sweet potatoes
- 2 Cans of cranberry sauce
- 2 Packets of gravy mix
- 2 Packets of mashed potatoes
- 1 Bag of stuffing
- 1 Bag of marshmallows

Food needed to prepare our Thanksgiving meal:

- Turkeys
- Pies
- Butter
- Whipped Cream
- Rolls

Drop off your donations at **1100 Cadiz St. in Dallas,**
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Calling all VOLUNTEERS

Put your God-given talents to work at Dallas LIFE to help serve and care for the men, women and children who will turn to us this fall. **You can even volunteer remotely!**

Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: **Pamela Culbertson, Director of Volunteers,** at (214) 421-1380, ext. 1030

Email: **pculbertson@dallaslife.org** Or visit **dallaslife.org** to find out more or sign up now!

