

NEWS

- 2022 marks our 19th year of ministry.
- Our all-time sack lunch tally is now at 222,338.
- You can give support online at fillingthevoid.com.
- All 4 FTV cities did outreaches Jan. 15, serving 460 meals.
- We served 27,539 meals in 2021 – an avg. of 75 per day.
- Dallas is our first city to serve 10,000 meals in a year.
- Denver served 18% more meals in 2021 vs. 2020.
- We did a record number of outreaches (316) in 2021.
- On average, we pray with about 350 people per month.
- Contact kelly@fillingthevoid.com to get monthly updates.

Mark Makes His Mark

Early last year, our point person in Denver (Tom) was walking into a Mexican restaurant when he noticed a man (Mark) sifting through trash looking for something to eat.

That sparked a conversation, a friendship and another opportunity for Filling The Void to help someone get their dignity back in more ways than one.

In addition to his volunteer role with us, Tom works professionally to take people in Mark's situation through aspects of recovery coaching.

"The structure is fluid and informal. It has to be when you're working with people who are fighting to survive or battling addiction," Tom says.

"But I also give them practical ways to give back, to serve others and to understand how their life has meaning, purpose and value."

So Tom took Mark *and* his brother Jimmy under his wing, teaching them life lessons, trying to help them find housing and just staying available to them.

The result? Mark and Jimmy joined our volunteer ranks in the Mile High City going on outreaches with us to comb the streets and help feed other homeless people.

On Oct. 21 last year, Mark served our 215,000th sack lunch to another homeless man named James. They visited, shook hands, shared laughs, and then we prayed together.



Meet Mark & Tom - the stars of our story.

Mark said, "I enjoy doing this out here, doing something positive for people, making them smile and seeing them happy."

Two TV stations in Denver caught wind of what was happening and aired stories about Mark on Thanksgiving and just before Christmas. You can see the videos on our website.

We relish the platform to show a watching world how there's more to the homeless than meets the eye. They're often eager to do something for others if given the chance.

In Dallas, just ask two other guys named Tim and James. They're homeless, and they help Randy Wysocki who leads our outreaches there. There's something powerful about seeing people find their worth and significance.