

A portrait of a middle-aged man with short, graying hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a green polo shirt with thin white horizontal stripes. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

NEW DOORS OPENING

Aaron shuddered at the sound of the front door closing. The house went silent. He'd never felt so alone.

For years, Aaron had been struggling to hold down jobs. His marriage had slowly crumbled in a breakdown of communication. His wife had finally had enough. As she pulled out from the driveway with their two little girls, regret tore at Aaron's heart.

"What have I done?" he thought.

After losing his marriage, Aaron had nowhere to stay. He found help through a shelter that was close to where he lived at the time. He tried to pull his life together for the sake of his

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daughters, but his pattern of failure continued. He found work at a restaurant only to be fired after a couple of months.

Despair overtook Aaron. He begged his family to help him: "I need a long-term solution. I have to make some changes for me to have a better outlook on life." His sister helped him find Muncie Mission where he could have meals, a safe place to stay—and a chance to rebuild his life.

Aaron quickly realized that Muncie Mission might hold the answers he was looking for. "As soon as I moved in here, I was excited. This was something different. I was ready for a change and enrolled in the recovery program."

With caring counseling, Aaron was finally able to get to the root cause behind his problems. "I realized that I had an addiction," says Aaron. "It was very unhealthy. It affected my work life and my relationships."

"Muncie Mission has been a saving grace," says Aaron. "They helped me dig into my addiction problem."

"They helped keep me accountable for my

actions. I've followed the structure and it's helped me get to where I am right now."

Now that Aaron has completed the recovery program, he's focused on a bright future. He enrolled at Ivy Tech to jumpstart a career in HVAC. "I've decided that the best thing I can do for my family is to have a job that will sustain me and my girls so they can go to college," he says. Aaron feels lucky to have maintained a relationship with his daughters and regularly video chats with them.

Your support is healing wounded hearts and restoring relationships. Thank you!



In times of crisis, your support provides help that restores the lives of hurting neighbors.

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SOMETHING NEW IN WINCHESTER!

Our Attic Window Store in Winchester has received a wonderful makeover!

Visit soon to see the new look and find great bargains on gently used clothing and household goods.

Your donated items at any of our five locations – Hartford City, New Castle, Winchester, Muncie North, and Muncie South – help deliver food, shelter, and HOPE to neighbors in need!

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Winchester woodworker **Delvaughn Willis** shared his considerable skills by crafting beautiful military insignia for our new veterans' dorm.

The five large medallions, each representing a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, will be displayed in recognition of our guests' prior service.

The insignia were generously supported through a gift from **James Warren, Jr.**, a U.S. Army and Korean War veteran.



YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

30 energetic students from the youth group of **University Christian Church** visited the Muncie Mission in late June to get stuff done!

Over three days, this dynamic group prepped our next transitional home for remodeling, hauled debris, sorted and organized food donations, and boosted our cleaning efforts!

To schedule a workday at the Mission for your own church or community group contact **Shannon Bryan** at (765) 288-9122 x109.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF COMPASSION

In 1930, Reverend Eddie Thomas witnessed the Great Depression wreaking havoc on the lives of his friends and neighbors... people losing jobs and struggling to provide food, shelter, and clothing for their families. He founded the Muncie Mission to bring compassionate care and the hope of Jesus Christ to his community.

Fast forward to 2020 and a new crisis has arisen. The global pandemic has put people out of work and shaken our entire economy. Each day, someone nearby is moving closer and closer to their breaking point.

But thanks to you, the Muncie Mission continues to reach out to our neighbors in desperate need. Your faithful support has allowed us to welcome friends like Aaron who need a forgiving space to rebuild broken lives.

For 90 years, the Muncie Mission has stood as a safe harbor in both personal and community-wide storms. We embrace the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the jobless, and those battling addictions,

offering each guest a chance to experience the love of Christ. And every step of the way – through nine decades – our friends and supporters have walked hand-in-hand with those in need. **We thank you!**

I am particularly fortunate to stand on the shoulders of the great leaders before me who have nurtured, grown, sustained, and poured their lives into this ministry. They each navigated the Muncie Mission through the uncharted waters of their time. I am so thankful for the firm foundation they have built here and am inspired by their vision and fortitude as we face new uncertainties in this generation.

For 90 years we have been **#inthistogether!** With your help and the grace of our Father we will continue to rise to every challenge!



Frank Baldwin, President/CEO

Muncie Mission Ministry Leaders

Eddie Thomas	1930-1934
Chloe Thomas	1934-1962
Charles Reece	1962-1985
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With your help today, our doors will always be open to neighbors in need.

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