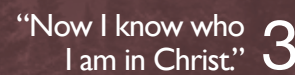
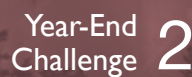


A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Holiday 2020

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You changed Nikki's life





**“NOW I KNOW
WHO I AM IN
CHRIST.”**

Nikki's childhood was filled with the pain and shame of abuse. So when she first tried drugs and alcohol as a teenager, it seemed like the perfect escape. “I sought acceptance anywhere... from anybody,” she says. “Drugs were basically a vehicle for that.”

Unable to escape addiction as she grew older, she spent years trapped in an abusive relationship of her own. “I became very good at hiding

everything changed for Nikki.

“I came to this big, beautiful facility,” she says, smiling, “and it’s a testimony to what God can do and how His plans are so much better.”

Nikki came to our Women’s Shelter looking for hope and found God. She surrendered her heart to the Lord and began healing from the shame and pain she’d been carrying for so long.

“God’s will is just so powerful.

strength she never knew she had by following in His footsteps.

“I get to learn about God and His forgiveness and respect for me. I give all the glory to Him.”

Nikki graduated from our Christian Discipleship Recovery Program this October. She plans to go to school in ministry so she can share with others how God’s redeeming grace has transformed her life.

“I WASN’T RAISED IN GRACE SO I HAD NO FOUNDATION FOR MY LIFE. NOW I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW GOD AND GIVE BACK.”

my addiction and it compromised my life. I was just so lost... trying to hide my shame.”

Nikki knew she needed to be a better mother and role model for her children, so she finally decided to get help. The day she walked into Great Falls Rescue Mission,

It’s amazing once you realize how He can help and how everything works out for our good.”

Through classes and counseling, Nikki is repairing relationships with her children to help stop the cycle of abuse and addiction. She’s growing closer to the Lord each day... finding

This year, Nikki will be celebrating Christmas as a new creation, filled with the great joy of God’s love. “I’m chosen, cherished and loved. God has a purpose for all of us, and I’m so blessed to have a community family in Christ.”

Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of Great Falls Rescue Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.**

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these men, women and children the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



"Jesus is the Reason
for the Season"

Jim McCormick
Executive Director

It Starts With You... You make transformation possible!



This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in North Central Montana who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!



Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$1.89 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

Please Send Your Gift Today!



\$1.89
for 1 hot meal



\$22.48
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed
by God's LOVE**

READ NIKKI'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!



YOUR GIFT TODAY... = GOES TWICE AS FAR!

DEADLINE TO GIVE: DEC 31

Great news! **Any gift you make will be matched through the \$50,000 challenge grant** from a generous friend to become \$100,000 to provide food, shelter and care! *This is truly a double blessing.*

Your year-end gift will provide **twice the hope** for your neighbors who are struggling to get back on their feet after the pandemic!

✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.

🖨 Give online anytime at
GreatFallsRescueMission.org.

**THANK YOU
for blessing
others through
this year-end
challenge!**

Share your Blessings this Christmas

FILL THE TABLES



Donate these food items for the thousands of meals we'll serve throughout the holiday season. Please deliver them to **408 2nd Ave S** at the back door in the alley.

turkeys & hams * boxes of stuffing * bags of potatoes * canned fruits and vegetables
coffee, creamer & sugar



Give 2X the *Hope* on GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 1

Giving Tuesday is the perfect time to give back... and a generous **\$2,000 Matching Challenge** makes this day even more powerful! During this special day of giving, your dollars will double to provide 2X the basic essentials and life-transforming guidance for your hurting neighbors.

This is the perfect time to join together to help people in your local community – especially those who are still trying to rebuild their lives after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Why Wait? Celebrate GIVING TUESDAY Now.

Thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.



GIVE GIFT CARDS



Gift cards to these merchants allow us to purchase Christmas gifts and year-round necessities for our residents. Simply mail them to: **PO Box 129, Great Falls, MT 59403** or deliver them to our Administration Office located at **408 2nd Ave S, East Entrance**.

Walmart * Target * Ross * T.J. Maxx * Amazon

MEET URGENT NEEDS



These items are a vital part of the Mission's everyday operations and the comfort of our guests. Please drop off your donations at our Administration Office at **408 2nd Ave S, East Entrance, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

tall garbage bags * 55-gallon drum liners * kitchen paper towels
toilet paper * Kleenex * laundry detergent/pods * lemon liquid
disinfectant cleaner from Sam's Club * baby wipes * diapers (size 3-6)

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Jim, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:

- ☐ \$20.79 to feed & care for 11 people
- ☐ \$51.03 to feed & care for 27 people
- ☐ \$75.60 to feed & care for 40 people
- ☐ \$88.83 to feed & care for 47 people
- ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible
- ☐ PLUS my special gift of \$_____ for Christmas gifts for children and men/women enrolled in our Recovery Program at Great Falls Rescue Mission.

This really helps!

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ BILL MY CREDIT CARD

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD #

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Donate now! ☎ (406) 761-2653 or (877) 205-5303
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