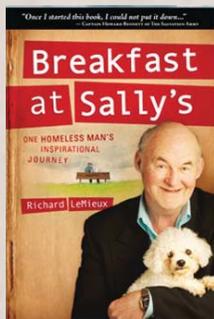


# Breakfast at Sally's

One Homeless Man's *Inspirational Journey*



With author Richard LeMieux

Thursday, November 12, 2009

6:30 pm

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Richard was once a wealthy business owner, and able to afford the best that money could buy. The rise of the Internet and the declining need for newspapers signaled the end for his publishing company The Source. As a result he was unable to make a living. Richard LeMieux found himself evicted from his home and penniless.

In his book, Richard tells the stories of the many people he has met along the way. These stories are familiar to us. These are stories about families living in their cars, veterans, addicts, and lost souls whose only goal is to make it to the next day. Many are fortunate to have a companion, a dog or a cat; someone, something to talk to and keep the loneliness away. Richard has his dog Willow to keep him company.

Richard also tells the stories of the people who are often unsung heroes. These heroes are the people who help the homeless; the ones who feed, clothe, and offer a bed for the night. Richard tells how - with the help of his new homeless friends - he began a routine each night enjoying dinner at a different church or at a makeshift diner. He was able to get clothing, snacks, and hygiene items at the churches that help the hungry and homeless.

In his book, Richard gives us an often-neglected perspective on homeless life: that of the homeless person. He shows how even the comfortable and affluent can find themselves homeless, but also how people struggle to survive, and how they hold on to their humanity. Ultimately, his story reminds us that a life on the street does not take away the right to be treated as humans.

Please join us as Richard shares his story of struggle and optimism against adversity

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