

# RESCUE ALERT

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A Message from Jim Connell

## Making a Real Difference

Dear Donor Name,

As the weather cools and the holidays draw near, more people like Larry will be coming to Lexington Rescue Mission for food and clothing. We love that, because it means more opportunities to make real changes in their lives through our Life Renewal Program.

Not everyone is ready to take that step. But for those who are willing to let God work in their lives, our door is always open.

Some have a real passion for change – you can see it in their eyes. We believe that spark is the presence of God; a God who has always been with them, regardless of how desperate their lives have become, and a God who will continue to stand by them and strengthen them as they take the difficult steps necessary to overcome the problems that brought them to us.

We thank you for standing by them, too. Your support makes a real difference in the lives of those in need.

Yours in gratitude,

*Jim Connell*  
Jim Connell  
Executive Director

## “I Started Going Down the Wrong Path”

Larry grew up here in Lexington, and he raised his kids here because, “this is a really good place to grow up.” But it’s also the place where he got “strung out” on drugs and alcohol – an addiction that ended his 18-year marriage and separated him from his family.

“When I got divorced, I just started going down the wrong path; I just got wrapped up in the drug scene,” he recalls. Morphine and alcohol took over Larry’s life and became the center of his existence.

Eventually, he ended up homeless, living on the streets.

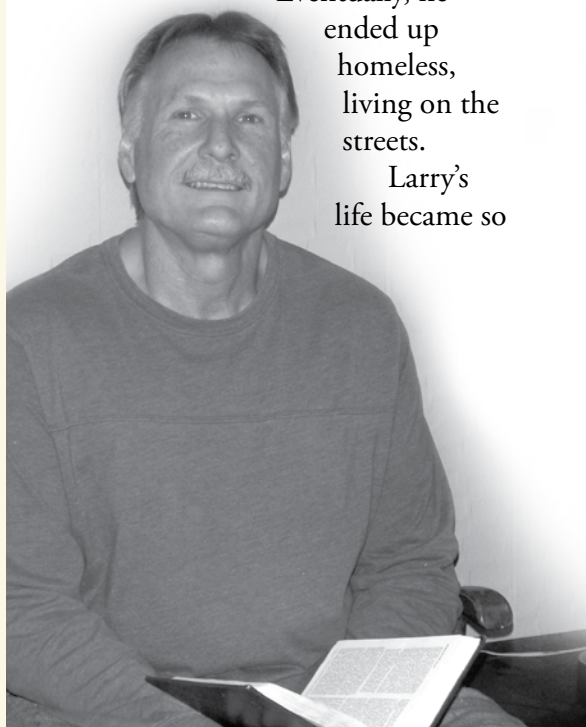
Larry’s life became so

unmanageable that he ended up breaking into his ex-wife’s house. When the judge sentenced him to ten years, Larry was “devastated.” But an even greater shock was in store. “My sister and family wrote letters to the judge, and he was a good Christian man who took a gamble and gave me probation,” he says.

*“I couldn’t see the plans God had for me.”*

“I knew deep down in my heart that I needed to seek help. I tried stopping my addictions on my own and I couldn’t do it.” Larry’s sister found Lexington Rescue Mission’s Christ-centered Life Renewal Program and suggested that Larry give it a try.

“This Mission and this program have been a real blessing to me and to my family. I hadn’t seen my sister in more than three years; six months ago, I got to hug her! The Life Renewal Program has helped me focus on what’s important in life, and that’s God. That’s what I was missing. That’s what helped me get back on the right track!,” Larry says. Not only is Larry on the right track, but he graduated the program this month! Congratulations!



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## Here’s my special Thanksgiving gift

- \$XX.XX to feed and care for X people
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- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

- Bill my credit card
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Donate online at [www.LexingtonRescue.org](http://www.LexingtonRescue.org), or call 859-381-9600.

Donor Name  
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Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at [www.LexingtonRescue.org](http://www.LexingtonRescue.org).

## Thanksgiving Needs

- Frozen turkeys
- Potatoes
- Dressing/stuffing mix
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Coffee
- Creamer
- Margarine (sticks)
- Sugar
- Dry cereal

Donated items can be delivered to 444 Glen Arvin Ave., Lexington. Call (859) 381-9600 for more information.

## Holiday Events



**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
Wednesday, Nov. 25th  
From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Broadway Christian Church

**Christmas Block Party**  
Saturday, Dec. 19th  
From 10 a.m. to noon  
649 North Limestone Street

**Christmas Dinner**  
Friday, Dec. 25th  
From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Broadway Christian Church

## Double Your Tax Advantages

Stock gifts reap great rewards with minimal effort. If your stocks have depreciated in value, you can make a substantial gift for a small expenditure. Tax laws allow you to deduct the entire market value of your stock held long-term, including any capital appreciation from your federal income, and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation.

If you are unable to make a gift of stock, you can still help us by establishing

a life income gift that pays you income for life. Frequently, the income from the gift is more than what the stock provides through dividends. A gift of stock requires minimal effort and provides great rewards. To learn more about this and other giving opportunities, please contact Jim Connell at 859-381-9600.



## Sleepless in Lexington

Over 150 people gathered at Applebee's Park on August 1st for Sleepless in Lexington. This sleepover raised more than \$10,000 for local



ministries, including Lexington Rescue Mission, Lighthouse Ministries, ROSM, the Salvation Army and Step by Step.

In addition to raising much-needed funds, Sleepless in Lexington raised awareness about homelessness in

Lexington and challenged participants to minister to those in need.

There was live music by Rookie and Too Many Drummers and UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnheart, evangelist Tommy Green, Southland's Special Needs Minister Brewster McLeod and Fire Department Chaplain Stewart Dawson spoke.

"It was good to see people from different denominations coming together to raise awareness about the plight of the poor," said Jim Connell, Executive Director.

To learn more about this and other Mission events visit [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org).

## Get Your Church Involved

**Host a Collection.** Collect hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries and small toys for families in need. Barrels can be provided. Bring all items to the Mission by Friday, December 11th. They will be given away at our Christmas Block Party.

**Work Day.** Help replace windows, fix a fence, replace downspouts and seal a ramp before it gets too cold.

**Sunday Night Fellowship.** Bring dinner for residents of our recovery program on a Sunday evening and stay to get to know them. This is a great opportunity for small groups and Bible studies to invest in the lives of men in need.

**Welcome a Resident.** Create welcome bags for new residents. Items may include: soap, toothpaste, toothbrush,



deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, washcloth, towel, men's socks, pens, a

notebook and a Recovery Bible. Feel free to add encouraging notes welcoming the new residents.

If you or your church group would like to volunteer, please call Natalie at (859) 381-9600, ext. 224, or e-mail [natalie@lexingtonrescue.org](mailto:natalie@lexingtonrescue.org). All donated items can be delivered to the Mission at 444 Glen Arvin Ave. For more information visit [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org).

## Serving Those in Need is Serving God Himself

There's no doubt that the past 12 months have been a tremendous challenge for us all. We only have to look at the difficulties facing our neighbors, our community and the country, and the increased number of new people coming to Lexington Rescue Mission for help.

Despite these hard times, many of our supporters have given gifts that they might have used to make



better lives for themselves. For those who have been faithful beyond measure, we give thanks!

And we believe that God will weigh these gifts with a measure that is beyond that of our world: He will measure according to our capacity –

because He knows what we possess; and according to our attitude – because He knows the state of our hearts.

Please continue to make an immediate and lasting difference in the lives of people in need in Lexington through your gifts. To find out how you can help or to give securely online visit our website at [www.LexingtonRescue.org](http://www.LexingtonRescue.org). Thank you!