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SPOTLIGHT

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HOMELESS IN THE WOODS

Tammy startled awake to find a tiny, furry creature scurrying across her body. Mice constantly ran around the makeshift wood-and-tarp hut she lived in. Keeping them out of her meager food was impossible.

Getting sleep was just as hard. Tammy had come to the deep woods around Anderson, Indiana to escape. But she was still constantly afraid of who might be lurking around at night. As a woman, she never felt safe.

For more than a year, Tammy survived in a small camp with a few

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other people who'd been devastated by life. For some, job loss forced them to homelessness. For Tammy, it was the unbearable pain of her only child's death in 2012.

Tammy didn't plan to wither away in addiction. Drugs seemed the only way to dull the grief and heavy emotions she just couldn't deal with. Bit by bit, she lost everything she ever cared about. Her life wore through with holes like the tattered tarp she took shelter in for more than a year.

Living homeless in the bitter cold of winter and muggy, mosquito-infested summers was miserable. Loneliness and regret often overwhelmed Tammy.

One night, after going days without food, and with no drugs to numb her pain, Tammy gave up. She took a massive overdose of Benadryl and laid down to die.

Her heart stopped many times before Tammy awoke in the Emergency Room. Firefighters who rescued her told her how lucky she was to be alive.

Surrounded in the hospital by her sister and niece, Tammy regretted her choice to die. "I am

done," she committed to them. "I don't want to live this kind of life. I'm ready to get help."

At Beauty for Ashes, our program for women, Tammy found the new start she longed for. "To feel the warmth of a real bed was amazing" she says. "I had life coaches and a program of classes that I absolutely adored."

"We pray and talk," Tammy continues. "They all love me for me, when I can't even love me yet."

Gratitude fills Tammy's heart these days. "I thank God every day for bringing me through all of that," she says. "God did this. I couldn't do it on my own. I took each step, but He led the way."



More men and women are in desperate need like Tammy was. Please donate today to help.

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ecoREHAB: (RE)BUILDING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

ecoREHAB of Muncie has given a tremendous boost to the recovery village taking root in our neighborhood. A completely renovated home just across the street from the Mission was donated to expand our transitional housing for men who have completed the residential recovery program. Funding was provided by community partners with labor provided by students in the STEP training program for the building trades.

This marks the fifth neighborhood home restored to give men a safer path to fully conquer their addiction!

UNITED WAY EXPANDS OUR CAPACITY TO FEED THE HUNGRY!

The national and local response to the COVID-19 crisis activated community food distribution networks to unprecedented levels.

Muncie Mission used our truck fleet and storage capacity to partner with food banks, pantries, and new distribution sites to keep tons (literally, tons!) of perishable items moving quickly to areas of greatest need. The United Way of Delaware, Henry, and Randolph Counties provided a generous grant to purchase a refrigerated trailer to ensure this elevated effort of feeding the hungry continues well beyond the pandemic.



GOLF TO GIVE HOPE!

The 18th Annual Muncie Mission Golf Outing is **Thursday, September 2** at The Players Club in Yorktown.

Join 200+ golfers to take a swing at poverty and provide compassionate care for our community. Morning and afternoon flights are available for teams of 4 with a Texas Roadhouse lunch in between.

Visit munciemission.org to register.

**BUILDING
HOPE
WITH EACH
STROKE**



TRANSFORMING LIVES... THAT'S OUR GOAL!

No matter the season, we see so many of our neighbors struggling - whether battling addictions, confronting an unexpected crisis, or desperately searching for resources to meet urgent family needs.

With your support we welcome each one, sharing the compassion of Christ and the good news of salvation.

For men and women in recovery, the journey to life transformation is often long and difficult. Many, like Tammy, have endured dark times and troubling places that most of us can barely imagine. But God always provides a light of hope.

Beauty for Ashes in Alexandria and our growing neighborhood of sober-living transitional homes in Muncie are creating positive environments where men and women can face their challenges with the help of a supportive, connected, and accountable community.

New relationships, new opportunities, and a path to a new, transformed life are all possible because YOU have answered God's call to love your neighbor. Thank you for making a difference - for shining a light of HOPE for those in desperate need.



Frank Baldwin, President/CEO



With your help today, our doors will always be open to neighbors in need.

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