



Thanksgiving Blessings Abounded

We celebrated this great American holiday, and we want to say thank you to those who helped us make it happen.

A few kitchen staff and numerous volunteers dedicated three days at the Downtown and Adams campuses preparing 100 turkeys, 20 hams, 500 pounds of mashed potatoes, 2,000 dinner rolls, 20 gallons of homemade cranberry sauce, and much more.

"We're here to lift up souls and warm up some hearts," said one of the volunteers preparing for the meal ahead.

In addition to cooking the meal, we distributed 298 Thanksgiving meal boxes to families, which fed 1,200 people. We provided a total of 2,556 meals to those in need this past Thanksgiving.



With Christmas right around the corner, we are asking for those who can help to donate food items at our Downtown Campus, or to sponsor a meal for only \$1.87

Sponsor a Meal

\$500 sponsors a dinner that feeds hundreds of people. You have the option to come & volunteer the night you sponsor to see how you are helping & making a difference. This is a memorable way to serve with your family, friends or company. Email Juliet Wallin at juliet.wallin@rescue-mission.org or call her at 253.592.6845 for more information on sponsoring meals.

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Living in the Present & Creating Great Christmas Memories

Each year I treasure the time I get to spend with my family. For many people, Christmas is filled with anticipation of great gifts to come, both the giving and receiving of gifts.



But there is another emotional component of Christmas that we often don't realize until later: the important part that Christmas memories play in making the present better. So many people have tough Christmas memories that it's easy to get bogged down in dreading this season,

yet life gets better when we remember that we have to CREATE great memories and that means living in the present with intention.

Here are a few ideas to create great memories

1. Memories are past, present and future. You are making memories every year, so live intentionally in the present. Bless and encourage those around you and you'll instantly be brought out of your self-focus and begin to start making a memory. You've had lots of bad Christmas memories, but that doesn't mean your children should too!

2. Memories don't have dollar amounts. I realize that none of the memories I treasure are of high monetary value. It was all about the silly things that happened, the thoughtfulness of a gift, the time spent together. Nevertheless, we're still tempted to get caught up in trying to buy a Christmas memory and feel limited if we can't do so. Create fun interactions and spend time together with those you love. In the end, it's the only thing you'll remember.

3. Avoid living someone else's Christmas. Surprisingly, even strong minded people are often thrown off during the Christmas season by living according to someone else's schedule, dancing to another's Christmas memory, and end up miserable as a result. Instead of living someone else's life, start now building Christmas around your values, schedule, and loved ones. Don't wait until it's too late to find out you were a bit player in someone else's script when you could have been the star of your own Christmas story. Live your own life, even at Christmas!

Gratitude fills my heart for all the families that come to the Mission and have a chance to build new healthy memories together. – David Curry

Stories of Healing Hearts

J.B, a former Mission client shared a part of his journey.

My life was not always as happy and healthy as the one I live today. As a teenager, it took no time at all to get addicted to the drug and alcohol life-style. It took screwing up a military career, a marriage of twenty-two years, and losing everything else and everyone else in my life before I could face the fact that what I was actually doing was slowly destroying the person inside me.

It wasn't until I ended up living at the Rescue Mission that my life would begin to change. While staying at the Mission on the Emergency Services side at the Downtown Campus, I learned of the New Life Program, a program where they would not only help rebuild you emotionally, but spiritually and physically. It is because of the many caring staff members at the Rescue Mission that lives are changed. At the Mission, they provide a hand up, not a hand out.

I am now living at the Jefferson Apartments, which are clean and sober apartments run by the Rescue Mission, pursuing a bachelor's degree in chemical dependency counseling, helping others now in the New Life Program by facilitating a Christian 12 step recovery meeting and volunteering at my church. I give thanks to the Mission staff for all they do, to those who donate so generously to the Mission, and to God, who never turned his back on me, although I turned my back on him for so long.



Martha, a former client of the Rescue Mission, shared with us what brought her to the Mission and what she has accomplished as a result of her time here.

Martha and her grandson came to the Rescue Mission from out of state to escape grave danger related to domestic violence. After reading a police report, staff were bewildered and amazed that she was still living. Martha entered the program severely underweight, scared and shy. Now, after her time at the Mission, Martha talks of her accomplishments, "I've gained twenty pounds, I'm able to stand up for myself, and I can travel the city with little fear," states Martha, "I finished finance class and best of all, found an apartment." Martha's grandson currently has a job and is attending college courses. We are happy to hear of the Rescue Mission's role in helping put Martha and her grandson on a path to safety, health and hope.

Janiece, who graduated from our family life program last year and is now living on her own, shared with us why she needed our help.

"When I came to the Mission, I was running from a marriage wrecked by alcoholism, co-dependency, and emotional sickness," said Janiece. "It was here at the Mission that my eyes were finally opened to what I had been doing for the past 11 years; it was here that I realized that I had made the same choices for my children that my mother had made for me."



You Can Provide Shoes for Growing Children

Imagine for a moment that you are thirteen years old again, and you are getting ready for the first day of school. For many of us that would include a new outfit and a matching pair of shoes. For the more fortunate you would have plenty of items to pick from. For most of us that first day was a wonderful day; waking up and getting ready only added to the majestic feel.

One of our staff members, Jann, remembers back to her first winter working at the Rescue Mission. She had just gotten to work and saw a child in the dead of winter with no shoes on at all. It is hard to imagine that a child could go without shoes in winter, but it happens. Jann weighed her options and decided to go out and get the young man a pair of shoes. A lot of the staff here have similar stories, children with duck-tape on their shoes just to hold them together; children wearing shoes that are two sizes too big because that is all they could find.

It has been a long time dream of Jann's to start a 'New Shoe Bank for Children.' She has expressed this desire to many over the years, and just recently had the opportunity to get a head start on the shoe bank.

Kathline McDaniel, a remarkable woman, who is a single mother of twins and runs a preschool, gave Jann a call recently. She had just received an anonymous donation of 400 pairs of brand new shoes!

What a miracle it is to think about how many children in need will have a nice pair of shoes to wear this winter.

We would like to keep this new shoe bank growing; our goal is to have a continuous donation of new shoes for children from infant to teenagers. It doesn't take much to buy a decent pair of shoes, it would mean maybe putting aside lattes for a week, or saving a few extra dollars a month. The dream is there, and when there are people willing to help make it come true, the possibilities are endless.

Don't Forget to get your year-end donations in!

Don't forget, to send in your tax-deductible donations by the end of the year. Donate online at www.rescue-mission.org/donate

Cash and checks are also accepted through mail at:
The Rescue Mission | P.O. Box 1912 | Tacoma, WA 98401-1912

This January we hope to make your tax preparation easier. Look for your 2011 giving statement in the mail if you have donated \$100.00 or more to the Rescue Mission in 2011.

Gifts From the Heart: Hope and Understanding

This Christmas you can give a meaningful gift to your loved ones by donating to a good cause, the homeless and hurting in your community. Simply donate online and check the "Send Dedication Acknowledgement" box, and we will mail them a card.

Giving the gift of hope and understanding may not just come in the form of giving a generous donation. It may even be beyond giving someone a warm bed, shelter, and food on cold and lonely nights. Giving the gift of hope and understanding comes from the heart. It is not just a friendly gesture towards someone who seems less unfortunate; it is the feeling of understanding that a human being is a person and we have all traveled down broken roads.



"It was really encouraging to see that I did this work, and it was really cool to come back and see the people that it helped, the people that it affected, to see the smiles on their faces."

-Colby, Rescue Mission volunteer



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