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A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

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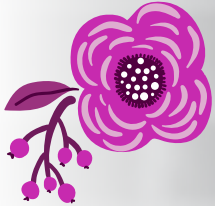
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Tony has a NEW LIFE in Christ this Easter!

Thank you for opening the door to his transformation.





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Tony and his two brothers grew up without a father, and they started getting into trouble in their teens. As a result, their mom decided to move them to the countryside. “I learned a lot there about how to be self-reliant and determined,” Tony says, but that also meant he didn’t rely much on God and struggled to trust others. **“In bad times, I’d call out to God, and then in good times, I would put my Bible on the shelf.”**

Although he had been exposed to different substances growing up, his struggles with drug addiction began when he



was 26 years old. “I’d get high and then I wouldn’t talk to anyone. I didn’t want anybody to see my behaviors,” he says.

Tony says it was his lifestyle and lacking God that led to his life finally falling apart. After losing his job and sitting in his RV in negative 45-degree weather, **he cried out to God, “Take everything and just take me home.”**

He came to the Mission and joined our Christian Discipleship Program. “I’m a whole different man than I was then,” he says.

Our faith-based program has been a cornerstone in Tony’s healing, and he says, “It has shown me a different lifestyle... and that it’s easy to live without drugs.” The most important thing he learned is to **“trust God” and**

“have full faith that He’s going to do what He says.”

Tony is optimistic about his future. He is grateful for the resources the Mission provides to help him set and implement goals. He has learned to trust people, no longer wanting to isolate himself.

Tony has since graduated our Christian Discipleship Program and moved into permanent housing. He gives back by serving as a volunteer at the Mission and in his church.

This Easter, Tony is experiencing God’s gift of new life! Thank you for empowering him to follow Christ’s calling in his life. “I’m thankful for the Mission because they gave me time to heal and a place to be free from distractions and lean into God.”

“BEFORE COMING TO THE MISSION, I WAS DAMAGED GOODS. NOW, I AM A BLANK CANVAS. WITH EVERY BRUSH STROKE, A NEW PART OF ME IS GROWING.”



The Gift of New Life in Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17



A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

All things new...

Men and women often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry and struggling. For many, Great Falls Rescue Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that help rebuild their lives!**

We believe God is "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5) for our hurting and homeless neighbors. Whether they come for a meal, a safe place to sleep or life recovery - your generosity helps transform lives like Tony's, whose story you can read on page 3.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb - a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for believing in our homeless, hungry neighbors.

Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!

"A Beacon of Hope Since 1963"

Jim McCormick
Executive Director



YOU changed lives last year!

In 2024, friends like you joined together to make an incredible impact for our neighbors who are homeless and hurting...



95,000 meals filled hungry bellies



70,000 nights of shelter kept people safe



Your compassion opened the door to other life-changing services & care

Thank you!

Because you showed you care, our community's most vulnerable men, women and children are looking forward to a brighter future!

This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$2.49 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care and healing in our recovery programs!

Every meal you provide this Easter matters!

Just \$2.49 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and shares hope for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

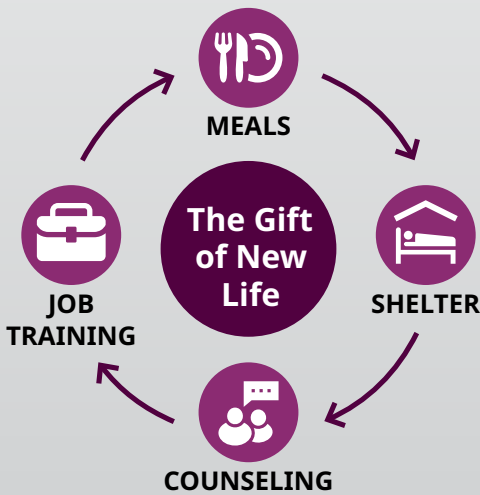
✦ Give online anytime at greatfallsrescuemission.org.



GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at Great Falls Rescue Mission need... By joining our Light Keepers Club, you can help our residents start their journey to a new life by providing:



HELP HUNGRY NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Donate food items for our Easter Celebration! **Sunday, April 20** at 1 p.m.!

You can help provide **thousands of meals** for our hungry neighbors this Easter season! Donate these much-needed food items to help welcome our guests with a good meal - and give them hope for a new life.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 18:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIRAL SLICED HAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POTATOES | <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER | <input type="checkbox"/> CREAMER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DINNER ROLLS | <input type="checkbox"/> BAKED PIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES | <input type="checkbox"/> COOL WHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED MIXED FRUIT | |



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No time to shop? Donate now!

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monthly now!

