

## Donate Goods to Change Lives



When you donate items to the Faith Mission Thrift Store, you're helping change lives by supporting a wide variety of services that restore hope to individuals and families.

Your donations also provide our guests with clothing and essential household items, while creating a meaningful work experience for men and women in our programs.

So, if you're doing some spring cleaning and have gently used furniture, appliances, clothing, books, or household items to pass along, bring them to the Thrift Store and make a difference!

**Where:**  
335 LaSalle Street, off Benham Avenue  
(next to the Dollar General)

**When:**  
Mon, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Tues–Fri, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.;  
Sat, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Closed Sunday)

For larger donations, please call  
(574) 522-0477 to schedule a pickup.

Thank you!

## Calling all summer volunteers!

Summer is a busy season at Faith Mission, as rising temperatures bring more people through our doors seeking help.

Individual volunteers and groups are invited to lend a hand and help care for our guests. From serving meals and sorting donations to landscaping and grounds maintenance. There are many ways to make a meaningful difference this summer.

For more information, please contact Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103 or at Vera@theFaithMission.org. We hope to see you soon!



# Faith IN Action



### “I came here to better myself.”

“Out in the cold.” That’s how Kyle describes his life before coming to Faith Mission.

Like so many others, Kyle didn’t become homeless overnight. It was a long journey that began in an abusive home. But through your support, Kyle is walking a different path today.

Read more about Kyle’s new life inside...

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### Here’s my gift to double my impact this summer!

- \$25.48 for 13 meals and care
- \$50.96 for 26 meals and care
- \$76.44 for 39 meals and care
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many people as possible

Bill my credit card  VISA  MASTERCARD  AMERICAN EXPRESS  DISCOVER

Make this a monthly gift

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV/SEC# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Point your smartphone camera here

**Faith Mission of Elkhart**  
P.O. Box 1728  
Elkhart, IN 46515-1728



## Just for you...

- 5 Loaves and 2 Fish
- “This is a good place to go if you really want to change your life.”
- Challenge Gift Opportunity
- Calling all summer volunteers!





NOTES FROM THE CEO  
MIKE PEREZ

## 5 loaves and 2 fish

The story of the 5 loaves and 2 fish in Matthew 14 tells how Jesus fed a huge crowd of men, women and children by blessing and multiplying five loaves and two fish, showing how generosity can create abundance from a small beginning.

Similarly, your gift today of any size can multiply to feed, care for and change the lives of twice as many people this summer, thanks to an anonymous donor's generous challenge gift that will DOUBLE the amount of help you provide!

Between now and the end of summer, we will need to serve more than 50,000 meals and provide safe shelter for men, women and children every night. We'll also need to be ready to enroll individuals and families in various programs that can help them rebuild their lives.

In this issue, you'll read about Kyle, whose life was changed through your partnership. By taking advantage of this challenge gift opportunity, your support will help provide more food and more life-changing care for people like Kyle during a critical time of year.

Thank you for everything you do to help transform lives at Faith Mission! God bless you!

# “This is a good place to go if you really want to change your life.”

Kyle grew up in Warsaw in an abusive home – a terrible situation his stepmother wanted to get him out of. Even after she and Kyle's father divorced, Kyle's stepmom continued caring for him.

One way she cared for Kyle was by involving him in the church she attended. “It was a really good church,” Kyle remembers. “But once I left, I departed from that.”

When Kyle walked into our Emergency Overnight Shelter, he had no job, no ID, not even his Social Security card or a birth certificate.

“When I first came here, it was cold,” he remembers. “It was calming knowing I had somewhere I could stay instead of being out in the cold. They serve three meals a day, and they're nice. The people here actually talk to you.”

Once Kyle became a resident, the dominoes started to fall. He got help with anger management and substance abuse. He also started growing in the Lord.

“I started going to church on Sundays, and the Bible studies here helped me connect with God,

too,” he says. “Since coming here, I couldn't get any closer to God than I am right now. I'm loving it.”



## “I've been in their shoes.”

Today, Kyle is a changed man who is helping others. He works security at the front desk and serves in our Emergency Overnight Shelter.

“God is gracious,” he says. “He wakes me up every day to talk to people and help them get where they need to go.”

His next step is to get his own place to live and be closer to his family, including his sister and a son who is now in school.

**Kyle came to the Mission to better himself. With your blessing and support, that is exactly what is happening. Thank you for making a difference!**

## Lives you touch every month:

- More than 15,000 meals served to hungry men, women and children
- Tiny Homes that help our recovery program graduates transition back into the community
- Safe shelter for over 200 individuals each night, including low-barrier emergency shelter at our Tiny Shelters
- Graber House that provides housing for homeless families
- Residential recovery programs that help men and women overcome substance abuse and personal trauma
- Bible study, prayer and discipleship
- Counseling and education

**Thank you for making everything possible through your partnership!**



## Challenge Gift Opportunity!

A group of generous donors has given Faith Mission a gift of \$10,000 – and they're challenging partners like you to help unlock an additional \$10,000.

That means your gift today will have double the impact on people's lives by providing immediate needs like nourishing meals and safe shelter, as well as life-changing services like recovery programs, counseling, work training, and discipleship.

**\$20 doubles to \$40 to provide meals and shelter.**

**\$50 becomes \$100 to help twice as many individuals and families.**

**\$100 doubles to provide \$200 worth of life-changing programs.**

**Mail your gift today or donate online at [FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org).**

**THANK YOU!**

