



Springfield Rescue Mission

MEDIA ALERT

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CHRISTMAS AT THE SPRINGFIELD RESCUE MISSION

The Springfield Rescue Mission Expects To Feed Over 2,500 People Christmas Week!

WHO: The Springfield Rescue Mission provides a place where the homeless and poor can take part in a family holiday tradition. Our Christmas Festivities begin with Food and Gift Box distribution and continue on Christmas Eve day with a warm, nutritious breakfast of eggs, bacon, pastries, juice and coffee and later in the day a traditional Christmas Dinner including turkey, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, and yummy dessert. We also deliver dinner meals to the elderly, disabled and shut-ins. The Mission will be handing out gift boxes to everyone who joins us for dinner. We expect to give out over 2,000 gifts.

WHAT: Food and gift donations are essential! Please donate food items: turkeys, potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, milk, hot chocolate, eggs, cheese, juice, bacon, sausage, and dessert. We are urgently in need of gift items as well: games, books, mittens, hats, flannel shirts, long underwear, jackets, sweaters, socks, blankets, baby clothes, and gift certificates. Donations should be delivered to 19 Bliss Street, Springfield by Friday, December 9th. Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and deliver meals as well as wrap and deliver food and gift boxes. Visit our website at www.hope4springfield.org/volunteer to sign up.

WHEN: Food and Gift Box Delivery: Saturday December 17th, 10:00 a.m.

Dinner: Wednesday, November 23rd, 4:00 p.m.

Breakfast: Thursday, November 24th, 7:00 a.m.

WHERE: Springfield Rescue Mission, 19 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA

WHY: The goal of the Springfield Rescue Mission is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted and poor by introducing them to Christ and applying the Word of God to every area of their lives. Christmas is an exciting time of year at the Mission. Hundreds of volunteers will be coming to the Mission to serve meals, deliver presents and show God's love to those who are in desperate situations. Last year we gave out over 2,000 gifts and served thousands of meals during the Christmas season.

Interview and photo opportunities:

- Donor and Volunteer Interviews and Photos
- Possible meal recipient Interviews
- Interview with Ron Willoughby, Executive Director/CEO