

The HEART of TEXAS

A newsletter of Dallas LIFE



DALLAS LIFE
HOMELESS RECOVERY CENTER

EASTER 2022

STEVEN IS *celebrating new life* THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching
his life with hope.



DON'T MISS...

2 Celebrate Easter

3 "I've buried
my old life."

4 Your prayers
change lives

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“I’VE BURIED MY OLD LIFE AND I’M STARTING FRESH.”



Steven’s father was a violent man, abusing his son for years. “It made me believe I wasn’t good enough and never would be, that I had no value.”

But Steven loved music, and when he was 16, he dropped out of school and went on the road with a band. He was far from his father’s abuse now, yet his emotional wounds remained, and before long, he was numbing his pain with drugs and alcohol.

“Everything went downhill from there,” he says. “Hate and resentment built up over the years and affected every aspect of my life. I left behind a lot of wreckage and wound up living on the streets.”

After 43 years of chaos, Steven reached his breaking point. “I couldn’t stand to live that way any longer, so I attempted to take my life.”

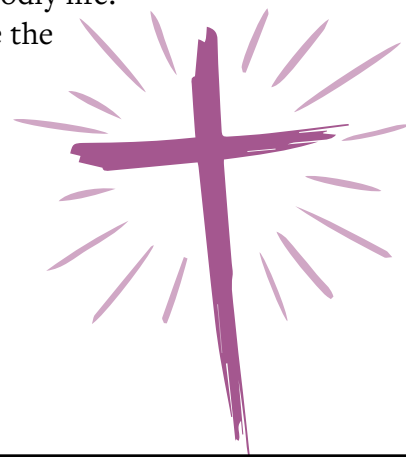
But God had other plans. Steven survived and that miracle was the catalyst that led him to seek help. He entered our Homeless No More Program, where he recommitted his life to the Lord. “I’d given my life to Christ as a child, but I’d walked away,” Steven says. **“Now, chapel services, prayer and reading the Word have made me want to follow God the rest of my life.”**

Steven’s flourishing faith and Christian counseling have helped heal his childhood wounds. “The key was forgiveness. I prayed and the burdens lifted off me.”

“NOW, I KNOW I HAVE VALUE.”

Steven is now on our staff, working as a part-time kitchen supervisor. He plans to save money, and after graduation, get his own place and spend his days ministering to the lost through his testimony and music. “Whatever God has in store for me will bring Him honor and glory,” he says.

Your generous support has filled Steven’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “I’ve buried my old life and I’m starting fresh, leading a godly life. Dallas LIFE has made me the man God always wanted me to be.”



Easter²⁰²² ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**You can help transform
hearts and lives!**



42,000 meals

\$2.50 for a meal!



14,275 nights of shelter



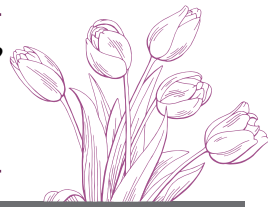
**160 individuals, including seniors
and veterans, in our long-term
programs (on average)**



**18,720 annual hours of case
management & counseling**

*Thank you for sharing
hope & joy this Easter!*

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!" – Luke 24:5-6, NIV*



A Message from REV. BOB SWEENEY

The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that come through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share this message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly..."*

(2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your gifts to Dallas LIFE, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Rev. Bob Sweeney
Executive Director

CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to Dallas LIFE each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.50 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **dallaslife.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Dallas LIFE guests. Have a blessed Easter!



HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS

**Sunday, April 17: Our Easter Celebration
from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.!**

You have a BIG heart for those in need – and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals** and provide families, seniors and those who are disabled with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

Drop off donations at Dallas LIFE at 1100 Cadiz St. in Dallas.

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (214) 421-1380
💡 dallaslife.org

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items
by Friday, April 15:

- ☐ SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- ☐ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- ☐ BUTTER
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ POWDERED MILK
- ☐ DESSERTS (store-bought)
- ☐ COFFEE
- ☐ CREAMER



*Your prayers
change lives!*

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in Dallas. **Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!**

- Pray that God will lead people in need to Dallas LIFE.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. God bless you!



The backbone of our ministry...

Jesus calls us to care for our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness here in Dallas – to welcome them in, feed, and shelter and clothe them, and help them transform their lives. Thanks to the members of our monthly giving club – Circle of Hope – we have the resources we need to do just that!

Will you consider joining this group of generous and faithful friends of Dallas LIFE? **To learn more about monthly giving, go to dallaslife.org/donate and click on “monthly” or call (214) 421-1380.**

SHARE HOPE TODAY!

Please send back the enclosed reply form, along with your gift, to provide meals and life-changing care to families, seniors and veterans who have nowhere else to turn. Your generosity will show them that someone cares and help them discover the hope of new life in Christ this Easter season. Thank you!

Bob, here's my Easter gift to feed & care for neighbors experiencing homelessness:

☐ \$25 to feed & care for 10 people
☐ \$50 to feed & care for 20 people
☐ \$75 to feed & care for 30 people
☐ \$100 to feed & care for 40 people *helps a lot!*
☐ \$_____ to feed & care for as many as possible
☐ *Make my gift monthly! (see back of form)*

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