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THE AVENUE TO CHANGE

*Bringing Glory to God
Through the Helping of People*

By Jerry Bumgardner, Executive Director

I just can't express how excited I am to share this edition of our Crossroads newsletter. That's because through your support, God is moving in amazing ways right now in South Central Nebraska to help those in the greatest need.

I want to tell you about some big changes coming to Crossroads — starting with our name, Crossroads Mission Avenue. When I think about what the word “avenue” means, a way to approach a problem and make progress — it makes perfect sense to incorporate that into our name. Because that's exactly what we're doing — solving problems and transforming people's lives through God's love. Your support is an avenue to transformation.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm counting you among the many blessings we've received at Crossroads.

It's hard to believe how everything is falling into place as we expand our service from Hastings into Kearney and Grand Island. Every time we ask for the support of this community, generous neighbors like you step up and give from your heart.

We started with a shelter in Hastings and then we grew to include transitional housing as the next step



You create an avenue to transformation through your generous support. Thank you for helping us expand our mission to help more people in need.

to ending homelessness here. Plus we have programs that help restore those who come in lost and broken.

Next we expanded into Kearney to meet a growing need there. We started with a shelter and now we need your help to finish our plans for transitional housing. Even as we're still putting plans together in Kearney, God has moved us to expand into Grand Island to help our homeless neighbors there.

It's exhausting just thinking about all the growth, changes and needs we have in the coming months, but I know God will provide. I know He'll continue to move the hearts of compassionate and generous

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Debra gives back by helping every day in the kitchen.

‘I FEEL AT HOME’ *How you helped Debra find peace and security*

When Debra’s husband died very suddenly at just 49 years old, he had no life insurance. She exhausted nearly all of their savings paying for his funeral and her income wasn’t enough to pay the mortgage and all the bills.

After struggling for a few years, she decided to move to Nebraska, where her daughter was just starting a family of her own. Debra moved in to help with the baby, but after a few months she needed a place of her own and heard about a room for rent through a friend of hers.

Debra developed a relationship with the man who owned the home, but it wasn’t long before she realized what a dangerous man he was.

He dominated and controlled her, isolating her from friends and family, destroying her driver’s license and making her a prisoner in her own home. “The bruises wouldn’t even heal before he’d hit me again,” Debra remembers.

Debra finally escaped one night when the man went out for a drink, and thankfully she found her way to Crossroads. “I felt at home here for the first time maybe in my whole life. They’re my family. We’ve got an amazing community here and we have everything we need. I’m so thankful,” Debra says. “If it weren’t for the donors, none of this would be possible. This place and the people here — they saved my life.”

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The Avenue to Change

people like you to continue to support this worthy effort.

You’re God’s hands and feet, doing His work here in Hastings, Kearney and Grand Island and touching the lives of countless people. Thank you for being a part of this family and for standing with us to make this ministry happen. May you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Your support is making incredible change happen at Crossroads. Please keep up the good work with another gift today.



I Want to Restore Lives

Yes, I want to help people in South Central Nebraska who are experiencing homelessness and hunger this Thanksgiving. **Here’s my gift of:**

- \$XX1
- \$XX2
- \$XX3
- \$ _____ (other)

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