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Bridgeport Rescue Mission Seeks Community Support to Serve The Hungry and Homeless this Easter

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—Executive Director Terry Wilcox

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—This Easter, Bridgeport Rescue Mission will offer a meal and the hope of a miracle to hungry and homeless men, women and children. Over the Easter holiday residents and shelter guests will enjoy a special holiday meal and worship service. The Mission invites the community to join them in offering meals and hope through financial support.

"We want everyone who comes to our door to experience the miracle of Easter—not only during this annual celebration, but every day of the year," said Executive Director Terry Wilcox. "The experience of God's life-transforming power often begins with a warm meal and welcoming care. Once the weary find rest and the hungry are fed, they can open their hearts to the abundant life God has promised them."

Homeless men and women who choose to join the Mission's residential New Life Discipleship Program receive guidance, counseling and education to help them overcome addiction, develop practical life skills, find stable jobs and build independent lives in their communities. The Mission also provides life essentials like meals, clothing and coats for families struggling to provide for their families.

Throughout the year the Mission will serve more than 450,000 meals to hungry men, women and children in their dining room, through pantry bags and delivered to impoverished neighbors through their Mobile Kitchens. Wilcox invites the community to take part in the Mission's Easter celebration. "This Easter, we ask the community to remember our struggling neighbors who are longing to experience God's love and grace," he says. "Each gift of \$2.50 you give provides a meal and the miracle of a new life to those in need."

Financial gifts can be made online at **www.BridgeportRescueMission.org.** More information on the Mission's programs and services for homeless and hurting men, women and children can be found on their web site as well.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission demonstrates the love of God to hungry, homeless and addicted people throughout coastal Fairfield County, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We fight poverty from the inside out by providing a place of hope and dignity through an addiction recovery program, biblical counseling and case management. We are funded by compassionate individuals, churches, businesses and organizations.