



Easter Acts of Kindness

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Many clients at the Rescue Mission have never been given an Easter basket before, and that is why what Toni Amell and her friends are so greatly appreciated. Providing Easter baskets for residents at the Rescue Mission is just what Amell and 14 other women, many of whom are retired and some of whom work at Amell's business, have done over the past four years. Out of an abundance of love for those in need, Amell and the other women make Easter baskets for clients at the Adams and Tyler Street Family campuses, making a total of approximately 250 baskets each year.

This act of love began when Amell and her employees adopted families at the Tyler Street Campus for Christmas. The joy that the women received from that experience caused them to wonder what else they could do. In order to make Easter baskets, the women send out many donation requests to various stores. Amell's home turns into the Easter Bunny's workshop, a place where the women put the baskets together. After the baskets are made, the women personally deliver them to the facilities, giving many clients a gift that they've never before received. The efforts put forth by these women have been a great success and a truly wonderful blessing.



A Positive Volunteer Experience

Volunteers are at the core of what we do. We value our volunteers, and appreciate the time and dedication it takes to serve with us. The reason why they give their time varies. Some see it as their responsibility to help those in need, while others serve in memory of someone. Some come with their families to leave an example to their children; some have received assistance before and are here to pay it forward. Whatever their motivations and circumstances, volunteers are vital to the Rescue Mission.



A deposit is made into our life account everyday. It's not promised, but if you're breathing, it's there. We are given 86,400 seconds to use at our discretion each day

and whatever isn't used, we lose. What we do with our time is up to us. I thank God for those who gift a portion of their time to any non-profit organization. If you have ever invested your time here at The Rescue Mission, thank you.

As we continue to build our volunteer program, we strive to make your time with the Mission positive. Although we often fall short, here are a few of our goals:

Honor the Volunteer's Time.

Be ready for the volunteer, maximizing the benefit for the group and individual.

Give Challenging Work.

Give jobs that meet the volunteer's capability. People love to be challenged, even in their volunteer work.

Honor Volunteers Gifts/Talents

Regular volunteers should be challenged to know their gifts, strengths, and talents and to use them for the cause.

Challenge Volunteers to Champion our Cause

People who love what you do should be asked to contribute, or spread the word about who we are.

THIS PAST FEBRUARY WE . . .

Served a total of **22,537** meals at our Downtown and Adams Campuses.

Provided a total of **14,988** bed nights at our various campuses.

Distributed over **6,065** clothing/items to those in need.

Had **1,217** student hours in our Challenge Learning Program.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mission has been operating in Pierce County for the past **99** years.

Each day at the Mission more than **80** people live in our low-income and affordable apartments.

The Rescue Mission has about **60** employees, and an average of **40** interns.

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Fresh Beginnings this Easter Season

Celebrating the resurrection of Christ this Easter gives hope for the revitalization of many lost souls who wander into our shelters.

Through life transformation, our clients can learn to love themselves again—To know that they are valued, and there is hope for a better life. The death of one era leads to the birth of a new, and fresh beginnings for our homeless clients to discover their beauty from within.

As children through out the community cheer loudly over painted eggs and fluffy white bunnies hidden about rolling green pastures this Easter, keep in mind that many homeless children and adults struggle on the streets every day.



This Easter month, the Rescue Mission is preparing to serve over 22,000 meals

to hungry men, women, and children at our Adams Street Family Campus and our Downtown Tacoma Campus. As you sit down to delightfully prepared family feasts this year, consider helping us encourage a positive renewal in our clients' lives by offering a small cash donation or offering your time to one of our

many volunteer programs. Whether our clients come from domestic violence situations, substance abuse, or economic crises, Jesus gave his life so that no matter what background we come from there is always a chance to rebuild.

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Everyone needs a second chance for renewal and positive thinking. Jesus sacrificed for us, so let's come together and show how awesome the power of renewal and forgiveness is by relinquishing a bit of our time and resources to help reform the lives of the homeless in our community. Every human being is worthy of love and we are committed to continue our mission to support the homeless in Pierce County. With your donations, we can continue making a difference in our clients' lives so they leave our facilities with the confidence and audacity to take on whatever exciting new challenges that are yet to come.

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To Volunteer

Fill out a volunteer form online at Rescue-Mission.org

The Rescue Mission Facilities

- Downtown Tacoma Campus
- Adams St. Family Campus
- Tyler St. Family Campus
- Colonial Apartments
- Jefferson Apartments
- Administration Office

The Rescue Mission Programs

- Challenge Learning Program
- Youth Program
- Need-A-Break Program
- Family Life Program
- New Life Program
- Applied Living Program

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"I'm homeless, I am supported. I am loved!"



"I never expected to be homeless. I never expected to get this kind of help when it happened," Michelle said as she shared her story about the support her family is receiving while staying in our shelter.

"My family was surprised how nice, clean, and safe this place is," she said. "I was asking myself,

'is this what a shelter normally looks like?'"

Michelle brought her family to the Rescue Mission, because they had nowhere to go and no one to turn to for help. When she called our shelter, she was hoping for a place that her family could rest their heads for the night. What she ended up discovering is that our services are built around so much more than housing displaced clients for short periods. We offer inclusive services that help clients defeat the conditions that lead them to our doors.

"The director also talked to us about life transformation and what that means," she said. "He said that this was the key to ending the cycle of not only homelessness, but brokenness and hopelessness. I was very intrigued to learn more."

Michelle also learned that as part of the program her family would receive three healthy meals a day, and access to services like tutoring and afterschool activities for her children, finance classes, relapse prevention, case management, and other vital programs that promote a self-sufficient healthy family atmosphere.

"My family was thrilled that they had after school activities, and I was thrilled that we had classes available to us," she said. "The best thing about this place is the staff. They make us feel so welcome and have been so hands-on in helping us. What a blessing!"

Michelle always assumed that a homeless shelter was an overcrowded run down building. The Rescue Mission goes far beyond offering just basic services because we realize that is what it takes to help our clients gain the confidence and vital tools necessary to become self-sufficient and to stay off the streets for good once they leave our facilities.

"It has been overwhelming how much the staff cares about all of us and how committed they are in helping," she said. "I have hope that not only will we find housing, but we will thrive. I feel that by doing this program, I will walk away a changed person."

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Michelle said she is at peace knowing that her children are safe, fed, and are getting the help they need. She is also learning life skills including establishing boundaries, and is setting goals for housing and employment. Michelle is confident that after she graduates from our New Life Program, she will be prepared to take on the life challenges she will likely face in the future.

Her story is just another example of how donors play such an important role in helping clients transform their lives and leave homelessness for healthy and productive lives in the community,

"What I do, you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

- Mother Teresa

Food Donations Matched!

We are participating in the Feinstein anti-hunger matching program. Donations to the Rescue Mission's meal program in March and April will be reported to the foundation, and your generosity will result in an award from the foundation.

Current Volunteer Needs

Adams Street Family Campus- Shift Manager 6pm-10pm

This position is a high responsibility, highly rewarding position working side by side with our staff Shift Manager.

Challenge Learning Center: (at the Downtown Campus)

We are looking for a bilingual English-Spanish volunteer to help our Spanish speaking clients. The best days for this would be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, between 2:00 and 4:00pm.

We also need a reading tutor to assist our GED clients in the afternoons during the week.

We are searching for someone to teach a basic computer class on weekday mornings. Topics to be covered are Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint.



Education is Vital for a Better Life

Each day at the Mission our clients are challenged to embrace learning while taking the required classes involved in our New Life, Family Life, and Challenge Learning Programs. When we open the door for growth, it reveals possibilities for clients to recognize their full potential and live out their unique gifts.

"The New Life Program seeks to empower recovery through sobriety, faith, and trust. We challenge our clients to overcome fear and risk change by encouraging truth, love, responsibility, and accountability. Educational pursuits are sown and cultivated. Relationships are established through sensitivity, team building and interpersonal communication. Our identity grows and develops into a healthy and productive citizen."

-Les Doyle, New Life Program Director



In Memory of

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Darleen MaVay

Adam Wilson

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Puyallup Valley Taxidermy

Olive Hettick

Regina Hettick

Paul Klawitter

Gordon Klawitter

Pauline York

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