

## Daily Bread, Inc.'s 2018 Spring Appeal for Financial Support...

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the first few months of this new year and how I have stood witness to the incredible impact we have on those facing a difficult time in their life, I can proclaim with intensity and certainty—we serve an AWESOME God! His work and His will continue to move through Daily Bread. Each day is a new day of hope and opportunity and a day to serve others in need. I have met many wonderful souls over the last several weeks - volunteers, donors, employees, and clients. And even one that has been all of those—Chris M!

Chris found himself without a home nearly a decade ago when his grandmother with whom he was living passed away. Unable to make ends meet, he lost the home. His first night on the street, with cold concrete as his bed, was one of the hardest, yet he perseveres to this day. Over the years, he came to Daily Bread for help. We have helped Chris with basic needs like food and clothing, but also with becoming self-sufficient. He was so grateful that he volunteered his time in various roles. Through our “Way-UP” program, Chris has found himself with something he hasn’t had in a long while – a paying job. That’s right! Chris now works for Daily Bread supporting Omar Powell and the dining services team. Now, Chris is able to earn money to help him get back on his feet. He likes to donate “as much as he can when he can” he says, because... “I want to give back to this place that has helped me when no one else would.”

Honestly, he continues to face challenges of managing to make ends meet, but he keeps trying. We will see him succeed, because we serve a God of second chances. At Daily Bread, we are a part of that second chance. We are a partner on the journey of our hungry and homeless neighbors, ensuring they do not face this challenging time alone. We work to help them achieve a life of self-sufficiency so that one day, we may never need to serve 250 meals a day or provide up to 70 hot showers daily. We want to work ourselves out of business. But until then, we serve. We serve an awesome God, we serve the least of these, we serve HOPE, and we serve because **you** make our work possible.

Your continued support truly allows us to serve and I hope that you will consider making a contribution today.

With gratitude,



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Executive Director

*P.S. - Although I am the “new kid on the block,” I, like so many of our faithful supporters, have fallen madly and deeply in love with the mission of Daily Bread. Our goal to help people become self-sufficient is one that makes me and our team very proud. I received this email from a local resident that reminded me of why we do what we do. We help those in need, we help those who are trying to help others and we help those who are trying to help themselves...thank you for helping us help the “Davids” of the world...*

*Email received from a local resident: “I have a 29 years old male name David. He works at Burger King and trying to go to school. He is homeless and don't have food to eat etc,... I let him take a bath and eat and I wash his work clothes. I can't afford keep doing cause I'm raising my 6 grandchildren and a niece without help. I don't mind but I can't afford to do it anymore. Is there any way that y'all can assist him please. I don't like to see him living that way special when he trying.”*

