



Great Falls Rescue Mission beacon

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Summer 2022

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The Wells Family is so grateful
you have given them new life!

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Alden and Amanda were in an impossible situation. They and their four children had moved in with Alden's mother after his dad passed away. They wanted to support her in her time of grief. But they didn't know the decision would put their family at risk. Alden's brother also lived in the home and became physically abusive when he drank alcohol – which was often.

No matter what, the safety

of Alden and Amanda's children came first. They didn't have enough money to move again, but they had to get away from the violence – even if it meant becoming homeless. Fortunately, a family member told them about Great Falls Rescue Mission. Alden and Amanda came here looking for a place to stay overnight... they found so much more.

The family was welcomed into our Cameron Family Center with open arms. We encouraged them to stay for as long as they needed. They finally felt safe and even enrolled their children in school. But the greatest blessings came when Alden and Amanda decided to join the Mission's discipleship program.

“I'd always had an interest in the Bible, but I'd never dug deep into it,” Alden says. “So it was a great opportunity. It was amazing.”

Amanda didn't know much about Christianity before the program, but she learned a lot. “It brought me closer to Jesus. I know He's with us all the time,” she says. “I never used to pray, but now I pray every day. It's also easier for me to forgive people. I'm more kind-hearted now.”

Alden and Amanda found a community at the Cameron Family Center and soon became Resident Advisors. They saved money for a place of their own and now have



permanent housing, but they'll always be grateful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given them safety and stability in their time of need.

Thank you for giving Alden, Amanda and their children peace and hope for the future. “My faith has grown a lot. I used to stress and worry. Now I just trust God's plan,” says Alden.



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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$1.89!



A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

*“Dear friends,
since God so
loved us, we also
ought to love
one another.”*

- 1 John 4:11, NIV

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in North Central Montana. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting – we need it!

“A Beacon of Hope Since 1963”

Jim McCormick
Executive Director

Back 2 School *Blast*



Friday, August 12, 2022

Mansfield Convention Center

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

We're excited to host our first annual multi-agency, community wide event for homeless and at-risk children and youth in Cascade County. The **Back 2 School Blast** offers these free services:

- Immunizations
- Physicals
- Haircuts
- School clothes & shoes
- Backpacks & school supplies

You can drop off school supplies at GFRM Administration Office Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 408 2nd Ave S, East Entrance of GFRM Cameron Family Center.

If you know a family with school aged children who need backpacks and school supplies, please have them call (406) 761-2653 for information on how to get registered.

You can sign up to volunteer at volunteer.gfrm.org or give toward this community event at give.gfrm.org. Thank you!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

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



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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

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

Summer Camp: Help needed!

June 13 – August 19, 2022



Make it a summer to remember for local children staying at Great Falls Rescue Mission Cameron Family Center!

Summer camp starts in June for children going into 1st through 6th grades – and runs through August 19!

Kids will enjoy activities like swimming, gardening, the Children's Museum, crafting, Bible lessons, sports, hiking and family days with parents. The camp culminates with a one-week overnight camp in August of each year.

You can help make it all possible!

Sign up as a volunteer or camp counselor, and get ready to make memories with these precious children. Volunteers will supervise kids at our Cameron Family Center and other locations throughout the community.



To learn more, please visit greatfallsrescuemission.org or call Therese Martinez at **(406) 761-2145**.

Golf for a GREAT CAUSE!



- What:** 17th Annual Golf Marathon
Where: Signal Point Golf Course in Fort Benton, MT
When: Friday, July 22, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$100 per golfer + one caddy; Lunch is included
How: Register online at greatfallsrescuemission.org/golf-marathon

Enjoy a great day out in the sunshine with fellow golfers for golf and fellowship – all while raising funds for Great Falls Rescue Mission. Golfers receive pledges, with the money raised used to serve those hurting in our community.

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

To sign up to play golf, visit greatfallsrescuemission.org/golf-marathon.

Hope to see you on the green!

