



# Great Falls Rescue Mission The Beacon

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Summer 2020

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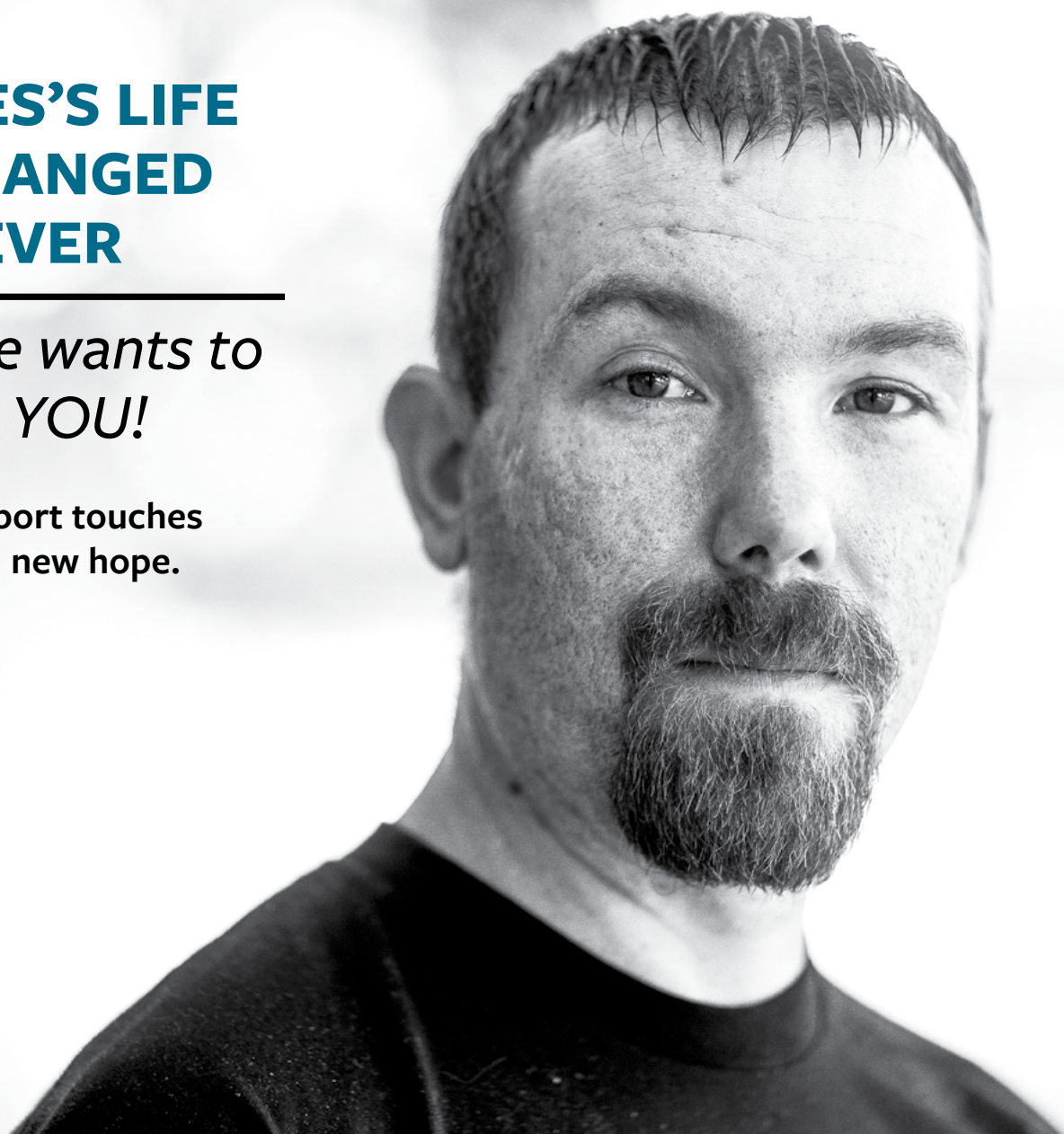
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## JAMES'S LIFE IS CHANGED FOREVER

*and he wants to  
thank YOU!*

Your support touches  
lives with new hope.





# “GOD’S SHOWN ME **THERE’S A BETTER LIFE OUT THERE** FOR ME.”

**J**ames grew up in a broken home. His father was an alcoholic, and his parents divorced when James was only two. Growing up without his father left him feeling rejected and lonely, always searching for someone who cared.

Tired of feeling alone, James started drinking as a teen. “When we were hanging out, that’s what we did,” he says. “At the time, I thought we were just having some fun.” But the fun ended when James realized his drinking had become an addiction. By his late teens, he’d dropped out of school and was drinking every day.

“I ruined a lot of relationships. I’d blackout a lot and fight with people that I was close with... they could only take so much.” When his marriage ended and he got in trouble with the law, James realized how much his addiction had taken away from him. It was the moment he decided to be a better man and father to his two young children.

When he reconnected with his own father, who is now sober and works here at the Mission, James knew it was the answer to his prayers.

**The day he came to Great Falls Rescue Mission, everything changed for James.**

“I wanted to get closer to God,” he says, smiling. “I knew this was where I needed to be.”

“I’D ALWAYS HAD THAT FAITH THAT **THERE WAS A GOD,** BUT I RAN FROM HIM AND DENIED HIM MOST OF MY ADULT LIFE.”

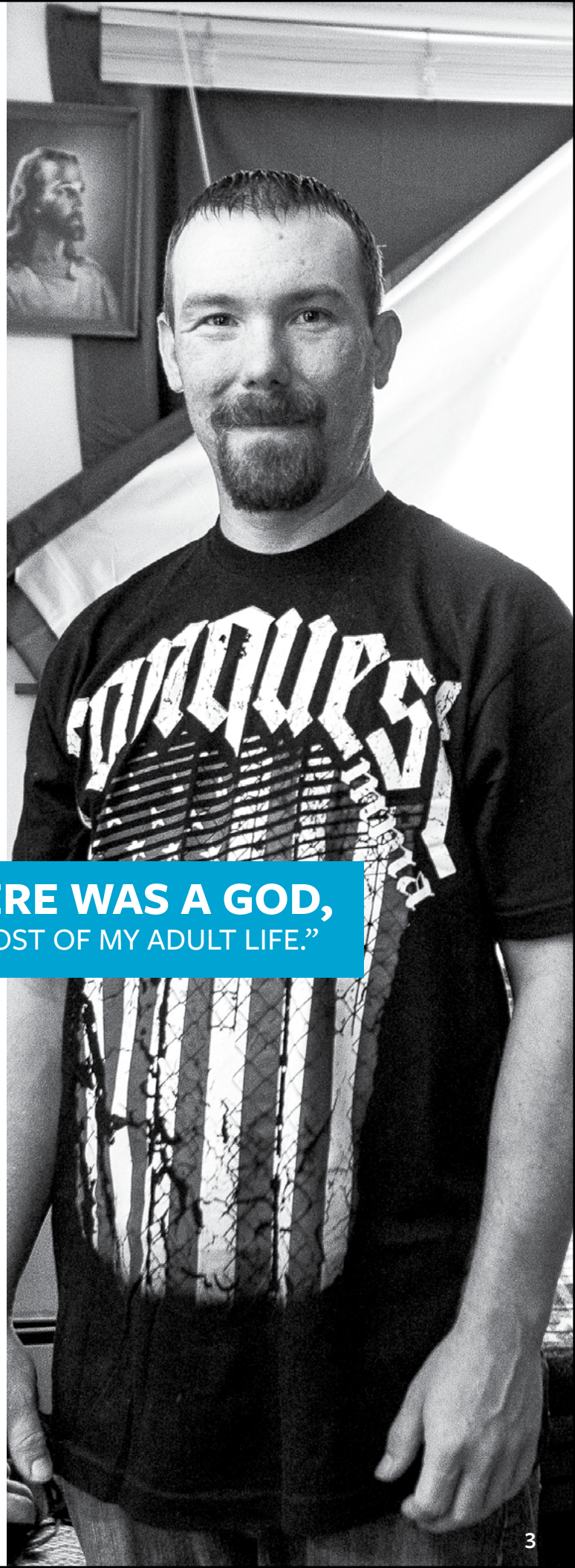
James accepted Christ as his Savior, and his faith has grown stronger through chapels and Bible study at the Mission. With the love of his Heavenly Father, James no longer feels he’s alone in his life.

He’s also discovering grace and healing through the Christian classes and counseling we offer. “I had two kids and a great wife, and I ruined that. Accepting that was a big pill to swallow, but God’s given me peace.”

While in our recovery program, James earned his GED – and after graduating, he plans to further his education at college. He’s looking forward to finding full-time work and a place to live so his kids can visit him regularly.

“My kids and family are really proud of me. They’re happy that I’ve been able to stick with it and do so well. They see a big change.”

**Because you gave from your heart to help James, his life has been changed by your goodness and God’s love forever!** “The Mission changed my life, and I know it’s changed lots of my brothers’ lives, too. It’s a great place.”



A Message from  
JIM MCCORMICK

**Give Where You Live...  
to Meet Our Summer  
Challenge**

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July and August cost \$69,930 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for faith-based recovery and practical guidance that empowers our guests to change their lives.

**We need your help to meet our summer challenge!**

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion now more than ever.

Please *give where you live* to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to Great Falls Rescue Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially in times like these.



"A Beacon of Hope  
Since 1963"

Jim McCormick  
Executive Director

**Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer  
your gift today helps provide...**



37,000  
meals



thousands  
of clothing  
items



More than  
20,000  
beds



life-transforming  
decisions for  
Christ



countless hours  
of counseling &  
education

**Give Where You Live!**  
*Our 92-Day Summer  
Campaign is underway now.*

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

*This time of year, gifts  
typically drop off, so  
we need your help now  
more than ever!*

**GIVE  LIVE**  
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



**HELP LOCAL KIDS BE  
READY FOR SCHOOL**



**Back to School Rally**  
Sunday, August 23, 2020 • 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
2nd Ave South between 4th & 5th Streets  
(in front of the Cameron Family Center)

This is a pre-registered event where we hand out backpacks, school supplies and gift cards to struggling families who have school-aged children. **Your support is needed to provide school supplies, help fill backpacks in advance or volunteer on the day of the event to help distribute backpacks.**

To learn more about how you can help boys and girls better succeed this school year, please call the Mission's Administration Office at **(406) 761-2653** or visit our website at **gfrm.org/back-to-school-rally**.

Thank you for helping our kids!



# TAKE A SWING



## AGAINST HOMELESSNESS!

As we enjoy the beautiful summer season, it's time once again to golf for a great cause. Our 15th Annual Golf Marathon is your chance to enjoy a fabulous round of golf while raising funds for Great Falls Rescue Mission.

**What:** 15th Annual Golf Marathon

**Where:** Signal Point Golf Club in Fort Benton, MT

**When:** Friday, July 17, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$100 per golfer and their caddy; Lunch is included

**How:** Register online at [gfrm.org/golfmarathon](https://gfrm.org/golfmarathon)

Golfers receive pledges for their efforts and the money raised goes directly to the Mission to serve our struggling guests. Donations drop sharply during the summer months, so your help is so deeply needed and appreciated right now. We hope to see you out on the green!



# Summer CAMP

**JUNE 15 - AUGUST 14, 2020**

Local children who have endured many hardships have a chance to forget their cares and attend an incredible summer camp filled with fun! This camp is open to children who are going into 1st - 6th grades, and who are staying at the Mission's Cameron Family Center.

Activities include swimming, gardening, the Children's Museum, crafting, Bible lessons, sports and more.

**Want to make a difference in the life of a young child?** Volunteers and camp counselors are still needed, and we would love to have your help! Volunteers will supervise kids at our Cameron Family Center and other locations throughout the community.

To learn more, please visit [gfrm.org](https://gfrm.org) or call Nolan Vaughan at **(406) 761-2145**.



### IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Our Annual Banquet has been postponed to September 21, 2020. We hope to see you there!