

Lighthouse

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Serving Joy This Thanksgiving

Thanks to your support, Ruby can provide for her family.

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Helping struggling families in our area prepare for Thanksgiving and the busy holiday season ahead.



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Sharing Hope, Faith and Holiday Blessings

BECAUSE OF YOU, MORE NEIGHBORS CAN ENJOY A THANKSGIVING FILLED WITH COMFORT, DIGNITY AND HOPE.

As Thanksgiving approaches, many families in our community are facing difficult choices. Rising costs and financial uncertainty can make it hard to put a traditional holiday meal on the table.

That's why the City Rescue Mission is already preparing Thanksgiving Baskets for neighbors in need. Filled with holiday essentials like stuffing mix, cranberry sauce and canned vegetables, these baskets help families celebrate Thanksgiving in their own homes with the people they love.

Help families celebrate Thanksgiving with hope, dignity and the love of Christ.

But the Mission's support goes beyond food. We're also committed to sharing the love of Christ to every person who turns to us for help.

That spirit of faith and generosity reminds us of a powerful truth: *Some gifts are meant to be shared.*



With Thanksgiving right around the corner, City Rescue Mission is there to provide meals, hope and help to local families in need.

Just as supporters like you share your blessings with others, your compassion helps provide both practical assistance and spiritual encouragement to families and individuals facing hardship.

This Thanksgiving, your generosity helps ensure that struggling neighbors receive nourishing meals, caring support and the reminder that they are not alone.

As we gather with loved ones and count our blessings, we thank you for making it possible for more families in need to experience hope, faith and the joy of Thanksgiving.

COVER STORY PREPARED FOR FRIENDS LIKE YOU!

Serving Joy This Thanksgiving

For Ruby, providing for her family has never been simple. With a large household and limited income, even putting regular meals on the table can require difficult choices. As the holidays approach, that pressure only grows.

That's why finding the City Rescue Mission mattered so deeply.

"We have a large family that we care for. Money has always been tight. Thankfully, the Mission is always ready to help," she shares.

Through our Family Care Ministry, Ruby receives grocery assistance that helps steady her family during uncertain times. But what she found went beyond food.

"The Mission has been the answer to a lot of my prayers," she shares. "The staff is so kind, and we've grown close to them. I'm thankful for their support and their prayers." That care has reshaped what Thanksgiving feels like in her home.

"I love the Thanksgiving Baskets! I always feel overjoyed to take one home and prepare a meal for our family. It makes the holiday more special."

What was once a season of stress now holds space for joy, connection and gratitude.

"They offer much more than just food and shelter," she continues. "Coming here for assistance has helped to grow my faith. It has shown me that Jesus' arms are never too short."

Stories like Ruby's are about more than meeting a need. They remind us of the importance of being seen, supported and uplifted during life's hardest moments. "My family and I are so thankful. I know we are all fed because of generous donors who give to the Mission. It's incredible to see how so many people come together in one accord to care for those in need," Ruby says.

Because of the compassion of donors like you, families like Ruby's can gather, give thanks and experience the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Thank you.



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— Ruby

Wish List Practical Ways YOU Can Help



We welcome your donations of the items listed below. Please call 724-652-4321 for drop-off instructions and/or directions.

Our immediate needs include:

FAMILY CARE MINISTRY

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cereal
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Fruit/Beans/Tuna
- Pasta/Sauce (any kind)
- Rice

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Underwear (size 5-8, new)
- Women's Pajamas (M, L, XL)
- Children's Underwear and PJs
- Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaner
- Coffee Creamer
- Women's Shower Shoes
- \$5 Gift Cards for Women's Recovery Program (Dunkin', Burger King, etc.)

MEN'S MINISTRY

- Belts
- Shower Shoes/Flip-Flops
- Backpacks or Book Bags
- Underwear/Boxers (new, unused)
- Bottled Water
- \$5 Gift Cards for Men's Recovery Program (Dunkin', Burger King, etc.)

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Gravy
- Canned Yams
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Pie Filling
- Pie Crust Mix
- Evaporated Milk
- Stuffing Mix

Some Gifts Are Meant to Be Shared

Allen Levi challenged himself to write a full-length novel. After accomplishing his goal, he put the manuscript in a drawer and moved on to the next thing.

At the suggestion of friends, Allen self-published the book, titled "Theo of Golden," in 2023. Word spread about this story of generosity, faith and connection. By early 2026, it reached #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. The pet project Allen once put aside has resonated with countless people.

If you've been saving money in a donor advised fund (DAF), consider this your invitation to pull it out of the metaphorical drawer and make a difference today. Here's how:



1. **Remember your "why."** You had a vision when you started your DAF. Refocus on those plans and priorities.
2. **Give today.** Discover what your favorite ministries are doing that align with your vision, then make a DAF gift to transform lives right now.
3. **Create a plan.** Your DAF giving can continue after your lifetime. List the City Rescue Mission as a beneficiary of your DAF account and provide ongoing support for our work.

Jack's Thanksgiving Message

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO TO YOU



**Please send help and hope
to your neighbors in need
with your gift today.**

Thank you!

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At City Rescue Mission, everything we do is centered on bringing hope, care and stability to neighbors who need it most. While many families in our community are facing rising costs and ongoing challenges, one thing remains certain: Together, we can make sure no one has to face hardship alone.

The individuals highlighted in this special edition of *Lighthouse* remind us why our work matters. Parents working to provide, individuals facing health challenges and neighbors doing their best to make ends meet. Because of your generosity, they're finding not only food and assistance but encouragement, dignity and renewed hope.

Each day, more people turn to the Mission for help.

Your support makes it possible to meet immediate needs through programs like grocery assistance and Thanksgiving Baskets, while also offering care that reaches far beyond the physical.

We offer our thankfulness to God for all He has done and provided over the course of the Mission's 115 years. **And thank you for being such an important part of this work and for standing alongside our most vulnerable neighbors!**

With gratitude,

Jack H. Lynn,
President & CEO

CUT AND MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONATION IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED

I WANT TO HELP BUILD A THRIVING COMMUNITY THIS FALL

YES, Jack! I want to give hope to people in need in our community this Thanksgiving.

Enclosed is my gift of:

☐ **\$14.20 to provide 5 meals and hope.**

☐ **\$19.88 to provide 7 meals and hope.**

☐ **\$25.56 to provide 9 meals and hope.**

☐ **\$_____ to help as much as possible.**

☐ I'd like to give monthly. My first *LightKeepers* gift of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ I've enclosed my check payable to the City Rescue Mission.

☐ Please charge my credit card.

☐ Send my receipt by email to:

☐ Please send me a FREE copy of your special bulletin: *From Good Intentions to Great Impact in 3 Simple Steps*



◀ Scan here to donate online!

Please make your check payable to the City Rescue Mission. To donate online, visit CityRescueMission.org/give. Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt.



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