



SPRINGFIELD RESCUE MISSION

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Report 2009



The **YEAR** in **REVIEW**

How Your
Partnership
Renewed Lives
in 2009!



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Nine Men Rejoice in New Life!



Your caring heart and generosity helped these nine men graduate from lives of oppression to new lives in Christ! Our Men's New Life Program engages men suffering from addiction and homelessness in a 12-month curriculum of biblical classes and counseling. Upon completion, participants graduate and transition back into society as productive members of our community again.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

—EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NASB



Russell Celebrates a Changed Heart and a Changed Life

"I was wasting my life," Russell admits. A drinker since age nine, Russell watched helplessly as his addiction robbed him of his family, his self-worth, even his joy in living. But today, this 2009 graduate from our Men's New Life Program says, "I'm learning to enjoy life!"

A resident of our Taylor Street Transitional Living Program, Russell studies psychology at a local college, working towards a career in addictions counseling. He stays active in his church, and has recently restored relations with his family. "It's never been better!" Russell says.

Throughout his year in the Men's New Life Program, Russell learned, "Change comes in your heart, not just in your head."

Thank you for reaching out with hope to Russell and all the men in the New Life Program!

You Provide a Place for

Hope



When a man comes to the Springfield Rescue Mission for a hot meal and a warm bed, his life is often full of despair, regret, and loneliness. He may have just suffered a traumatic loss — job, home, health, family — and isn't prepared to cope. Or he may have shouldered his desperation for months or years and sees no way out.

Your gifts and prayers help lighten the load for each man who arrives at our **Emergency Shelter** by providing wholesome meals, safe shelter, clean clothes, a shower — and the opportunity to restore his hope. For those who accept our invitation to turn their struggles over to Christ and successfully complete our Men's New Life Program, the next step is the Transitional Living Program.

The **Transitional Living Program** meets the graduates' basic needs in a controlled living environment and provides additional counseling and training as men work on finding jobs and housing, finishing their education, and restoring meaningful relationships with family and friends. Russell, one of 12 graduates currently in the Transitional Living Program, says, "It's allowing me the time to deal with life on life's terms. Here, there is a calm that allows me to plan for the next day, to plan for my life."



You Send Hope into the Community!

Operation Sunshine takes your compassion out to our neighbors who need it most. Poor and homeless individuals and families receive food, clothing, blankets, toiletries, and prayer — basic needs to make life a little brighter. In this past year, your gifts also provided giveaways of clothing and backpacks, educational support in our learning center, and free nursing and medical care for those in need.



You Showed Christ's Love in Action



A big "Thank you!" goes out to each and every faithful volunteer. Whether you served in the shelter kitchens, filled a Hope Tote, donated a backpack, or sponsored a family at Christmas, you extended God's love to the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor in the Greater Springfield area.

Last year, volunteers contributed 23,782 hours of service to the Springfield Rescue Mission. Factoring a minimum wage of \$8.00 an hour, the Mission saved \$190,256 in wages — but our volunteers are priceless!

"John replied, 'If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.'" —LUKE 3:11, NLT

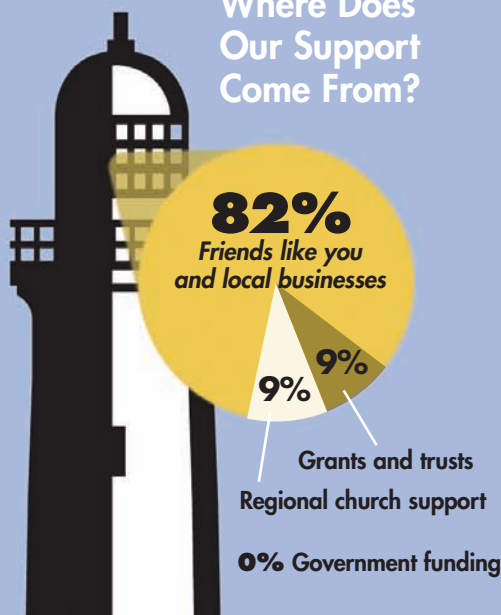


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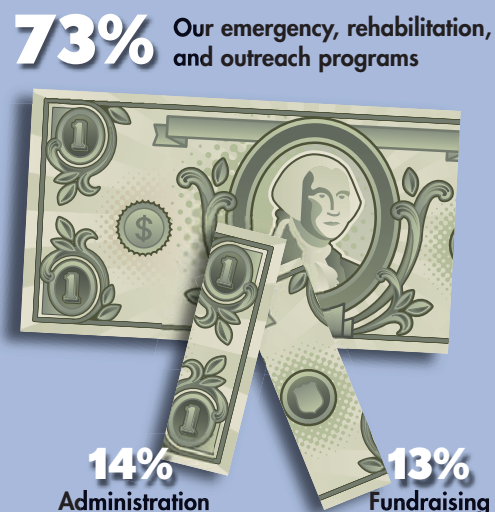
- **83,471** meals to hungry men, women, and children
- **16,216** beds in safe shelter
- **66,745** warm blankets and items of clothing
- **3,900** medical referrals/attention
- **Plus:** rehabilitation programs, GED/literacy training, counseling and case management, chapel services, prison/detox ministry outreach, children's outreach, Operation Sonshine.

A complete audited statement is available by request.

Where Does Our Support Come From?



Where Does Your Dollar Go?



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Serving Greater Springfield since 1892

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892 has been to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.