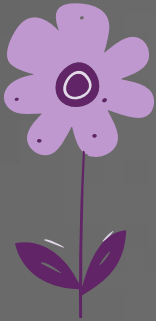




*Restoring Lives in Jesus' Name*

**EASTER 2024**

**Lori is  
celebrating  
Easter  
with JOY –  
because of you!**



Thank you for  
showing her that  
new life is possible.



**For more information: (865) 673-6540 [karm.org](http://karm.org)**



A Message from DANITA MCCARTNEY,  
PRESIDENT & CEO

## THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the look on someone's face the first time they truly understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at Knox Area Rescue Ministries. It is a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

**You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter and other services to change their lives.**

Your faithful prayers and generosity help men, women and children who are homeless in our community find a home when they walk through our doors. They also find HOPE - hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors that you care about them - in their present circumstances, for their future and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

**Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.**

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!



*Leave a legacy for  
the causes you care  
about!*

Do you have an updated will? Whether you are 28 or 88, a will is the best way to make sure the people and causes you love are protected. Without one, the government or courts decide what happens to your belongings.

To make it easy for you, we partnered with FreeWill to bring you a FREE, innovative resource that helps you create a will online in under 20 minutes - so you can establish a lasting legacy for the causes you care about.

Take this important step by visiting [freewill.com/knoxarearescueministries](https://freewill.com/knoxarearescueministries).

*"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."  
-William James*



## SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our neighbors who are homeless!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy this season...



**35,000  
meals - just  
\$1.87 each!**



**15,000  
nights of safe  
shelter**



**Christ-centered care  
and healing in our life-  
change programs!**

**Easter**<sup>2024</sup>  
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 🌟 Give online anytime at [karm.org](https://karm.org).



# “I AM PROUD TO BE GOD’S DAUGHTER.”

**G**rowing up, Lori wanted the same as every child: love and acceptance. Yet, those were two things her parents struggled to give her. “My mother was jealous of my relationship with my father, so my dad had to walk on eggshells around me. I felt abandoned by both of them,” she explains.

As she got older, Lori looked for love in other places, including abusive relationships that led to drugs, alcohol and addiction. Eventually, she lost everything and became homeless.

“I had nothing. No place to live. No clothes, no money. My vehicle was impounded. The police even took my dog to a pound,” she says. “I needed somewhere to stay. I didn’t know what to do – but I did know about KARM.”

At her rock bottom, Lori came to us for a second chance. At Serenity Ministries, she found a nonjudgmental home where she could heal. Through counseling and classes, she discovered a love for helping others. She also realized what was missing from her life: a relationship with the Lord.

Now, Lori wants to work with other women her age who suffer from alcohol issues and are in a position similar to where she once was. She wants to show them it’s not too late to change their lives. “Before I came to KARM I was hopeless. I had given up. I thought I was too old to recover and make my life worth anything. Now I have a new life. I have things to offer people. I have hope,” she says.

“You imagine your perfect life, and God comes along and makes it even more perfect and amazing than you ever could’ve thought. It’s like having a birthday every day.”

***“I wanted to be loved, valued and needed.”***

**Thank you for sharing God’s love with Lori this Easter. Her life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel!** “I’m healthy. My mind is clear. I’m sober, and my heart is full of joy and love. I feel beautiful inside and out.”





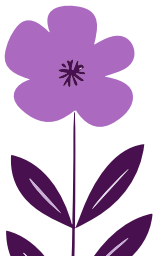
## WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

There are so many ways to give back!

KARM is fueled by volunteers. Volunteering at KARM means more than just giving your time. It means feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, cherishing the forgotten and sharing the love of Christ. As a volunteer, you will build relationships with our guests, work as a team with other volunteers and make a difference in the Knoxville community. **At KARM, you volunteer with purpose.**

There are so many ways for you to get involved! This spring and summer, we're looking for groups and individuals to serve meals in our kitchen, make cards of prayer and encouragement for our guests and serve concessions in our Courtyard.

Visit [karm.org/volunteer](http://karm.org/volunteer) to get started today!



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### God's Promise of Joy

*"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love... I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." - John 15:10-11*

Get ready... our  
**DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**  
is June 15!



It's time to get ready for KARM's *Dragon Boat Festival!* On **Saturday, June 15**, teams from across East Tennessee will compete for prizes while enjoying a FUN, competitive, team-building day on the water.

Since it started 20 years ago, our Dragon Boat teams have raised more than \$1.5 million to help KARM care for men, women and children who come to us for help and hope, rescue and restoration. Food, shelter and life-changing programs help them break the cycle of homelessness, poverty and addiction in their lives. You help make this work possible!

Don't wait... sign up your team for the *Dragon Boat Festival* and begin fundraising today.

Visit [karm.org/events](http://karm.org/events) or contact **Kylie Clark** at (865) 898-4497 or [kclark@karm.org](mailto:kclark@karm.org).