



**RENO-SPARKS
GOSPEL MISSION
INC.**

Founded in 1963, the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission has become Northern Nevada's largest provider of services to the homeless and needy. During that time, we've served nearly **6 million** hot, nutritious meals, given away more than **1.5 million** pieces of clothing and provided over **1.6 million** nights of warm beds for those men, women and children seeking shelter from the often harsh environment of the high desert.

The Gospel Mission staff relentlessly pursues their mission of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who come through its doors.

Executive Director Rick Redding brings more than 17 years of counseling and ministry experience in dealing with the hurting and lost.

He is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

"We're here to meet people at their point of pain," Redding says. "Once we've got them stabilized, we'll

work on spiritual issues, employment, social services and counseling. We look at each person as a whole."

To accomplish these goals, the Gospel Mission relies entirely on the gifts of individuals, families, churches, foundations and businesses that share this vision and care about the downtrodden.

From the homeless to the addicted, from hurting marriages to needy children, the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission's work touches many in the community.

We're here to help.

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ADDICTIONS/RECOVERY

For those suffering from addictions, the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission offers hope through its **free** yearlong, 100-bed residential recovery program, Christian Addiction Recovery and Education (C.A.R.E.).

Recovery isn't easy, so C.A.R.E. is an intensive 12-month program designed to bring men and women to Christ, provide a safe environment for sobriety and to change faulty thinking patterns and poor decision-making.

Clients receive training to handle life's problems without turning to alcohol, drugs or gambling. Men and women in the program receive free housing, meals, clothing and personal hygiene products.



In return, they attend educational classes designed to strengthen their commitment to God. They work on specific areas of concern, such as addictions, low self-esteem, coping skills, money management, relationships and anger, while learning new skills, such as computer basics.

The first six months focus on building a solid biblical foundation and addressing immediate client needs and addictions. The second half develops clients into mature Christians while working on educational and vocational needs to return them to society as productive, responsible tax-paying citizens.

Program clients also attend daily chapel services, weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies.

Work therapy is vital, and clients are assigned to various work areas such as the warehouse, maintenance crew, or thrift stores. They utilize existing skills or are trained in such areas as retail, appliance repair, electronics, furniture repair, maintenance, and forklift operations.

Each assignment stresses self-discipline, responsibility and strong work ethics.

Our goal is to bring needed change in many areas of their lives by giving clients ample opportunities for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, the Creator of new lives.

About 40% complete the program (*about twice the national average*).

For those who graduate, about 6 out of 10 **DO NOT** return to their previous lifestyles.

- RSGM has served the Reno-Sparks and Northern Nevada area since 1963.
- We are the area's largest private provider of services to the needy and homeless, with 120 warm, clean beds for men, women and children. In addition, we operate the area's public emergency weather shelter for 60 homeless men.
- The Mission offers a free yearlong residential recovery program for men and women. The Christian Addiction Recovery and Education program (C.A.R.E.) is an intensive recovery program that focuses on the overall well-being of the client by addressing their spiritual, physical and emotional needs as well as extensive job-training and education.
- RSGM operates numerous facilities, including a downtown mission, men's shelter, women's shelter, emergency lodging for men, women and children, transitional housing, two warehouses and six thrift stores (Thrift Depot).
- We address morality, Christianity and self-discipline in all of our programs and services.
- The Mission's work extends beyond its door into numerous community outreaches and services, including an annual back-to-school clothing giveaway for needy families, community pantry, free clothing, and special events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the community.
- RSGM also operates a low-cost Christian counseling center designed to bring help to individuals suffering from past abuse, addictions, gambling, depression, anger management and hurting marriages.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission gives back to the community in many ways.

- Our annual “Klothes 4 Kids” back-to-school giveaway reaches hundreds of low-income families with new and like-new clothing. As partners with Reno Harley-Davidson, in just a few years, we’ve given out about 40,000 pieces of clothing to more than 2,000 children.
- Emergency groceries touch hundreds of lives each month as churches and schools contact us for help.
- Holiday food events each year help about 1,500 families across Northern Nevada enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving or Christmas meal. Our holiday dinners reach more than 2,000 people in a variety of settings, including senior citizen centers.
- Our six thrift Thrift Depot stores offer great discounts on quality items, such as furniture, appliances, clothing and more.
- Low-cost marriage and family counseling is available for those seeking Christian guidance through our Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor.
- We work with other charitable and social service agencies to ensure that everyone who comes to us gets the help they need. From substance abuse recovery to domestic violence counseling to GED classes to transitional housing, we make every effort to find the most appropriate solution.



WOMEN'S SERVICES

Women from all walks come to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission for safety and help. Some seek security just for the night. Others arrive after reaching the end of their rope or because they know they can't do it alone. Sadly, many come after intervention by judicial and social services.

Women coming to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission for help find a safe environment, free from the abuses that created fear, destructive choices, shame and substance dependencies.

Protected from their past, they can find new beginnings through our **free** 12-month Christian Addiction Recovery and Education program, which also provides meals, lodging, personal necessities and companionship.



Women attend classes offering life-changing curriculum that addresses their depression, low self-esteem and insecurities. Our Bible-based emphasis offers hope, love, healing and victory through the power of Christ.

Women learn structure under experienced leadership that nurtures their growth spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

Daily activities include Bible studies, chapel services, prayer and educational courses covering such areas as chemical dependency, basic Christianity, overcoming past wounds, developing healthy relationships and a deeper commitment to God.

Each woman also participates in our work therapy program designed to provide discipline and ethics in the workplace.

In addition, we operate the area's largest private homeless shelter for women, taking in 18 women and several children each night.

FOOD & HUNGER SERVICES

The Gospel Mission annually prepares and provides more than 200,000 free meals to the homeless and needy across the Northern Nevada community.

Our staff prepares up to 500 hot meals each day. Every day, we serve breakfast and dinner to any woman off the streets, and feed dinner to about 60 men each night.

Volunteer groups from local churches and businesses are active in preparing and serving the nightly meals to the homeless.

The Mission also provides countless meals throughout the year to needy families across the Reno-Sparks area. We work closely with individuals, families, churches and schools to supply food from our **community pantry** to those who are in need.

During the holidays, we will serve thousands of meals to those less fortunate across Northern Nevada. We'll host several special dinner events during non-traditional times, such as Easter and the summertime.

If you are hungry or know of an individual or family that is, please contact us.

If you would like to help serve a meal or learn of other ways you can help, please call us.

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(assistance)**

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