



YOUR GIFT REWRITES THE STORY A CHANCE TO CHANGE



Daniel Lovell gazed hungrily at the cupcakes in the store window. Homeless and addicted, the loneliness gnawing at him was greater than any physical hunger.

“I had been in and out of incarceration,” he recalls. “And I had two children who didn’t even know the sound of my voice.” Distracted by a friend, Daniel headed with her to the street corner when shots rang out. Taking cover, he was shocked to see that a bullet had shattered the bakery window – right where he had been standing.

Daniel knew that God was giving him a chance to change.

He also knew that he couldn’t do it alone.

DEAR FRIENDS,

I Care Outreach exists to serve people like Daniel Lovell. We believe that despite our pasts, God has designed each of us in His image, with gifts and talents to add value to the world – and we can find a new identity and narrative in Christ.

We do this by providing Biblically-based training in personal finances, life skills and job readiness. The curriculum is empowered by individual mentoring and discipleship – we come alongside participants to co-learn, challenge, and encourage.



Thanks to the faithful support of people like you, we are bringing real change in the lives of people who are trapped in a cycle of poverty and despair.

We know you will share our excitement at how God has blessed and grown this ministry in the past year. We now offer I Care Outreach classes in New Haven and Waterbury, as well as Bridgeport. During 2021, we surpassed outreach goals by providing I Care training to 76 individuals in these cities – despite the COVID pandemic!

Most of all, we believe you will be thrilled to learn how God is “rewriting” the stories of I Care graduates like Daniel. After his near-death experience described above, he entered an addiction recovery program where he enrolled in I Care Outreach classes.

At first, he thought class exercises like acting out real-life scenarios were silly.

“But then the real comes out,” he explains. **“I had to see that most of the issues I had with other people wasn’t the other people.”** In time, he learned to be more humble and disciplined with himself, his family and his work.

“The classes intrigued me to open the Bible. I learned how to apply godly principles to my business and my life.”

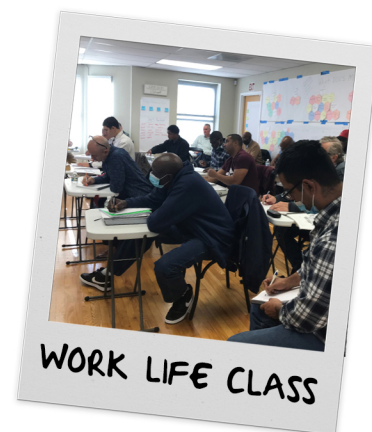


Today, Daniel Lovell is Director of Operations at an addiction recovery ministry in Waterbury and runs a delivery business on the side. He has reconciled with his wife and children.

“My main goal is to be the best husband and father I can be, while continuing to provide for my family and uplift others,” Daniel says. **“If you had asked me five years ago if I would be doing this, I would probably tell you it’s not possible.”**

Daniel knows first-hand how effective I Care’s unique combination of faith-based, practical training and mentoring can be. That’s why he asked I Care Outreach to conduct classes at the facility where he works. The 11 men in the program have backgrounds that include addiction, incarceration, and all kinds of abuse.

“Most of them kicked and screamed when they found out they had to take the classes because it would cut into TV time,” Daniel chuckles. Now they can’t wait for the twice weekly classes they call “awesome.”



We praise God for this opportunity and the many others He is calling us to. As we head into 2022, He has given us a God-sized vision for expansion that includes new courses and a new training center location.

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.
Would you prayerfully consider making a special year-end gift?

Every gift counts and your prayer and financial support is so encouraging to us.

Your gift to I Care Outreach will help transform individuals and communities. As Daniel says,

“ **Programs like this produce productive members of society. I Care Outreach makes the world a better place.** ”

Thank you again for partnering with us.
May the God of Hope fill you with joy and peace this Christmas season.

Pastor Robert M. Turner



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