

**THANK YOU
FOR GIVING
Lester
A NEW
BEGINNING.**

Because of you,
he has peace and
hope in his heart
this Easter!



“Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” – Romans 6:4, NIV



A Message from DANITA MCCARTNEY, PRESIDENT & CEO

GOD'S GIFT To Us



Easter is such an incredibly moving time of year. A day when we are humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God went to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That is why we are committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at KARM. We go out into the streets – meeting them where they are – to develop trust and relationships with those who are hurting. Our heart's desire is to invite them to be part of our family... and share with them the eternal hope Jesus freely offers us all when we accept Him as our Savior.

This Easter, you have the opportunity to partner with us to share the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. During this season of hope, I encourage you to read our enclosed Annual

Report to see what you helped achieve this past year... then look ahead and think about ways you can support KARM in the future.

Your prayers for our staff, volunteers and guests lift them up and give them the strength to face each day with hope. Your monetary gifts help us expand our ministry to serve even more people and help them start on a path toward new life. Your volunteer service lets you meet our residents face-to-face... and will bless you as much as it blesses them!

Thank you for your faithful friendship to help make this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Help our hurting neighbors THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men, women and children this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for just \$1.87 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care and healing in our life-change programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **karm.org**.

Easter²⁰²³
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for being part of miracles!

Easter and the miracle of Jesus' resurrection is a glorious reminder that the Lord is still working miracles in hearts and lives today!

Though the items you help provide might look simple – a nourishing meal, a safe place to sleep, a Bible lesson – in the hands of our Savior they can transform men, women and children from broken to beautiful. And YOU help make it possible through your generous support, heartfelt prayers and volunteer service.

Thank you so much for blessing others and making miracles happen each and every day!



“The day I stepped into KARM my life changed, praise God!”



Lester was raised by his great-grandmother in a loving home. He graduated from high school and was doing well for a time... until a friend led him astray.

“At the age of 24 I was having a hard time and I was depressed. My best friend introduced me to crack cocaine and I was off to the races.”

For years, Lester struggled with addiction. It led to three failed marriages, losing his kids, time spent in prison and feeling utterly worthless.

“I ended up on the streets... I lost everything. I tried to kill myself four or five times because the drugs and addiction were taking over. I needed to get somewhere I could get help so I came to Knoxville, got off the bus and came straight to KARM.”

As soon as he walked through the doors, Lester felt peace and love he had never known before.

“I hadn’t eaten in a while and the meal was good,” he remembers. “I felt the love and I felt like somebody... I felt free.”

Lester first entered our four-week LaunchPoint program, where he regained his sobriety and began learning about God. He knew he needed

more guidance and healing, so he joined KARM’s Berea program.

“They’ve got good people here that love you and talk to you. It’s loving people, just like a family,” he says with a grin.

In addition to classes and counseling, Lester is also receiving medical care to treat cancer he was

“ I felt like I could never be loved again until I got to KARM. I learned that I am somebody and this is my home! ”

diagnosed with a few years ago. He loves serving coffee and greeting other guests, and he wants to make the most of his time here – loving others and loving God.

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Lester is grateful for your support this Easter. “I’ve gotten to know who God is and He’s been very good to me. It’s been a long time since I lived like this, and it feels so good. I praise God!”

HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



Sunday, April 9: Our Easter Celebrations from
11:30am - 12:45pm and 4:30pm - 5:45pm!

Easter is a day of joy and celebration. But right now, far too many of our neighbors are struggling with homelessness, hopelessness and addiction. They are turning here... and YOU can help welcome them with love and a special meal!

EASTER SEASON NEEDS LIST

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 7:**

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- BUTTER
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- POWDERED MILK
- DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- COFFEE
- 8 OZ. STYROFOAM CUPS

*Drop off donations at KARM, 418 N. Broadway in Knoxville,
from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 5 days a week.*

No time to shop? Donate now! ☎ (865) 673-6540 ✨ karm.org



JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM!

The prayers of caring friends like you support and empower our ministry. And joining with other faithful friends to be part of our Prayer Team is the best way to know how you can pray for us!

Through our Prayer Team, you will receive requests each week to help us pray for our guests, volunteers, staff and other members of our KARM family. You will also see praises so you and other prayer warriors can rejoice with us when God answers!

**God promises He hears us,
anytime and anywhere.**

Join our team today at
karm.org/prayer