



Great Falls Rescue Mission The Beacon

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Fall 2022

Don't miss...

Our Thanksgiving Campaign has begun! **2**



"God brings everything full circle." **3**



Help Us Get Ready! **4**



JULIE IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING *because of your support*

You've given her hope and
new life this holiday!





For the first time in a long while, Julie can say she's truly happy in her life.

But before, she'd lost her way. "I was down in despair and felt I didn't belong anywhere."

After losing her husband to cancer, she was brokenhearted. Then, with her own major health issues, the challenges were just too much. "If it weren't for my dogs, I don't know what would have happened to me. They gave me a reason to get up in the mornings," she says.

In search of stability, she came to Great Falls to stay with family. "When that situation didn't work out, I ended up on the streets," she remembers. "But it turned out to be the blessing of a lifetime."

The day she walked into the Mission, everything changed for Julie.

"Pastor Baker and the staff went above and beyond," she says, smiling. "They wouldn't stop until they got answers, and I learned that everything leads back to the Bible."

At the Mission, Julie was able to heal. Now, as a graduate of our Women's Recovery Program, she's moving into the Leadership Phase of the program and has submitted paperwork for new housing.

“**Wow. All I can say is that when God does something, He does it WOW!**”

"I found a new Julie," she says. "A Julie who can help people again and be an example for hope. There are blessings out there – you've just got to be able to see past your nose!"

She learned to listen to God. **"I'm overjoyed that the Lord gave me this opportunity to make myself a better person."**

Equipped with new skills and the knowledge that she's not alone, she's beaming. "I know where I belong now. I know there's something bigger out there, and I want to share my blessings with others."

Julie's heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave her the confidence to rebuild her life. "I can't wait to see how the Lord continues to transform me!"

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve men, women and children here at the Mission? **We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!**



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!

Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

"A Beacon of Hope Since 1963"

Jim McCormick
Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

24,500

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$1.89 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



Christ-centered counseling



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at greatfallsrescuemission.org.**

Read Julie's story – a life you helped change!



*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer."* – Romans 12:12 (NIV)

58th Annual Banquet: **HOPE**

Our theme for this year's banquet is HOPE. Join us for food and fellowship, and hear personal testimonies highlighting how your support of Great Falls Rescue Mission brings hope to the homeless, hungry and hurting in our community.

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Heritage Inn

Guest Speaker: Lina Abujamra

Lina served for 20 years as a pediatric emergency room doctor, and now practices telemedicine while overseeing the Living With Power ministry. She's also a podcaster, Bible teacher, speaker and author who will share about how each of us has the power to bring hope into the world.

For questions about your table sponsorship or purchased seat, please contact Carrie Matter at **(406) 205-3842** or **carrie.matter@gfrm.org**.



Visit livingwithpower.org to learn more about Lina's ministry!

Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at **408 2nd Ave S at the back door in the alley.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

*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
Coffee
Creamer*



*Thank you for making these meals
extra special!*

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



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