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FROM TRAGEDY TO HOPE

Steve and Shawna are rebuilding their lives after hardships and a tragic loss

There wasn't any one moment that led to Steve and Shawna finding themselves at Crossroads. It was a series of bad events and a personal tragedy that brought them here.

Steve went from being a successful president of a company, to jobless without warning when the company downgraded his position. His wife fell ill, and they no longer had health insurance. Bills piled up, and they couldn't keep their home.

That was the first time they landed here, about two years ago. But Steve worked hard, found a good job and was able to save up for an apartment. They were on their own and feeling hopeful again.

Then, Steve and Shawna got the news no parent should ever have to receive. Their son in Colorado had committed suicide. Steve's company seemed understanding, telling him to take the time he needed to bury his son.

Just a few days later, he returned and was informed that they were letting him go for missing work. Still reeling from his tragic loss, Steve was jobless once again. They lost the apartment, and found themselves right back at Crossroads.

"I don't know what we'd do without this place," Steve says. He's able to have safe shelter and food while he works to get back on his feet. He's gotten his



You're helping Steve and his wife get back on their feet after a series of setbacks and loss. Thank you!

relationship with God back on track. Plus his wife is finally getting the care she needs to be healthy.

Shawna keeps busy at the Thrift Store, giving back for all the help they're receiving, and Steve spends his days applying for jobs. With your help, they know they'll land on their feet again.

Through your support, you show friends like Steve and Shawna that someone does care. Thank you for helping people in their time of need.

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FROM HOMELESS TO HOPEFUL

From the Executive Director

JERRY BUMGARDNER

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” — 1 Peter 1:3

At this time of year, this verse especially stands out to me. It’s a reminder of the renewal that takes place during the Easter season and the transformations that are possible through God’s love.

Through your support of Crossroads Mission Avenue, you’re doing so much more than providing meals and care — you’re acting as God’s hands and feet, doing his work and transforming the lives of those who are hurting and lost.

Please take a moment to read this edition of *Crossroads* and see the impact you’re making in the lives of people in our community. I hope it will inspire you to give another generous gift today to transform lives — because that’s what Easter is all about.

Every \$2.17 you give will provide a meal and life-changing care. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jerry Bumgardner
Executive Director

After an abusive childhood filled with drugs and violence, it was no surprise that Derrick’s life also ended up revolving around drugs.

“I did any drug I could,” Derrick says. “I did everything I could to get that high.”

He dropped out of school in the 9th grade and was unable to keep a job throughout his adult life. He ended up spending years of his adulthood living on the street and bouncing from place to place.

Fortunately, he found Crossroads Mission Avenue, and thanks to friends like you, things are finally starting to turn around for Derrick.

“I didn’t really care if I lived or died,” he says. “But here, they’re making me have more confidence in myself. I’m involved in counseling and really opened up.”

Derrick now has hope for the future. He’s learning how to read and is working toward getting his GED, and someday, he wants to get a place of his own.

Derrick has you to thank for his renewed life. Thank you for helping people in need transform their lives this Easter.



Thank you for helping people like Derrick transform their lives.



I Want to Transform Lives

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

- \$25 \$50 \$100
- \$_____ to help as much as possible.

I’d like to give monthly. My first gift of \$_____ is enclosed.

Please make your check payable to Crossroads Mission Avenue. **Thank You!**

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