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A Beacon of Hope Since 1963

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A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Summer 2021

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**YOUR SUPPORT
IS GIVING
ROBERT
A SECOND
CHANCE**

and he can't thank
you enough!



“ I lost EVERYTHING. ”



When you meet Robert, you can tell he's had a hard life. He spent years homeless on the streets and struggling to keep jobs, wandering in and out of the Mission for more than a decade.

"They gave me a place to sleep and three meals. A shower every day. It meant a lot to a person who didn't have anything."

But then, last year, something clicked. Robert realized there had to be something better, and asked the Mission for help with his mental health. Doctors were able to diagnose his struggles, and medication is helping him deal with past trauma and find purpose for his life.

"My head's on straight now," Robert says with a bashful grin.

Others have witnessed the remarkable changes in Robert as well. Larry Foose, former Men's Christian Discipleship Supervisor, first remembers meeting Robert back in 2004.

Larry shares, "I'd say Robert was in the darkness for a long time. He finally came out and started to get a sense of direction. That he's more than just a homeless guy and has something to offer. One of the most notable things we've seen is that Robert is getting involved in his recovery."

Jim McCormick, our Executive Director, echoes that sentiment:

"For quite a while, Robert was uncommunicative to anyone and got into a couple of altercations. One of our people took Robert under his wing, and he's doing better. Robert is still improving his communication skills, but you can tell that he's more at peace. He's much more willing to help do things."

And even more good news – Robert has now secured permanent housing!

Robert is grateful for this second chance in life – and it's all thanks to the love you've shown for a neighbor like him. "I needed help, a place to stay, meals to eat. They're good people to be around."

"I was very upset, but I knew the Mission would help me. It means a lot when you've lost everything."

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$1.89!

A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$37,800 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



"A Beacon of Hope
Since 1963"

Jim McCormick
Executive Director

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community's needs!

Your gift today provides:



20,000 meals



15,000 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! GreatFallsRescueMission.org
Support our Summer Campaign now!

Summer CAMP

June 4 - August 6, 2021

You can help local children attend an incredible summer camp experience! This camp is open to children going into first through sixth grades who are staying at Great Falls Rescue Mission Cameron Family Center.

Activities include swimming, gardening, the Children's Museum, crafting, Bible lessons,

sports, hiking and family days with parents.

Want to bring joy to a child's life? Volunteers and camp counselors are still needed! Volunteers will supervise kids at our Cameron Family Center and other locations throughout the community.

To learn more, please visit **GreatFallsRescueMission.org** or call Nolan Vaughan at **(406) 761-2145**.



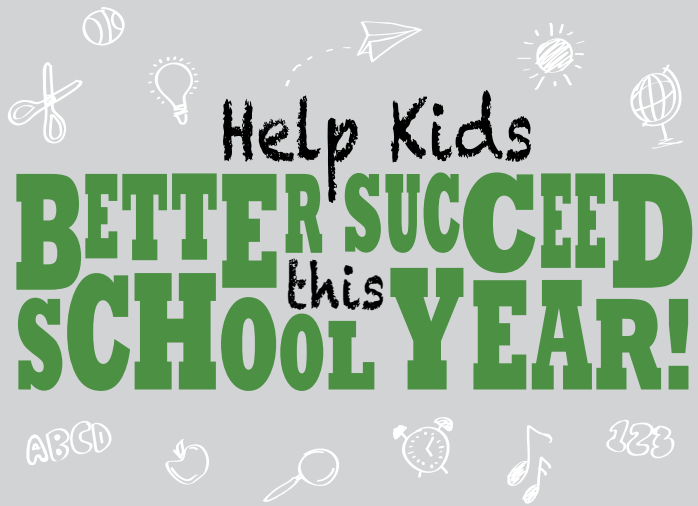
Take a swing against homelessness!

It's time once again to golf for a great cause! Our 16th Annual Golf Marathon is your chance to enjoy our beautiful summer weather and fellowship with other golfers while raising funds for Great Falls Rescue Mission.

- What:** 16th Annual Golf Marathon
Where: Signal Point Golf Course in Fort Benton, MT
When: Friday July 23, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$100 per golfer + one caddy; Lunch is included
How: Register online at gfrm.org/golfmarathon

Golfers receive pledges for their efforts and the money raised goes directly to the Mission to serve our hurting neighbors.

To sign up as an event or co-event sponsor and/or to sponsor a golfer, visit us at gfrm.org/golf. To sign up to golf, visit us at gfrm.org/golfmarathon.



Back to School Rally
Sunday, August 22, 2021
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

2nd Ave South between 4th & 5th Streets
(in front of the Cameron Family Center)

At this exciting annual event, local families with school-aged children (who have already pre-registered) can receive backpacks filled with school supplies. The registration deadline for families to participate is August 11.

Your support is needed to provide school supplies, help fill backpacks in advance or volunteer on the day of the event.

To learn more, please call the Mission's Administration Office at **(406) 761-2653** or visit gfrm.org/back-to-school-rally.

Thank you for caring about local kids!