

# Daniels Story: Work In Progress

"The journey on how I arrived here at the mission begins when I took my mom's car out to use drugs. I believe God was convicting me, and I felt an aching pain of moral discomfort. I was ashamed of what I had done and feared coming home to my mom. The next day I met an individual who had prayed with me while seeing me in turmoil. I asked him where I could go? He told me to go to Salt Lake City Mission. The following day I was using drugs again, feeling horrible about myself and not knowing where to go. Then, the day after that I had come to a breaking point, I was ready to turn myself in and asked God to send some type of authority to me to help me with my dilemma. Of course, all I needed to do was just call my mother and bring the car back to her, but I was incapable of doing so. While praying to God for help, I went to a building called Fellowship Hall, looked out the window and prayed to God. After the prayer, it was if God Himself sent angels to help me with my situation in the form of human beings as they helped me deliver my mother's car back to her. They took me to detox and explained how God loves me. How He will keep me.

"While at detox, I decided to make the choice to go to Salt Lake City Mission. Before coming to the Mission, I thought I was following Jesus as a believer, but was never obedient to His commands, or knew the Word of God. I would have encounters with demonic entities in my dreams, and with human beings I thought to be possessed by demonic beings on the streets (the worst kinds of people imaginable). Secretly, I had been harboring hatred in my heart against these types of evil people. I was under the assumption that when you became demonically possessed in nature

you were a lost soul, meaning you were damned for life and there was no hope for you, no matter what. I carried great anger because I could not fathom the thought that there is a human being walking around on earth whose sole intention it is to poke fun as me, tempt me and, or, make me go to hell on purpose. My mind was unresolved in so many ways.

"During my stay here at the Mission I began to understand that all people have an opportunity to repent of their sins and



Daniel is always smiling, especially when helping to prepare food for those in need.

place their full trust into Christ. But my new faith of redemption would be tested as one person I began to suspect was possessed started provoking me. In time, I began to pray for this individual and God's help to love him. While praying for him and accept him for who he was, I began to feel differently towards the scenario, understanding that all people, at least to some degree, have been given some allotment of grace and patience through

the Lord Jesus Christ. In Matthew chapter 5, verses 44 and 45 God commands, "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Those verses help change my perception of evil.

"Since that time, I have extended my prayer life to over 1/2 hour to 45 minutes a day bare minimum. I attempt to have full conversations with the Father, exposing all my inner secrets and problems. Letting him know where my heart is on certain issues, so my heart matches His Words. Already, I've been at the Mission for months. In this time, I've made some huge adjustments. Especially on the "high handed sins," meaning sins I know that are wrong and still decide to commit them anyways. Still, there are some unintentional sins that creep in on my thoughts through the flesh that I'm working on, which requires both prayer and honesty with God.

"I know that Satan and his angels can both accuse and deceive with many lies, especially making you think you can be separated from the love of God. However, I love my heavenly Father with all my heart and being. While here at The Salt Lake City Mission I'm learning more and more how to make him happy. And that is what makes me the happiest, knowing that my Father in heaven is pleased with me.

This is what I desire most; in fact, even the thought of disobeying or displeasing God makes me shudder. This is how I know that the love of the Father is in me, and why I'm so grateful for the life of Jesus Christ, suffering and dying for my sins. Thank you, O Lord!!

# Meeting Their Greatest Needs!

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## 30 Years Serving Those In Great Need Right Here In Utah

January 2023 marks our 30th year as a front-line service provider right here in Utah.

With well over 6.5 million meals served since 1993 and hundreds of thousands lives changed, we are more passionate than ever before to continue and build upon a great legacy of caring for others.

And we pray you are just as excited as we are for what can be done as we move forward. God has a great plan in store. One that will see us grow into making the greatest difference yet.

There are so many great people to thank in achieving this milestone. Our faithful Donors and Supporters have gone above and beyond in caring for those who need the most.

It will only be through continued community partnerships and the compassionate generosity of our great Donors, Volunteers, and Supporters that Salt Lake City Mission's 30th year will be our most effective one yet in making a positive difference in the lives of others.

The homeless, the hungry, families



struggling to meet daily needs, and many others will continue to discover that someone does care enough to help. You and I can be that hope realized as we answer the call of God to join in "The ministry of others" in service thru Salt Lake City Mission.

## Help Homeless and Less Fortunate Women Overcome A Very Serious Concern

Join our annual **MARDI BRA** feminine hygiene donation drive

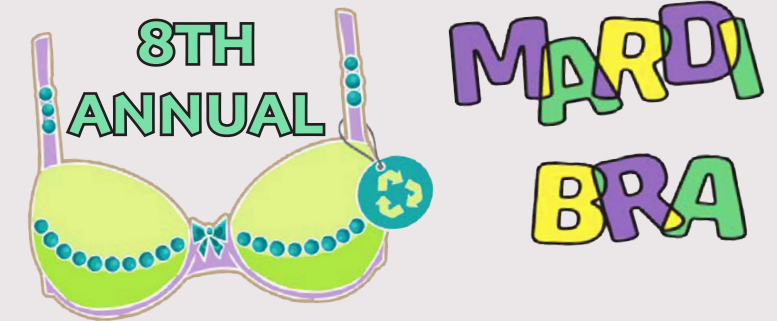
**MARDI BRA** is an initiative to collect and provide feminine hygiene products for women and teens who do not have easy access to these items.

Homeless women typically know where to find a safe place to sleep or a hot meal to eat. But when it comes to taking care of their feminine hygiene needs, they often have nowhere to turn.

Being unclean can lead to serious infections. It's a desperate situation that many homeless women feel resigned to accept. We can change that right here in Utah.

### YOU CAN HELP THE MISSION COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- New Bras • Tampons • Pads • Shampoo • Bar Soap • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Lotions • Brushes • Combs • Toiletries • New Women's Under Garments • Cold Weather Clothing



GET INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S MARDI BRA THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- Host a Drive (Call 801.355.6310 for details)
- Donate individual feminine hygiene products
- Make a financial contribution

### DROP OFF LOCATION:

Salt Lake City Mission  
1151 S. Redwood Rd Suite106  
For more information, call:  
801.355.6310



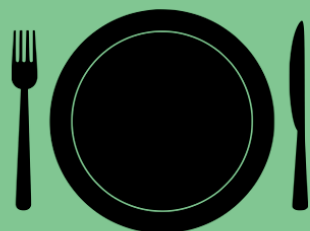
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# 30th Anniversary Milestones

Over 6.2 Million Meals Provided



Over 6.64 Million Articles of Clothing Distributed



691,383 Lives Impacted With Positive Change



Link here to view a detailed pdf of the Mission's 30th year milestones

<https://saltlakecitymission.org/30th-anniversary-milestones/>



## Testimony: From Deadhead To A Walking Miracle

Pastor John Conway is currently head Chaplain and Outreach Coordinator for Salt Lake City Mission. As it is with his fellow co-workers, Pastor Conway's life also represents one of overcoming victory from a life once lived for the wrong reasons. Here is his story.

"In my early years I was a "Deadhead". And if you don't know what that is, simply put, I was one of those guys who was pretty much a worshiper of the music group "Grateful Dead". I was a heavy marijuana smoker, among other things. If you could smoke it, I did. I was also an alcoholic. I lived my life for these things. It was my identity. Who I had become. I don't have to tell you where that got me. I ended up nowhere. From a devoted Deadhead to a dead-end in life. And as is with most who lived my kind of lifestyle, I also hit rock bottom. I ended up homeless in Salt Lake City. At the time Salt Lake City Mission was running a shuttle service, the same service we still have today. Once I learned about it, I hopped on, and it took me straight to the Mission where I met Pastor Wayne Wilson. He did not waste any time, he immediately showed himself as a caring man and welcomed me.

I found myself in a completely different world at the Mission. It was far from dead, but alive with a spirit of compassion. Pastor Wayne spent time with me talking

about life and what God could do in my life. He told me about Jesus. Pastor told me about how my life could change

to a more positive one. I wanted to know more. I was feeling excited. I wanted to know more about God than ever before.

At the time I couldn't read or write, but I kept on listening. One day Pastor Wayne encouraged me to start praying that God would teach me how to read and write. So, I did.

Then a miracle happened. Somehow God suddenly started teaching me by using His



Pastor Conway preaching a heartfelt message at one of the Mission's church services.

own words in the Bible. How? One day I had a strong sense to pick up the Bible and just start underlining every word. Somehow, I knew God was leading me to do this. By the time I got to chapter four I was beginning to really read. Obviously, I was excited and wanted more and more. So, I kept going, I wanted to know more and more about God as I continued. I was hungry to know more. I read through the Bible several times. I even got to the point

where I began writing down things from the Word of God. And that desire grew and grew. I eventually wrote down the whole Bible word for word. I had immersed myself in God's Word every day. After some time, I started preaching and teaching the Word of God at the Mission. This lasted for three years.

At the end of the three years, I felt the desire to leave the Mission and step back out and move on with my life. I got a job as a construction worker, and some other odd jobs, but always kept to the Word of God, read and study the Bible, and always went to church. Years went by. One journey led to another, and I ended up in Liberia where I found myself ministering in the Country.

I saw God's hand at work mightily. Many people getting delivered, many people getting saved. There was a baptism of the Holy Spirit and great works of God were happening. This experience made me reflect on my time at Salt Lake City Mission. How God used me as His mouthpiece and in caring for the homeless and hungry and assisting in food outreaches. I had invited God to use me any way He wanted. A growing urge to return to Salt Lake City and the Mission began.

When I returned to Salt Lake City Mission, I was given the position of Chaplain where I remain today. Even more now, I see God really working mightily through me. I minister in full confidence knowing that I am a far cry from the Deadhead I once was. I became alive by being washed through the Word of God. I praise God every day. I am a "walking miracle" and wonerfully made! (Psalm 139)

# 2022 Season Of Hope

This past holiday season was once again a time of giving and sharing with an array of community partners and individual Donors joining together to give the gift of hope in providing food and care to the homeless, the hungry, and families in great need. A ministry of caring for others was evident in so many ways as multi hundreds of our struggling residents were provided food boxes, hot meals and additional help.

Salt Lake City Mission would like to deeply thank all those who joined together with us. These include: Our terrific monthly Donors, Larry H and Gail Miller Family Foundation, Smiths Food and Drug, Utah Food Bank, Center Plate Catering, Sam's Club, Costco. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

And it doesn't end with the holiday's. The Mission is still moving forward into the new year to continue feeding and assisting those who need help and working with those we already welcomed into the services we offer. All year round we still reach out to the homeless, hungry, and families in need of help.



**Share to Care**

**ONGOING NEEDS OF THE MISSION**

- Non Perishable Food Items For Food Boxes (Canned meats/ tuna, veggies, beans, fruits. Peanut butter/jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, etc)
- Frozen Meat, Whole Chickens,
- Basic spices, condiments, oils, flour, sugar
- Baby Food & Hygiene Items

- Hygiene Items for Men & Women
  - New Socks and Underwear
  - New or Used Good Clean Winter Clothing
  - Outdoor Gear for the Homeless / Hand Warmers
- Please drop donations off at our offices**