

# THE COMPASSION CONNECTION

Restoring lives through the love of Jesus Christ

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## Safe And Secure From All Alarms

# “These are my kids.”

## A NOTE FROM ROSEMARY HOLLOWAY



Dear Friend,

My husband Pastor Holloway and I founded the Little Rock Compassion Center 20 years ago in 1999. It has grown through the years to become the largest homeless shelter in Arkansas, feeding, sheltering and offering a hand up to as many as 300 men, women and children a night.

It's not a job, it's a lifestyle for us. It is what we do. You can get tired or bored with a job, but we know this is

what God has called us to do, so we just get on with it.

The people here are family. They are like my kids. Some of them call me “mom.” When they leave and start a new life we love to get letters back, telling us how much we mean to them. They tell us they wouldn't be where they are without the family here.

The hardest thing is so many don't want to change. They come and stay here, but they are satisfied to stay in their rut. They settle for so little. They just don't want to change. That is sad to see, compared to what could be for them. But we still let them come here, mostly. Jesus didn't ask hungry people if they were going to follow Him before He helped them. He just took care of them. We aim for the same attitude and let God do His part.

The community gives us such helpful support. People send in donations and volunteers keep on coming. They are part of God's work here to needy people. We are in our 70s and still both lead the Center. We don't think about retirement. When the time comes that will be fine.

But this is our life, our family and where we belong.

Sincerely,

William & Rosemary Holloway  
Founders-Directors  
Little Rock Compassion Center

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## Thank YOU



# Power of Easter

Is it true, “Once a criminal, always a criminal?”  
And “Once an addict, always an addict?” Do  
people ever really make lasting improvements  
in their life?

Jesus said they do. He came to set the sinner  
free from their way of life and to live with God  
forever.

Jesus came to set the captives free, forgive their  
offenses against God and empower them for  
holy living. It’s called salvation, and it comes  
from the One Who rose from the dead.

**“For God so loved the world that He gave  
His one and only Son, that whoever believes  
in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”  
~ John 3:16**

That’s why Easter is a powerful time to give the  
hope of freedom and glorious life to those who  
know so much disappointment.

**Please pray for us,  
visit us and support us.**

**for being part of our joyful holiday season!**



**You gave “a home for the holidays.”**

Christmas is a joyful time at the Compassion Center! [Thank YOU  
for making it possible.](#)

Our guests know so much fear, hunger and loneliness. They  
feel like outsiders to the Christmas celebrations others  
embrace so merrily around them.

But they are welcome here. We are a very big family,  
who gathered together to enjoy the celebrations with food,  
singing and worship.



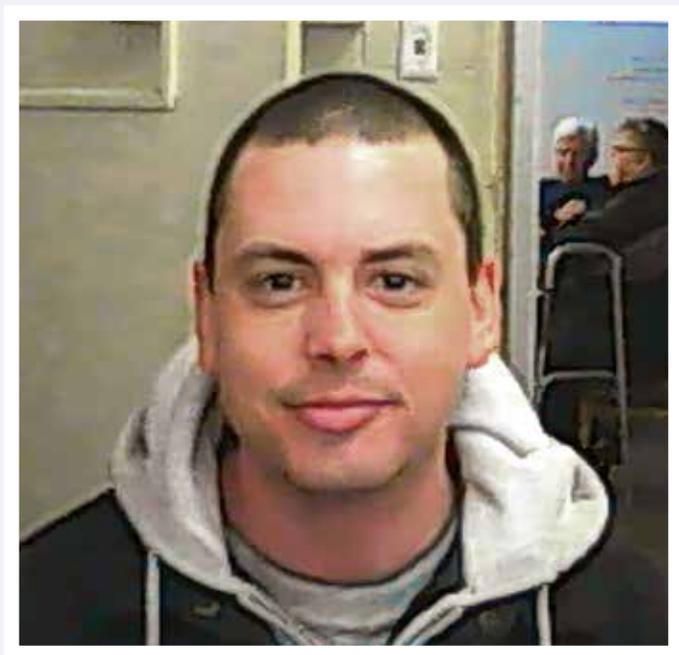
Each child received a gift picked for them, and we all enjoyed  
hearing them laugh and seeing them play. This place became  
a home for the holidays. Colorful decorations and cards  
you sent decorated the tables and walls. Christ came to  
bring peace on Earth and goodwill to all, and we felt His  
blessing.

When you know God loves you, you can’t help but smile.

**Thank you for making this season  
one to remember!**



# Jason calls his father “Pops.”



**Normally, they get along well,** but when Pops was drinking and Jason was using drugs, everything went wrong.

Once, it got so bad between them, Jason stormed off. The police found him sleeping in his car with drugs in hand. They impounded the car and took him to jail. When he got out his car was sold off.

He was broke and felt he couldn't go home, so he found others who were homeless. They didn't do much except smoke weed. But Jason knew this was not for him. He could see trouble coming and left them to walk the streets alone.

One night last winter, the cold became unbearable. He picked up his few belongings and headed for the Little Rock Compassion Center.

He got a bed, good meal, and attended the worship services and Bible studies.

**He knew God had a plan for him and was looking for a way to change.**

When he heard about the 8-month recovery program for those wanting to be right with the Lord and free from their sinful ways, he signed up. He knew he needed that. “Something inside me was crying out for this,” he said.

One year later, Jason is still at the Compassion Center. He works at the front desk meeting guests as they come in the door.

In the past, he worked simple retail jobs to get by. Now, he is aiming for more. He has earned his GED and is going to college.

“You got to allow that light to shine. I feel it. God puts the light in you, and you got to activate it. I have read the Bible from beginning to end — it took me 6 months, reading it every day.”

Every Thursday, Pops picks up Jason and takes him to college. They are good friends again.

