



THE Beacon

A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission
Easter 2026

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Frank's future is **Bright** this **Easter!**

Thank you for sharing hope in his darkest time.

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A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

A SEASON OF *Change* & *Possibility...*

Easter is the time of year we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ – a rebirth like springtime in Montana. This year, for me, it means a new beginning to another chapter of my life.

April 30 will be my last day as Executive Director of the Mission. I will be retiring to spend time with my wonderful wife, Wendy, my daughters, son-in-law and grandkids, and to pursue my biggest dream: traveling.

My 15 years at the Mission, in the various positions I have held, have been the most rewarding of my 50-plus years of professional life. I have learned more, cried more, celebrated people's successes more.

But most importantly, I have had the privilege of seeing Jesus working more in this city than I ever thought imaginable. Not just in the lives of those He sends to us for help, but in the many organizations, churches and lives of the people of Great Falls that I have worked with and gotten to know. What a blessing and honor.

With that, GFRM will start a new chapter in caring for the hungry, hurting and homeless with new leadership. I am excited for the new ideas and ways to continue the healing process for those seeking our help. I will forever be thankful for my time here, and I will continue to support this ministry however I can, because it's now a part of me until I meet Jesus face to face.

My heartfelt thanks go out to each of you for your love and support for not only me, but especially for this wonderful refuge for those in need. Together, we have truly made this "A Beacon of Hope" in Great Falls and Central Montana.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

And God bless you always,

Jim McCormick
Executive Director



How **YOU** Helped

Thank you for your impact in 2025! Friends like you joined together to change lives...



90,000 meals served



60,000 nights of shelter provided



8,000 hours volunteered by people like YOU!

Thank you for caring for our hurting neighbors last year.

Now, let's make 2026 a year of hope for even more people in our community!

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!

For just \$2.49 each, you can provide a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and share hope for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at give.gfrm.org.



Frank was born in Montana, but he spent his childhood in Alaska, where he remembers the joy of fishing and playing in the woods. Although he shared a close bond with his grandparents and mother, a troubled relationship with his stepfather eventually led him to run away.

As an adult, he moved back to Montana and lived with a family member who introduced him to drugs. Even as addiction took hold, Frank worked steadily as a cook, just as he had since high school.

However, Frank's life began to unravel when he went through a painful divorce. "For a while I lost faith in everybody, including myself."

Feeling abandoned by God and battling despair, he fell deeper into addiction – until he was without

a job or a home. Alone and freezing on the streets, he even considered ending his life.

One day, while shoveling snow to make money, he was assaulted and robbed. That moment was a wake-up call. Frank knew he couldn't survive on his own and turned to the Mission for help.

Once here, Frank formed friendships with other men in the discipleship program. He has begun to rebuild his life and says his favorite class is Guardrails. **"They teach us how to set up our own personal safety net."**

He enjoys serving other residents and the public by doing what he loves: working in the kitchen. "We feed almost 200 people a day."

Frank is grateful to the Mission for helping him find sobriety, grow in confidence and strengthen his relationship with the Lord. He looks forward to saving for his future, finding a place of his own and continuing to work as a cook.

This Easter, Frank has a new direction for his life. Thank you for lighting the path forward for him to experience a future of hope and peace! "I'm really thankful for everybody here. I've had so much support and love."

"I was lost in the streets... I just didn't care anymore. Now I feel like I'm a better man."



**"I know
I can have
a good life
now."**



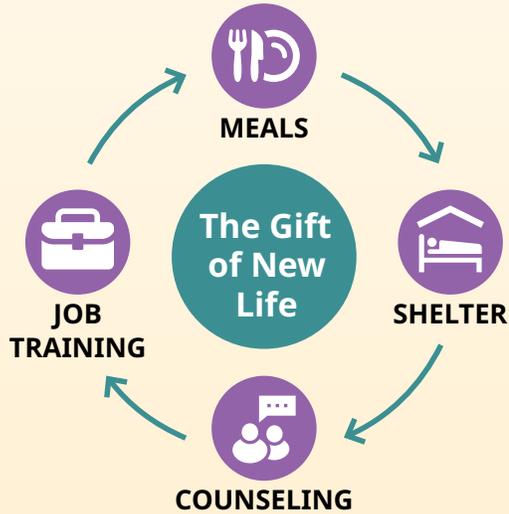
May we shine the light of Christ.

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:4–5

GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES!

You can be the difference our community needs!

When you become a Light Keepers Club partner, you give hurting neighbors the life-changing care they need! Your support provides stability and a path toward lasting recovery.



Start giving monthly now!

Or visit
[greatfallsrescuemission.org/
NewLife](http://greatfallsrescuemission.org/NewLife)

BECOME A MONTHLY PARTNER... AND
TRANSFORM LIVES **ALL YEAR!**

HELP HUNGRY NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



This Easter, you can help turn hunger into hope. Donate much-needed food items and help provide thousands of meals for our neighbors in need. Your generosity not only fills plates... but also warms hearts!

Give food. Share hope. Help welcome our guests with a nourishing Easter meal and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 3:**



HAM



COFFEE



POTATOES



CANNED
VEGETABLES

- BUTTER
- DINNER ROLLS
- CANNED MIXED FRUIT
- DESSERTS
(homemade or store-bought)
- BAKED PIES
- REDDI WHIP
- CREAMER

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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