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GOOD NEWS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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A Note From Rev. Eric Burger

You want to help ... but how?

Dear Friend,

It is hard to see someone sleeping on the street during the Christmas season.

You may feel blessed and want to help, but practically, what should you do? If you give cash, it may be misused.

We face a difficult problem. We want to help our homeless neighbors. Their needs are urgent. If we do not help, their condition will likely get worse.

The people in our community faced this tough question over 60 years ago. Back in 1955, they decided to start Hiway 80 Rescue Mission to care for the hungry and homeless. The Mission has grown through the years to care for over 200 people each night.

We wish no one needed Hiway 80. But Jesus said we will always have people among us who need compassionate care and a hand up. And together, we do our best to get the job done. **Thank you for your partnership in this ministry to end homelessness in our city. This work would not continue year after year without you.**

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones.

Road to a New Life Starts Here



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Executive Director
Hiway 80 Rescue Mission

P.S. Thank you for your friendship and kind support to everyone here. Think about visiting us with friends for a meal and a tour. Please call us at (903) 759-8101.

Our Mission At Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, we preach and teach the Word of God while winning souls to Jesus Christ. We accomplish this by providing food, shelter, clothing and the opportunity to hear and receive the Gospel.

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A Gift of Your Time

It's that time of year again! Yes, the holidays are here and we need YOUR help! We have many volunteer opportunities to serve the homeless, hungry and needy.

Together, we will serve those in our community with the love of Jesus and see many lives impacted!

Thank you for your help. Your care for the homeless and hurting means so much. Merry Christmas!

For more information on volunteering or sponsoring a food or toy drive contact:

LONGVIEW

Dawn or Linda:
903-759-8101 ext. 228

TYLER

Tina: 903-363-9265



A Joyful Time!



Over 1,000 men, women and children will come to the Hiway 80's Family Christmas Party. A plate full of a traditional Christmas dinner awaits each guest. The Sound of Light band will play Christmas music and

Santa will even make a visit. Last year, Christmas gifts were provided for 674 children.

For those who have been going through challenging situations and trying to rebuild their lives, this celebration means more than you can imagine. Families come together and children are filled with joy.



Thank you for bringing smiles to the faces and joy to the hearts of each and every person we serve over the holidays. You are a difference maker and we are deeply thankful for you.

We Need YOUR Help!

Every Christmas, we see more people come through our doors. This means we need more food, clothing, toiletries, bedding, Christmas gifts ... the list can go on and on! You can help meet these needs this Christmas. For more information visit our website Hiway80Mission.org

KITCHEN NEEDS:

- ✓ Hams
- ✓ Chicken broth
- ✓ Potatoes
- ✓ Granulated sugar
- ✓ Butter
- ✓ Salt & pepper
- ✓ Canned vegetables
- ✓ Garlic powder
- ✓ Baking powder/soda
- ✓ Aluminum foil
- ✓ Cream of mushroom soup
- ✓ Canned yams/sweet potatoes



GIFT IDEAS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS:

- ✓ Legos
- ✓ Basketballs
- ✓ Dolls
- ✓ Footballs
- ✓ Action figures
- ✓ Soccer balls
- ✓ Art supplies
- ✓ Purses
- ✓ Baby toys
- ✓ Wallets
- ✓ Toddler toys
- ✓ Watches
- ✓ Board games
- ✓ Nail polish
- ✓ Dress up clothes
- ✓ Bath products
- ✓ Inexpensive jewelry
- ✓ Perfume/cologne
- ✓ Gift cards to local stores & fast food restaurants
- ✓ Remote control cars



"I was running from the Lord."

Shekita knew about God when she was young, but she didn't have a relationship with Him.

In 2017, Shekita and her 8 children became homeless. With nowhere else to turn, they were warmly welcomed at Hiway 80.

Shekita had been running from God for years. For much of her life, she struggled with many temptations. When asked what her biggest struggles were, Shekita said, "Being of the world. Being addicted to money, sex, men, drugs, partying, being selfish ... a lot of worldly things."

When they arrived at Hiway 80, Shekita was extremely angry and depressed. Then she began classes. "At first I didn't want to, I'll be honest, because I was stuck in myself. And I was mad." However, she soon felt safe and her depression lifted.

As she worked her way through parenting classes, Bible studies, one-on-one meetings and life skills classes, her feelings of depression began to subside. Shekita dove into her new community and began to accept love and help from those around her. "I started being able to level with myself. I started being able to get back on my feet."

Once she adjusted to a routine and felt secure, Shekita opened herself to a relationship with the Lord. "I was able to balance my life out and live a healthier, godly life."

Shekita has since moved into her own place with her children. "I'm stable now. I'm working. My kids are in school. They're in activities. We recognize our blessings."

She will always hold a special place in her heart for Hiway 80 and our faithful friends. "It is a great place to break the cycle. Not just homelessness. It



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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ~Jeremiah 29:11, NIV



Road To A New
Life Starts Here

Dear **Sample A. Sample**,

Christmas is around the corner. All over the Longview and East Texas area, families will come together to enjoy each other's company and continue their family traditions to celebrate God the Father sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. It truly is a wonderful time of year.

Many of our guests at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission have lost touch with their Christmas traditions. Their families have broken and isolation has come. They are alone with nothing to celebrate.

But coming here to Hiway 80 is the beginning of returning to the joy and meaning of Christmas.

When you see hundreds of homeless, broken men and women praying and seeking God, you know the Spirit of Christmas is with us. This place becomes HOLY.

God is being honored as He should. May God bless you for being part of this Christmas miracle. Merry Christmas!

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P.S Enclosed is our most recent newsletter. You will see the great work you are part of. Thank you for partnering with Hiway 80 Rescue Mission. You make a difference to many.

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To send a gift please tear off the card below and mail it with your gift, or donate online at Hiway80Mission.org. Thank you!

Yes, Here is a gift to help someone in need.

Use it to provide meals, shelter, care and spiritual support to help someone find a new start.

123456789 N1811A

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Sample A. Sample
Milwaukee Direct Marketing
675 N Barker Rd Suite 130
PO Box 000
Brookfield WI 53045



I've enclosed a gift of:

- \$21.10 for 10 meals.
- \$31.65 for 15 meals.
- \$52.75 for 25 meals.
- \$105.50 for 50 meals.
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CARE PACKAGES for the Homeless

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DROP OFF BY: **DEC. 15**

Collection sites listed at
KVNE.com or KGLY.com

Share the love of Christ this Christmas!

- 1 Adult Toothbrush (Individually packaged)
- 1 Toothpaste (6.4 fl. oz.)
- 1 Body Wash (18 fl. oz.)
- 1 Deodorant (1.6 oz.)
- 1 Chapstick
- 1 Razor Package (Disposable)
- 1 Body Lotion (21 fl. oz.)
- 1 Knit Hat & Gloves
- 1 Personalized Christmas Card
(Please only include your first name.)

Important Instructions:

- ✓ Please **ONLY** include the items listed
- ✓ Place all the items in a plastic shopping bag tied up
- ✓ Drop off care package at a collection site listed at
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Your care package will be placed in a tote bag and given to men and women at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission's Christmas event.

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Phone: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Gift Amount: \$ _____ Card Security Code: _____

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