

Restoring Lives in Jesus' Name

“I am stronger”

Thanks to you, Lynn has a new life this Easter!

In her life, Lynn has suffered through vicious abuse, years of addiction and unimaginable loss.

But thanks to Serenity, KARM's residential recovery program for women, she has finally found safety and regained her sense of self-worth. Today, she is able to declare:

“I am so much stronger than I ever gave myself credit for.”

She is quick to add that her strength comes from God, whose love, mercy and grace have given her a new outlook and hope for the next chapter in her life.

A few months ago, Lynn was in a very different place.

“I could feel my heart physically breaking.”

Her children had been taken away. Her dad was killed in a motorcycle accident. The father of her daughter was also killed. She was caught up

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Help more people experience the hope of the Resurrection, starting with an Easter meal for just \$1.87



I am stronger... (continued from front)

in the trauma of her abusive relationship and doing everything she could — even stealing and selling her sentimental possessions — to get high. Her life was coming apart and one day, she raged against God, “Why do You hate me?”

“I was blaming God instead of taking it upon myself,” she says. At her lowest point, she shares, “I could feel my heart physically breaking. I would wake up hating myself for all the pain and hurt I caused my kids. It felt like a bad dream.”

When her boyfriend went to jail for criminal domestic violence, she took the chance to come to Tennessee to try and reestablish a relationship with her children who were now living with her ex-husband.

But first, she had to work on herself. Finding out about Serenity, Lynn says, “I needed all of it — domestic violence therapy, drug rehab . . .”

Walking into Serenity for the first time, she was

immediately welcomed. “There was no judgment,” she remembers. In the program, Lynn has been able to work on issues that kept her from living a healthy life.

“Finding God is the most important thing.”

Today, her beautiful face beams. But she will always bear scars from the reconstructive eye and chin surgery she underwent after one brutal beating and from her years of abusing diet pills and methamphetamine.

All she wants now is to “be more in love with God.” He has pulled her through every crisis and is opening doors for more blessings including the possibility of seeing her kids again. Lynn is hopeful and thankful. “I know how much I would do for my children,” she says. “I could only imagine God’s outlook on us. He loves us way more than we could ever love ourselves or our children. I just want to love the way God loves.”

You can help more people in need of hope experience God’s love this Easter. Please give today!

Meals Give Hope

This Easter, you can give hope to a hurting heart!

It all starts with a meal. Why? Because a meal served with love gives someone HOPE. And hope changes everything. At Easter, we also share the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection — which is our everlasting hope! Please give as generously as you can to provide as many Easter meals as possible. Thank you in advance!

Change more lives with your gift of a meal!

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” — 1 Peter 1:3

Complete life-change can start with an Easter meal



HUNGRY FOR MORE



BURT ROSEN
CEO

Does this sound familiar to you? You sit down for a meal, not feeling particularly hungry. So you think to yourself, *I'll just nibble.*

But when you actually start eating, you realize you're hungrier than you thought.

I've seen this happen for people, like Lynn, who come to find help at KARM. Sure, many first come through our doors for a meal. But many find they're hungry for more.

Christ fills our hunger for more.

That's what makes a meal at KARM different. We bear witness to the One who gives us eternal hope, the One who can help us "make a fresh start" and "put a fresh wind" in our sails (Psalm 51, *The Message*).

Easter is our best opportunity to talk about the hope of Christ within us. As 1 Corinthians 15:12-18 tells us, if we don't believe in the Resurrection of Christ, our faith is futile. Without Easter, we'd just be serving food and sending someone on their way. But Christ fills our hunger for more. Thank you for joining with us to share the miracle of the Resurrection. Happy Easter!

Give meals and share Christ's hope this Easter



This Easter, help more people find hope and new life in Christ!

With each \$1.87 Easter meal you provide, you will help someone who is desperate for a second chance find the hope they need to make a new start through KARM's life-changing programs.

If you've been waiting for the perfect time to give your Easter gift, this is it!

This Easter, give meals, hope and the chance for new life!



Your special Easter gift today will help change lives forever.

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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and give right away.



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865-673-6540.

STAY CONNECTED



MY GIFT TO PROVIDE MEALS THIS EASTER

YES! I want to provide meals for those in greatest need this Easter. Here's my gift of:

- \$18.70** which will feed **10** hungry people.
- \$28.05** which will feed **15** hungry people.
- \$37.40** which will feed **20** hungry people.
- \$_____ to feed as many hungry people as possible.

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