

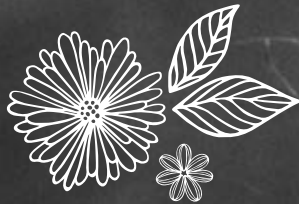
EASTER 2023

Shreveport-Bossier  
Rescue Mission

*changing our cities one life at a time*

# THE LIGHT

THANK YOU  
FOR GIVING  
*Sally*  
A NEW  
BEGINNING.



Because of you,  
she has joy in her  
heart this Easter!

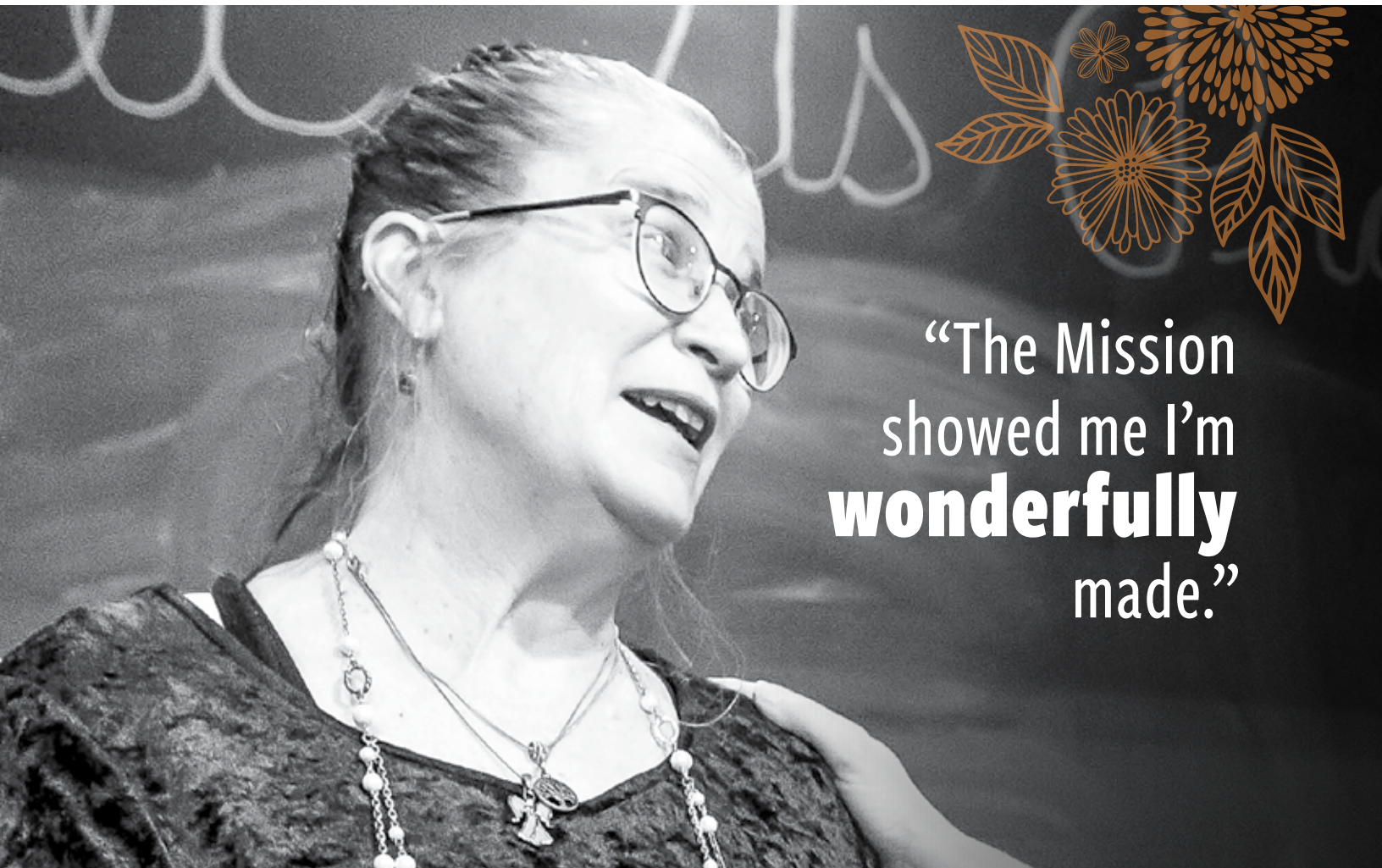


Don't miss...

2 Help our hurting neighbors  
this Easter

3 "The Mission showed me I'm  
wonderfully made."

4 Give for  
Good



“The Mission showed me I’m **wonderfully** made.”

**S**ally was overseas, alone and completely falling apart. She felt mentally and emotionally shattered. Her past of pain and abuse had caught up with her again; it was a cycle of self-sabotage that had trapped her for her whole life. But this time, Sally didn’t know if she could survive it.

“**Something in me just broke,**” she says. “I pretty much just gave up on life.”

As a child, Sally endured physical and emotional abuse at the hands of her mother, stepfather and siblings. After being told over and over that she was worthless, Sally started to believe it was true. In the years that followed, that pain prevented her from having a career or healthy relationships.

But when her mother died and the COVID-19 pandemic hit while Sally was living overseas, she reached a breaking point. She knew she had to come home and address her past once and for all.

“I figured this is where my demons started, so this is where I needed to be to sort them out,” she says.

Sally made her way to the Shreveport-Bossier

Rescue Mission, where she joined the New Beginnings Program. Slowly, she began to heal. She opened her heart and mind to the possibility of a new life.

“I started peeling back the layers of my past and surrendering them to the Lord,” Sally says. “**The Mission showed me that I am not who my family says I am. I am who God says I am – and He says I am beautifully and wonderfully made.**”

“I’m not completely whole yet, but I am getting there. I was broken beyond a human’s ability to repair. That was only possible with the Lord.”

Sally has since graduated from the New Beginnings Program, got a full-time job that she loves and has her own apartment!

**With Jesus’ love in her heart and hope for the future, Sally is grateful for your support this Easter.** “I know that if I let Him, God will take my broken pieces and turn them into something even more beautiful than before.”

**“I was able to keep it together just long enough to make it back to Shreveport. This is where I was born.”**



A Message from PASTOR LARRY

# THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

**That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission.** We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Pastor Larry Otwell  
Executive Director



## HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$1.99 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our Life Recovery Program
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 🌟 Give online anytime at **[SBRescueMission.com](http://SBRescueMission.com)**.

## Leave a *lasting* legacy

A lot of people give generously to family, friends and organizations they care about during their lifetimes. But more than half of U.S. adults do not have a will or other estate plan.

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live. The result may be very different from what you had wished – especially if your desire was not only to care for those you leave behind, but to also leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

The Mission can help make sure your wishes are followed and that your generosity lives on to transform hearts and lives for years to come. For information on planned giving opportunities, please contact Sarah Ardis at ☎ (318) 227-2868, ext. 103 📧 [sardis@sbrescuemission.com](mailto:sardis@sbrescuemission.com).

*If you have already included the Mission in your will, please call so we can say, "Thank you!"*

# HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



## Sunday, April 9: Our Easter Celebration

Easter is a day of joy and celebration. But right now, far too many of our neighbors are struggling with the rising costs of housing and food. They're turning here... and YOU can help welcome them with love and a special meal!

*Drop off donations at the Mission, 901 McNeil Street in Shreveport on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (318) 227-2868 ✨ [SBRescueMission.com](https://www.sbrescuemission.com)

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 7:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIRAL SLICED HAMS      | <input type="checkbox"/> POWDERED MILK                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSTANT MASHED POTATOES | <input type="checkbox"/> DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER                  | <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES       | <input type="checkbox"/> CREAMER                             |

# GIVE *for* GOOD

## GIVE FOR GOOD IS MAY 2.

**Save the date!**  
**You won't want to miss it.**

Get excited! Your chance to support our community through Give For Good is coming up on May 2, 2023. This annual 24-hour giving challenge brings people together to benefit local nonprofits – and we hope you'll participate by giving a gift to the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission.

Find out more at [giveforgoodnla.org](https://giveforgoodnla.org) or by calling Sarah Ardis at **(318) 227-2868, ext. 103.** Thank you for making a difference for men, women and children in need in Northwest Louisiana with a gift on May 2 for Give For Good!

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*"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV*

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