

MOMENTS OF VICTORY

RELATIONSHIPS LEAD TO REAL CHANGE



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It takes a whole community, and we're thankful we have you.

Men, women, and families in Springfield are facing brokenheartedness. Now, more than ever, our neighbors are experiencing homelessness, addiction, and extreme poverty.

We believe that helping someone find the tools to rebuild their life starts with compassion and deep, meaningful relationships.

Victory has a wide network of investors, volunteers, partner organizations, employers, churches, and neighbors who disciple, encourage, and uplift men and women who are working to rebuild their lives.

Together, we are impacting the Kingdom. Thank you for being part of our community who shares the belief that **every life has purpose**.



Meet Pat Zimmer.

Pat began his journey with Victory in 2017 by serving meals to men and women facing homelessness. A year later, he found himself preaching and organizing worship services for outreach meals with his son, Sam.

While raising his boys, Pat has always felt a tug on his heart to lead and mentor young men. He recognized that often one or two poor decisions could lead a great kid down the wrong path.

After becoming an empty-nester, Pat realized that God could equip him to influence men who were finding the tools to rebuild their lives at Victory. With open hands, he asked God how he could be an instrument to share hope with brokenhearted people.

Pat began meeting with men in the long-term Restoration program and leading weekly devotionals. In this role, Pat has embodied Victory's mission to share God's love by building intentional relationships. Pat has invited men into his life to share about everyday experiences and discover God's design for their lives.

In reflecting on his time serving with Victory, Pat repeatedly explained how the Lord has been gracious in orchestrating this opportunity to partner with the Restoration program. He admitted that he had never participated in anything like this before and often felt inadequate serving in such an intimate role. But, Pat has been met time and time again by the grace and power of God.

“ [God] gives us purpose, and He gives us something to do. How reinforcing for our faith to know that He trusts us to do something for Him. — Pat

Pat's involvement with Restoration at Victory Mission goes beyond the classroom where he leads devotionals. He even



Thanksgiving Meals to Offer Hope to our Neighbors

Victory partners with local churches across Springfield to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the community. We prepare the food: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, and rolls. Our partner churches open up their doors to any neighbors in need. Together, we build relationships over a meal. This opens the door for individuals and families who want to continue to find help and community as they navigate life.

Last year, we partnered with 10 churches to provide dinner for over 1,500 people. This year, we expect more will come on board. Will you lend a hand as we prepare to serve our neighbors?



leads the men in various nature field trips—such as hikes—some for the very first time. When Pat introduces men in Restoration to his family and friends, “they can see how hot the spirit can be in them. They can see the restoration.”

For Pat, participating in the fight against poverty has been a blessing. “I’ve just found it to be extremely gratifying,” Pat concluded. “The organization loves people and you can really sense it when you walk through the door. It’s great to be a part of that.”

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Connections Close to Home

Victory's Mobile Pantry travels to neighborhoods across Springfield to help people facing food insecurity. We partner with local churches to provide a place to find groceries and connect in as many neighborhoods as possible! We want to build relationships with those we meet, and encourage them to get to know volunteers from our church partners in their area.



A Place to Call His Own

After staying in Victory's Shelter off and on for more than two and a half years, James signed a lease to his very own apartment! During his time at Victory, James worked directly with Bobby, one of our chaplains to find the resources he needed to move into his own place. This year, the holidays will look very different for James as he enjoys his new home!

All I want to say is that this staff helped me out... But I know it was all the Lord that paid the way for me, so this place has helped me out when I thought I had nothing... Now it's time for the next chapter in my life. — James