



Great Falls Rescue Mission The Beacon

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Easter 2020

Don't miss...

Robert came in for a meal...

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"I needed this support from God!"

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Easter Needs

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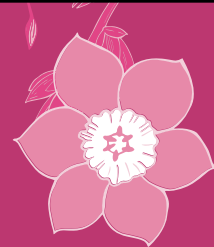
Meet *Ann* She can't thank YOU enough!

Because of you, Ann's heart is filled with new hope this Easter.





“I NEEDED THIS SUPPORT FROM THE MISSION AND GOD.”



To cope with a painful home life, Ann started drinking at 13. “It was a dysfunctional upbringing,” she says. “There was violence and abuse. Just not a good place to grow up.”

Drugs and alcohol started as a way to “escape and not feel the way I was feeling. To numb myself.” But the initial escape she found ended up causing her more and more pain as addiction took over her life.

Ann was crushed when her husband of 16 years overdosed and left her a single mother. Her relationship with her three children disintegrated because they couldn’t understand why their mother let alcohol take over her life.

Ann says, “We stopped talking because they’ve been disappointed so many times with me not being able to quit.”

The turning point came when Ann was diagnosed with cirrhosis and liver cancer. She realized that “it was time for me to start thinking about other people in my life and not just myself.”

The day she walked into Great Falls Rescue Mission, everything changed for Ann.

“When I walked in, I knew I was where I was supposed to be,” she says, smiling. “I just felt peace.”

“If the Mission ever asked me to do anything, **it would feel like a blessing...** to do it for everything they gave me.”

Instead of escaping her problems, in our care Ann dedicated her life to the Lord and learned to let Him guide her through difficult times. She attended chapel services and recovery programs, and she found a church home.

The Mission also gave her a place to rest and recover while she underwent medical treatment.

“It’s been hard, healthwise, but **the Mission made my stay here a blessing.** They cater to special needs people have.”

Today, Ann is overjoyed to be in her own home. She has a good relationship with her daughter, and hopes to reconcile with her sons. “I want to be a better parent. Live for my kids the way I should have lived for them. Live for God.”

You may never meet Ann, but she’s eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, her heart is filled with new hope for the future.

“The Mission is a big part of my life being saved. Now I know God has a path for me.”



National Volunteer Week is April 19 – 25!

The hard work and dedication of our loyal volunteers is the only way Great Falls Rescue Mission can continue to share God’s love with our homeless and hurting guests.

During this week of recognition, we want to **recognize every single volunteer whose service is making a real difference in the lives of people in our community.**

We will also host a Volunteer Appreciation event on Saturday, May 2, at the Cameron Family Center Dining Room. Invitations with more information will be mailed directly to our hardworking volunteers.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Lynne Staigmiller, Volunteer Coordinator, at (406) 205-0691 or lynne.staigmiller@gfrescuemission.org. Thank you for caring!

You're Invited to Our 57th Annual Banquet!

Great Falls Rescue Mission relies on the kindness of friends like you to support our life-changing work.

And one way you can help transform the lives of our homeless, hurting neighbors is by attending our 57th Annual Celebration Banquet!

With two times being offered this year, you can choose to join us for the day or for an evening of fellowship and food.

Date: Monday, April 6, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Location: Heritage Inn*

Speaker: Frank Peretti, New York Times best-selling author of Christian fiction, whose novels primarily focus on the supernatural. His works have sold over 15 million copies worldwide. Peretti is best known for his novels *This Present Darkness* and *Piercing the Darkness*.

Table sponsorships are available, or individual seats can be purchased for \$25 for the banquet. **To learn more about the event or for information regarding benefit packages for each sponsorship level, visit us online at gfrm.org/banquet.**

**Please note we are changing venues after many years from the Mansfield Convention Center to the Heritage Inn.*

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon – and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, "He is risen indeed!"

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at the Mission right now... men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer a hurting world hope resonates with our guests.

In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome! As they begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

Forgiveness is a doorway to new life. It opens up our guests to

accepting love – not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that **YOU** are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the cross too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

"A Beacon of Hope Since 1963"

Jim McCormick
Executive Director



ROBERT CAME FOR A MEAL...



**... AND IT WAS THE START
OF A NEW LIFE!**

Robert didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$1.89
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$22.48!)
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

Each meal you give makes a big difference!

This Easter, as Robert celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✴ Give online anytime at **GreatFallsRescueMission.org**.

Thank you again for your support of our Mission guests! Happy Easter!

YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

Sunday, April 12: Our Easter Celebration is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.!

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **16,615+ hot meals...** and provide hundreds of men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!



FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Saturday, April 11:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIRAL SLICED HAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POTATOES | <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER | <input type="checkbox"/> CREAMER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES | <input type="checkbox"/> BAKED PIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DINNER ROLLS | <input type="checkbox"/> COOL WHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POWDERED MILK | <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED MIXED FRUIT |

Drop off donations at the back door of the Great Falls Rescue Mission Cameron Family Center, 408 2nd Ave South in Great Falls, 7 days a week. Or call **(406) 761-2653** to arrange a pickup. **Thank you so much!**

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ **(406) 761-2653**

✦ **GreatFallsRescueMission.org**



Lend a hand this Easter season... VOLUNTEER!

Contact Lynne Staigmiller ☎ **(406) 205-0691** ✦ lynne.staigmiller@gfrescuemission.org



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Gifts given on or after January 1, 2020, will appear in our next Newsletter.



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