

# Special Events Calander

Aside from our daily services and operations, every year the Mission also hosts special holiday food box giveaways. During these events we provide financially strapped families with some extra groceries that are holiday sensitive. Families on a tight budget can't afford the extra items to prepare and enjoy a holiday meal at home with their family. We provide these items for them.

For the homeless we provide a freshly prepared meals in a place to enjoy fellowship together and learn

about how we can further help them in their situations.

Here is what we have going on this year. Some dates are tentative.

- **May 10th** – Mother's Day Food Box Giveaway
- **May 12** – Mother's Day Special Sunday Service & Meal
- **June 14** – Father's Day Food Box Giveaway
- **June 16** – Father's Day Special Sunday Service & Meal
- **June 19** – Juneteenth Holiday

- Food Box Giveaway
- **July 3** – Independence Day Holiday Food Box Giveaway & BBQ
- **July (TBA)** – Summer Charity Event In Support Of our Annual Back To School Giveaway
- **Aug 3** – Back To School Giveaway
- **Aug 30** – Labor Day Food Box Giveaway & BBQ
- **Nov 25/28** - Thanksgiving Food Box Giveaway & Holiday Meal
- **Dec 23/25** Christmas Food Box Giveaway & Holiday Meal

## Join Salt Lake City Mission As We Host Our Annual Summer Charity Event To Help Disadvantaged Children Here In Utah.

All proceeds go to support our annual "Back to School Giveaway" held in August. An event that supplies poor children with school supplies and other vital essentials their families can't afford to buy.



Have a love for Pickleball? Turn your Passion into Purpose. Help children living in poverty right here in Utah. On (date TBA), Salt Lake City Mission switches up their annual summer charity event to something fun for the whole family.

The **Serve for Success** pickleball tournament will be held at (location TBA). For more details on how to get involved visit [saltlakecitymission.org](http://saltlakecitymission.org) for up to date info.

Together let's take a swing at poverty and make sure no child gets left behind.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS:  
[saltlakecitymission.org/summer-charity-event-2024/](http://saltlakecitymission.org/summer-charity-event-2024/)



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# Meeting Their Greatest Needs!

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## GROWING TOGETHER

### Community Partnerships Message from Pastor Shawn Clay - Executive Director

Salt Lake City Mission is always looking for ongoing partnerships with companies and monthly donors who have the same heart to help the homeless, provide for the food insecure, and support life recovery programs. As well, we need businesses like restaurants, markets, clothing stores, shoe stores/manufactures, and others who can donate tangible items and food products.

We have a 30-year history of assisting the less fortunate right here in Utah and making a positive impact in the lives of over 725,000 individuals and families - the homeless, hungry, the disadvantaged. Volunteers are always welcomed, especially during major holiday seasons. A labor of love from the heart of those serving others shows our less fortunate clients the true compassion of a caring community.

#### AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY

We welcome you to join us on the journey in "Meeting the greatest needs!" - Growing with us into the opportunity to become the leader in effectively resolving the issues of poverty facing so many within our communities right here in this great State of Utah.

Do you share our vision to offer advancing quality services to provide for the diverse needs of our less fortunate neighbors who struggle daily to survive, or others trying to meet the basic needs of their families and children. We hope so!

We invite you to join us in creating a vibrant destination in the community and enlarging our programs and operations towards a growing vision to assist the poorest of the poor - the hungry, homeless, families with children, and those who need a new positive way of living life.

As we look towards the future, we invite you to grow with us into the opportunity to provide more assistance, develop new programs, increase existing effective programs, and offer additional resources to those in great need.

If you are already an avid partner with Salt Lake City Mission, we thank you most excitedly. If you have not yet explored the opportunities of partnership or are involved only so often, then we invite you into a more committed relationship in healing the broken hearted and wounded right here in Utah. Your increased, continued and ongoing support is crucial in growing our legacy forward.

God bless you!!



# In Their Own Words

## Men's Upward Motion Residential Recovery Program

Danny

My journey of alcohol and drugging started in 2017 when I lost my wife to an accident of over 12 years I lived in a small town in Minnesota with my wife two step kids and my daughter raising them. I lost her and my whole world got turned upside down and became an alcoholic to stay numb and not remember everything that I have lost. My journey went on from 2017 to 2023 and I came to my end I just wanted everything to be over with so I tried to commit suicide.

I woke up at LDS ICU today's later with a machine breathing for me and that's when I came to the cross in the road and 10 days later I met pastor John and Tom I came to the mission and 8 months later I'm doing best I have ever been since 2017 I have the Lord and goal in my heart with all the miracles that has happened in the past 8 mos I'm now at ease in my heart I give thanks to God pastor Sean Tom John, and the mission Thank you for everything

Richard

I went through life chasing one vice after another sometimes multiple, until God led me here to the SIC Mission to bring me closer to his arms. I was an angry man when I first got here towards myself and others and God has worked wonders on my hardened heart opening my eyes to the beauty within and all around me showing me that each day is one step closer to Him. Giving me grace for my shortcomings and holding me up when I felt weak. Teaching me how to love myself again. This experience has changed my whole outlook on life and everything I do I couldn't make it this far without God giving me purpose in life for the better. He guides me through the darkness I came to God in pieces and in his time he has been putting me together day by day step by step. All for his glory that I am not alone and he never gives up on us. He has made me apart of something greater than myself. He took away the weight of emptiness and filled me with joy again.



Richard is graduating into the 2nd phase of the Men's Upward Motion life recovery program.



The men in our recovery program help to feed the homeless thru our daily outreaches and provide food boxes to families in need.

Jaxson

Hello, my name is Jaxson, I have been in the upward aim program at the mission for about 4 months now. I am really excited about giving my testimony for the newsletter. In the four months I feel I have really grown a lot spiritually and mentally. I've struggle with addiction for 40 years and I fell into addiction in my early teens and went to my first program when I was fifteen it was a great experience but unfortunately when I returned home from the program in Hawaii I fell back into my old habits, its been one program/rehab/drug treatment after another. I ended up on the streets, homeless, my relationship with my family was strained and I was

~~the V.O.A.~~ I was staying at the V.O.A. when I heard about the program at the mission. I talked to Pastor Tom at the mission and I told him I would like to join the program. He told me to call him in a week to see if I still wanted to join. In that week I left the V.O.A. and went back to my old habits the day I was suppose to call him my girlfriend at the time overdose and past away I guess you could call it a spirilly awakening. I got back to the V.O.A. and my case manager said Pastor Tom had called while I was gone and wanted me to call him. I called him and made arrangements to come join the program. Since joining the program my whole outlook on my life has changed

before I felt my life was meaningless and had nothing to look forward to but with the support of pastor Sean and John I'm really looking forward to the future. Its very satisfying to me to be able to help the people in need. I am so grateful and thankful for all the pastors here at the Salt Lake City Mission especially Pastor John Conway. Pastor John was my house mate for several months. He has been very supportive. When I first joined I had doubts about staying. Pastor John would say read the Bible and pray. I did that and everyday I felt better and be came stronger in my relationship with Jesus Christ and my father in Heaven. My confidence has come back and I'm excited to get out of bed every morning and go to the mission and do the Lords work.

