

The HEART of TEXAS

A newsletter of Dallas LIFE



DALLAS LIFE
HOMELESS RECOVERY CENTER

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Thanks to you...

Brian

has been given a
life-changing gift
this Christmas.



DON'T MISS...

2 Celebrating rebirth
this Christmas

2 Year-End Matching
Challenge

3 "I'm a changed
person."

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“I’m a CHANGED person.”

Brian was huddled in his car, wondering how his life had come to this. He had no home. No job. No sense of how long he had been existing like this.

“I was living inside my car... I went days or even a week without a shower. People look at you like, ‘Wow, you smell bad.’ That was not a good feeling.”

Years before, Brian had a good job and a stable life. But then his drinking got out of control, and he lost everything.

“I started drinking heavily after my grandmother passed. It got worse and worse... my whole family saw my attitude and behavior change.”

The turning point came when Brian finally listened to a friend who told him he was hanging out with a bad crowd and needed to change.

That’s when Brian came to Dallas LIFE to get the help he needed to overcome addiction and rebuild his life on solid ground.

“When I first arrived here, I found structure and started growing spiritually again,” he says.


Brian entered our Homeless No More Program and found strength by surrendering his life to God.

“The classes taught me things I had forgotten, like you can’t put your faith in man... you have to put your faith in God. I have a great mentor, and he helped me with things I didn’t think I would ever recover from.”

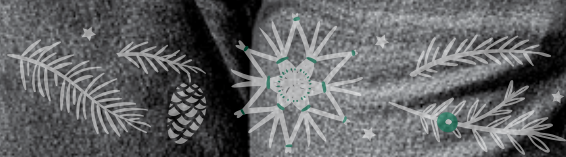
Today, Brian is celebrating two years of sobriety! He graduated from our program and serves on staff at Dallas LIFE as a Security Supervisor.

He is excited to spend another Christmas with the family he has found here. “They cook a good meal, and we have games and laughter. Just camaraderie with our whole group because our stories are not all the same, but we all changed our lives here at Dallas LIFE.”

It’s going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Brian – and he is so grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new life. “I put my faith in God, and I’ve grown in a lot of ways. Now I’m in a better place – mentally and physically.”



“When I used to look in the mirror, all I saw was a drunk. Now I see myself. It’s not about the past... it’s about what you want in your future.”



Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says,
“Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all
people.”

During the Christmas season,
we hear a lot about joy. It has me
thinking about how joy is something
all people can have in their hearts.
This time of year, our greatest joy is
celebrating the birth of our Savior
and the eternal life we have been
freely given.

That joy is what fills our hearts
Christmas morning... and, hopefully,
every day of the year. It's the same
joy I see on the faces of the children,
women and men who have come to
Dallas LIFE and experienced God's
life-changing love up close and
personal. The joy YOU help them
experience through your heartfelt
prayers and support.

This Christmas, as you reflect on
the “reason for the season,” I hope
you will remember our neighbors
who are hurting. As Brian's story
shows, your generosity offers help,
healing and a chance to be held in
the arms of a loving God.

I am continually humbled by the
faithfulness of friends like you who
joyfully bless others. Thank you, and
may God fill your heart with peace
and love.



Rev. Bob Sweeney
Executive Director

A delicious Christmas meal for our neighbors experiencing homelessness... ... **STARTS WITH YOU!**

As you prepare to celebrate the joy
of Christmas, please remember
our hurting neighbors. It's been a
difficult year for so many in our
community – and the very best gift
you can give them is the help they
need right now!

Just \$2.50 provides a meal and care for
one person.

That meal is often the first step
toward a new life through God's love.



\$2.50
for 1 hot meal



\$29.75
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing
Hope
And a Second
Chance!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE BRIAN'S LIFE!

Year-End Matching Challenge **DOUBLE YOUR HELP!**



Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous
group of partners, **any gift you make until December 31 will be
matched through our \$25,000 challenge grant!**

That's right... your gift today doubles to provide twice the food,
shelter and care. That means **TWICE** the hope for single-parent
families, seniors, veterans... everyone who turns to us seeking to
overcome hardship and restore their lives.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

- ✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply
card and send it today.
- 🌐 Give online anytime at dallaslife.org.

**THANK YOU
for doubling your
impact during
our matching
challenge!**



November 30 is GIVING TUESDAY

It's a day for neighbors to help neighbors... and join together as a community on **Giving Tuesday**! On November 30, your compassionate gift to our ministry will provide life-changing essentials like meals, shelter and recovery services to help people right here in Dallas.

Many families, seniors and veterans are struggling to overcome hardships and rebuild their lives on solid ground. *Your help is needed now more than ever.* Give our neighbors hope on Giving Tuesday!

Why Wait? Celebrate GIVING TUESDAY Now!

- ✓ Add your special Giving Tuesday gift on the reply card and send it today.
- 📧 Give online at dallaslife.org.

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!

FEED HUNGRY FOLKS



Want to nourish your neighbors? Donate these foods to help prepare thousands of meals this holiday season. Please deliver them to

**1100 Cadiz St in Dallas, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Monday through Saturday**, by December 17.

turkeys & hams * boxes of stuffing * bags
of potatoes * canned fruits and vegetables
* coffee, creamer & sugar



MEET BASIC NEEDS



Looking to cover the basics? These essential items keep Dallas LIFE guests safe and comfortable during their time in our care. Please drop off donations at **1100 Cadiz St in Dallas, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.**

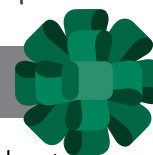
bottled water * napkins * paper towels
* Christmas wrapping supplies (tape, gift bags and tissue paper)

GIVE GIFT CARDS



No time to shop? Donating gift cards for these merchants helps purchase holiday gifts as well as year-round necessities. Please mail or deliver them to **1100 Cadiz St in Dallas.**

Walmart * Target * Amazon * Kroger



THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS CHRISTMAS A TIME OF JOY!