



Great Falls Rescue Mission The Beacon

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Fall 2020

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Donna's heart
is filled with
GRATITUDE
for YOU!

Inside: Read how your compassion and support changes lives.

**“WE SHOULD
BE SHARING
OUR GIFTS
TO BLESS
OTHERS.”**



Donna is a registered nurse with a heart for her community. After volunteering at Great Falls Rescue Mission a few years ago, she felt moved to do more. So she agreed to serve as our Volunteer Medical Director.

“They needed help in the Medical Clinic so I jumped on that. Nursing is my passion.”

Donna usually comes into the clinic early in the morning to prepare the office, three days a week. She cleans and does paperwork so the physicians – one of whom is her husband – can tend to patients. “We see to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs,” she says, smiling.

In addition to seeing guests of the Mission, they also provide care to low-income people in the community – free of charge. All of the medical providers including Donna, the two physicians and two chiropractors volunteer their time and services.

But the Medical Clinic was forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic. The care they provide was deemed non-essential, so it was tough for Donna and her team not to be able to interact with patients and “wait to see when it was safe to open our doors.”

“I love this saying and reread it often: The joy of giving is an expression to God who has given us Christ’s indescribable gift.”

As a nurse, Donna loves the opportunity to mentor students from MSU College of Nursing who complete a rotation at the Mission.

“I had one nursing student that came in and you could see her light up. By the end of the clinic, she told me wherever she worked, she wanted to volunteer at the Mission so she could continue giving and caring.”

One of the biggest challenges Donna and her team face is lack of medical supplies. On her current wishlist is an infant scale so they can better monitor the health of babies in the clinic. “Right now, I weigh the mom first, give the baby to mom to weigh them both and then do the math.”

She also runs low on essentials such as thermometer probe covers, exam table paper, cleaning products and more. “As we are growing, we need to have the supplies to maintain the clinic.”

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God’s love!

“Christ asks us to take care of the needy and poor. So we’re here opening the doors and opening our arms. It’s an opportunity to pray, open the Bible and love people.”

*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to Great Falls Rescue Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God’s faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving “the least of these.”

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others’ needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you’ll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



“A Beacon of Hope
Since 1963”

Jim McCormick
Executive Director

24,500 MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our 2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we’ll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

**faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more!**

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**



Give now using the enclosed
reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at
GreatFallsRescueMission.org.



**Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for
your faithful support!**

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$1.89
for 1 hot meal



\$22.48
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN LEAD
TO**



**Practical guidance
and God’s
life-changing LOVE**

READ DONNA'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

The CARES Act. Have you heard about this new benefit?

During the pandemic, the U.S. government created the CARES Act, which provides new benefits for generous friends like you during these difficult times.

How does this affect your charitable giving for 2020?

- **Gifts up to \$300 are 100% deductible, even if you’re using the standard deduction.** You can deduct up to \$300 per year whether you itemize deductions or not. Contributions by cash, credit card or check are eligible; gifts of stock are not.
- **The maximum charitable deduction is raised to 100%.** Previously, you could only deduct up to 60% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for charitable deductions of cash (not gifts of stock). The CARES Act allows you to deduct up to 100% of your AGI in 2020.

This is helpful if you’re considering making a major cash gift because it can reduce your overall federal tax burden. In addition, donations in excess of AGI may be carried over to future tax filings for up to 5 additional years.

This information is not intended to make specific gift recommendations for you or to replace the counsel of your trusted advisors. You can learn more about how this will affect your charitable giving at home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares and through the advice of your financial planner or tax professional.

We Need VOLUNTEERS

Your helping hands and giving hearts will help us serve and care for the thousands of people who will turn to us this fall!

- Sponsor a food drive for Thanksgiving
- Volunteer with the CAT/GRIZ Food Drive the week before Thanksgiving at both Albertsons locations
- Donate a baked pie
- Hand out Thanksgiving Food Boxes
- Sign up for a cleaning service project



Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: **Lynne Staigmiller** at (406) 761-2653

Email: lynne.staigmiller@gfrm.org

Or visit GreatFallsRescueMission.org to find out more or sign up now!

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

Turkeys
Cans of sweet potatoes or yams
Boxes of Stove Top stuffing
Turkey gravy
Brown sugar
Butter
Apple cider
Cranberry sauce
Cream of mushroom soup
French fried onions
Potatoes
Baked pies
Cool Whip



Please drop off your donations at the back door of Great Falls Rescue Mission Cameron Family Center located at **408 2nd Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59405.**

Thank you for helping!



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Gifts given on or after June 30, 2020 will appear in our next Newsletter.



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