

Kara and her beautiful girl, Mackenzie



It's been quite a while since we last heard from Kara. Kara came to the Mission about seven years ago completely broken and in desperate need of hope. Here is more about her story and where she's at today:

"I was born and grew up in an abusive household. My mom was an alcoholic, and my father would beat me for any reason he could, even by just looking at him the wrong way. But it didn't stop there.

From elementary to high school, I was bullied for showing up in the only clothes I had, which were dirty and torn because my parents couldn't care less if I had something nice or clean to wear. Even though both places were as bad as they were, school was the only escape I had from my parents, so I almost looked forward to it.

I became pregnant when I was 16 years old. Honestly, I didn't know what to do. I had nobody to turn to, and the only life I was used to was the abuse from my parents at home, and getting made fun of at school.

I didn't care how young I was, my baby Mackenzie was not going to have the same life I had. My little girl wasn't going to go through the same hurt and neglect that I went through. Even though I was just a teenager, I was going to do everything in my power to make sure she had the best life that I could provide.

That was seven years ago. Even though life is still a struggle, we're doing ok. I can now provide a somewhat stable life for my child. You should see her now—she's so beautiful. It's amazing.

I can honestly say that if it wasn't for the Rome Rescue Mission, I don't know where my Mackenzie and I would be. It's because of the stability and counseling they gave to me that I could turn my life around and have a shot at a normal life. The care and love that they showed to me, it changed everything."

Kara is just one of many who have been positively impacted by your generous contributions. You can make a difference in someone's life by donating today.

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 413 East Dominick St
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Thanksgiving is just around the corner!

Every year, the Mission holds a Thanksgiving drive to raise the goods needed to serve over 5,000 meals to those in the community who are hungry and homeless. Last year we were able to provide 1,500 turkeys and serve about 5,000 meals because of your donation along with the rest of our supporters!



1,500 TURKEYS



500 VOLUNTEERS



5,000 MEALS PROVIDED

“God calls us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. How can we accomplish that if we don’t feed, clothe, and shelter those who are in need?

It’s our hope and prayer that those who have nowhere to go and nobody to turn to will find more than just a filling Thanksgiving meal, we want them to find a hope for a brighter future. That’s why we’re here.”

- Matt Miller, Executive Director

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500+ Turkeys
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet/White Potatoes
Dinner Rolls
Pies/Desserts

Canned Vegetables
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Tossed Salad
Gravy
Coffee
Milk

For a full list of list of wants, needs, and drop-off locations, visit RomeRescueMission.org

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9am to 5pm
every day

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It’s the time of year when we reflect on all that God has done for us and all that we are grateful for. Here at the Rome Rescue Mission, we strive to bring the same holiday spirit to the people that we serve. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for all YOU have done.

YOU support us.

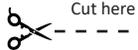
YOU continually pray for us.

YOU give your time, talent and resources.

YOU are a blessing to those who are less fortunate in our community. Because of YOU, we are able to change lives!

Thank you and God bless,

Matt Miller



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