

Great Falls Rescue Mission

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Easter 2022

Don't miss...

Celebrate 2



"I know God has me."



Help meet our Easter needs 4



ALYSSA IS

celebrating new life

THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching her life with hope.





A lyssa knew something wasn't right. She and her husband had struggled with addiction to meth, but this time it was different. She couldn't stay awake.

"I thought I was going to die that night," Alyssa says. Alyssa and her husband had desperately tried to protect their two kids from their addiction. It was painful to leave the kids with her mom when they were using meth, but they didn't want to risk them being taken by the Department of Family Services. Life got even harder when they lost their home and lived in their car for six months.

When Alyssa and her husband decided to turn their lives around, they knew they needed help. That's why they moved into Great Falls Rescue Mission.

"We lived there for a year. Now, my kids are happier. They always tell me how proud they are," Alyssa explains.

Alyssa also got treatment for depression and bipolar disorder. She found a relationship with God, as did her husband and daughter.

"I started the Mission's Discipleship Program, then we started going to church. Now we are in our Bible every day. We pray all throughout the day. We give everything to Him," she says.

Alyssa explains that the Mission also taught her

family the importance of structure and responsibility. Before, her kids didn't have a bedtime or any chores. Now, they have rules and a schedule.

"I'm so much happier," Alyssa says. "I don't worry like I used to. I just go through my days, and I know God has me. I don't have to struggle."

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I wanted a relationship with God, I wanted to be sober and I wanted to be a mom again.

Alyssa is grateful for everything the Mission has done for her and her family. When no one else was willing to help, she was welcomed into the Mission with food and shelter, without judgment. And that's what allowed her to get back on her feet.

Your generous support has filled Alyssa's life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season.

"I'm proud of myself. If it wasn't for this place, I know I wouldn't be where I am today. It changed my life completely."



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IS APRIL 17-23!

Have you ever thought about how your time and talents could help others in our community? Interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities?

National Volunteer Week on April 17-23 is a great time to start!

Save the date for this week when we recognize those who volunteer to make the life-changing work of Great Falls Rescue Mission possible - people like Gary Gratz.

Gary started working with the Mission as a volunteer. He's now the board president and continues to volunteer at the Cameron Family Center each Sunday.



"There are always

volunteer needs to fill at the Mission," Gary explains. "From helping check in people at the front desk, to serving food, to helping teach classes."

As important as volunteers are to the daily operations of the Mission, Gary says he gains much more from his work than he gives. "It's a blessing to get to know those who use the services of the Mission," he says. "Seeing the life change in them is payback enough."

Please contact Jason or Lynne, Volunteer Coordinators, at (406) 761-2653 or jason.meredith@gfrm.org. Thank you for caring!

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:5-6, NIV





A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

The everlasting hope OF EASTER

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, "And God is able to bless you abundantly..." (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

"A Beacon of Hope Since 1963"

Jim McCormick **Executive Director**

CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

- A hot meal for \$1.89 often the first step to a new life in Christ
 - An overnight stay in our safe shelter
 - Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

- ✓ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- Give online anytime at greatfallsrescuemission.org.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



Sunday, April 17: Our Easter Celebration starts at 1 p.m.!

Show how much you care this Easter!
Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals** and provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our hurting neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

Drop off donations at the Mission's back door at 408 2nd Ave S, Great Falls.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items by Friday, April 15:

- SPIRAL
 SLICED HAMS
- □ POTATOES
- □ BUTTER
- ☐ DINNER ROLLS
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ CANNED

 MIXED FRUIT

- □ DESSERTS
 - (homemade or store-bought)
- □ COFFEE
- ☐ CREAMER
- ☐ BAKED PIES
- □ COOL WHIP



Save the date! GIVE GREAT FALLS: MAY 2-6

Are you ready for Give Great Falls on May 2-6?

This is an incredible opportunity for you to raise support for local nonprofits and be part of the incredible work they are doing right here in our community.

Be sure to save the date in your calendar, and find out more at **givegreatfalls.org.**

Thank you for your support!



Gifts given on or after January 1, 2022 will appear in our next Newsletter.



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