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The Salina Rescue Mission

# The Beacon

Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission  
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*"Offering the Promise of a bright future."*

## NLP Graduates: Patrick Kay and Harry Helsel

### EVERYTHING LOST IN A MONTH!

He was 5 years old when he lost his mother and having an alcoholic for a father left him bouncing from relative to relative. Patrick Kay didn't have a home. These kinds of uncertainties caused him to hold tight to relationships that left him making wrong choices. He began drinking in high school and has been through two marriages resulting in two children. In the first marriage they would bring each other down with the same addictive personalities. Using drugs and alcohol together, he couldn't function and would get fired from work. Everything was lost in a month's time and the spiral would continue. Staying with friends or in a shelter, Patrick had nothing. "It's horrible and depressing. It makes you want to use even more." Hating himself and his life, he was very depressed and suicidal.



God brought him to the Salina Rescue Mission, a place with help so he didn't have to deal with outside pressures. God was never a real part of his life before. Now, Jesus had been instilled in his heart. Patrick literally broke down on his knees and cried out to ask God to take control of his life. Patrick is working in a career he loves — remodeling houses from start to finish, staying in recovery at AA meetings five times a week, and attending church regularly. He's a Christian, he cares and is honest. He says, "Thank you, Jesus!"

If you want to make God real in your life and need help making that decision, please call the mission, at 785 823-2610. The staff would like to pray with and for you.



### HOPE FOR HARRY.

Having lost everything in life that was important to him, Harry Helsel made his way to the Salina Rescue Mission with no idea how this one decision would change the course of his life forever. Harry was born in Swissville, Pennsylvania and was one of sixteen children born into the Helsel household. Sadly, Harry lived a life of abuse and mistreatment from his very own father. As he grew older, Harry knew he had to escape the abuse, so at the age of 16, he joined the Marines. Eventually, he married and left the Marines to begin farming. He had all he wanted. That is until his wife of nineteen years passed away from cancer. She suffered in her last days and Harry suffered in her loss. He moved to Salina to be with his son just 6 short months after his wife's death. But even this move brought heartache. Due to a misunderstanding between father and son, Harry soon lost even that relationship, and eventually his job and finally his apartment. He was at rock bottom but not without hope.

Harry came to the Salina Rescue Mission in 2003. He was angry, rowdy, out of control and short-tempered. In his own words, Harry says, "I woke up with a beer and went to bed with a beer." Harry's life has changed drastically in the last 3 years. He accepted Christ as his Savior in 2005 and was baptized in 2006. Does this mean that Harry's life is perfect now? No, not by any means. But by God's grace he has been able to work through each of these issues and now knows the peace that comes only from God.

## What if we get it right?

Through a grant by Compassion Kansas, administered through Wichita State University, we have the privilege of learning about capacity building as a nonprofit. The steps in this process have been several meetings to review where the Mission has been and the challenges ahead. The knowledge gained from the meetings will be used to cast a clear direction for the next 1 to 5 years.

The purposes of the meetings are for strategic planning and to create a shared understanding of the preferred future of the Salina Rescue Mission. This includes developing a set of issues to take forward and to leave behind based on the past. In addition, we are brainstorming what the future might look like for the Mission.

Core values were discussed and developed for funders, partners, staff, clients, board, and the public. As part of the strategic action, twelve major themes emerged. From the twelve themes participants agreed to look at these five areas: programs, staff, fundraising, facilities and public awareness.

As we move forward, the board, staff and community partners have formulated their long-term dreams for the Salina Rescue Mission. The next steps for the Board and stakeholders is to put action steps to these ideas and implement them.

### Upcoming Events

**March 16:**

Easter Lily Pre-Sale Order Deadline

**April 18-21:**

Annual Flower Fundraiser

**May 11 - 12:**

Mother's Day Wal-Mart Fundraiser

**May 18:**

Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament

**July 19:**

Ambassadors Night of Appreciation

**September 6:**

11th Annual Gospel Extravaganza

**October 9:**

"Rescuing the Lost" Banquet

## Planting more than Flowers

Sandy Shields and her husband, Bruce, have been involved with the Mission in many ways for many years. This past summer, Sandy worked with Leo Graf, a Mission client, planting annuals and perennials around the Mission's property. She donated her time to help with the landscaping. Leo loves to do the weeding, edging and mowing at the Mission and the All Saints Orthodox Church. He is the perfect choice to help Sandy. His choice of chores are watering the flowers or doing the dishes. They both were involved in last year's flower fundraiser, too. Sandy assisted customers as a Volunteer Master Gardener. Before the sale started, Leo helped move and set up the cement blocks and pallets in preparation for the event.

Before you know it, warm temperatures will return and it will be planting time. Mark Wednesday, April 18, to Saturday, April 21, on your calendar. Plans are being made for the biggest sale yet with beautiful annuals, perennials, geraniums and flowering baskets from Stutzman's Greenhouse, in Hutchinson. The sale will be at the new Stutzman's Store, located at 9th and Cloud, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day.

### *The Beacon*

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# Prayer Petitions and Praises:

## Petitions to God:

- For Sheila, wife of NLP Director, Scott McDaniel, on upcoming transplant surgery.
- For Willie Spears, our volunteer Chaplain, that the Lord would heal him.
- For continued direction for strategic planning process.
- For the SRM Board as they seek Godly guidance for the Mission.
- For the Staff to continue to be the Lord's salt/light to the people we serve.
- For our third floor remodeling.
- For continued finances to meet the needs of the Mission.

## Praises for God's Answers:

- God continues to provide the finances for the Mission and meet our needs.
- A successful open-heart surgery for Bill, a man on the New Life Program.
- Donations of over 1000 pounds of USDA inspected ground beef.
- Patrick and Harry have graduated from the New Life Program.
- Success of the Seventh Annual Dr. Brad Temple Food Drive.

*We would like to thank the following Corporate Sponsors for their help in making our 2006 Rescuing the Lost Banquet a success:*

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## The Director's Dialog

A friend sent me this poem in an email. I thought you might enjoy it as much as I did.



### The U In Jesus

Before U were thought of or time had begun,  
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,  
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.  
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand  
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,  
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,  
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true  
That I love them all -- Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,  
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,  
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.