



Simple Acts, Thankful Recipients

Recently, the Rescue-Mission Need-A-Break Program was able to help Mary. Mary was a senior citizen with diabetes. She also had not slept on a bed for the previous month and was dealing with a lot of back problems. Furthermore, Mary had just moved into an apartment with furniture but the previous resident was on his way to pick up his belongings which were just loaned for the time being. If she could not find a bed, Mary would soon be back to sleeping on the floor.

Mary called many resources in desperation for assistance, but to no avail. She felt hopeless and wondered what she was going to do for a bed. All her money went to her rent, utilities, and food. She came across The Rescue Mission's number and decided to contact us at the donation center. Upon receiving her call, I could hear her genuine need for what she was asking for. It just so happened that we had received donations of a couch and chair that our facilities could not use, as well as a twin size bedroom set that came with a dresser and two nightstands.

After deciding Mary was a perfect fit for these donations, we showed up with a bed and she was very thankful, when she saw the other furniture we brought for her she was overwhelmed. Mary was so grateful that she could not stop thanking Jesus. She told me that she prayed hard for a bed but didn't expect the other furniture that she was in need of, too! We felt blessed to be the channel for a donor to help someone in need.

Are you curious where your donations go or who they impact? Do you sometimes wonder if something as simple as donating clothes or furniture can impact lives? People like Mary are blessed by your donations each day!

Help us tell our story by sharing yours!

Share with us!

This month we are encouraging our clients, staff, donors, volunteers, or anyone involved with our organization to share their stories about the Mission. We would love to hear from you!

- ➔ Have you noticed how the Mission has changed over time, and have you been around for that change?
- ➔ Has someone you love been changed by their experience at the Mission?
- ➔ Have you been encouraged or inspired by the Mission?
- ➔ What does volunteering at the Mission mean to you?

Simply send in a note in the provided envelope, or email us your story to: info@rescue-mission.org.

You can also post on our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/MyRescueMission](https://www.facebook.com/MyRescueMission)

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425 S. Tacoma Way

To Volunteer

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

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

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- Challenge Learning Program
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DONATION CENTER UPDATE

As you may or may not know, Sound Transit construction near the Downtown Tacoma Campus has made it a little more difficult to bring donations to the donation center. Therefore, we have come up with a Plan B. If you find it too difficult to come drop off donations at the downtown location, the **Adam's Family Campus, at 2909 S Adams St, will be accepting donations two days a week: Thursdays from 2-4 pm, and Saturdays from 1-4 pm. The Adam's Family Campus will accept clothing, toiletries, and small household items.** You may enter through the main building double doors and ask the front desk to accept the donation and issue a receipt. If you are going to take advantage of this opportunity, please come only during the designated time slots. If those times do not work for you, the Downtown Tacoma Campus warehouse accepts donations Monday-Friday from 9am-4 pm and Saturdays from 9am-1 pm.

Remember, your donations are key in helping the Mission to be successful!



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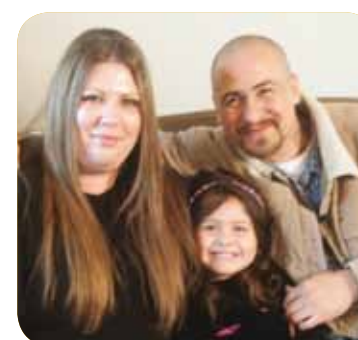


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Fathers with a Mission

The month of June hosts Father's Day, a day devoted to commending fathers for being a source of guidance, strength, and stability for their children. The role of father is a crucial one, proven by many statistics showing that the absence of a father figure has negative consequences for children. High percentages of children who abuse drugs and alcohol, suffer from physical and emotional health issues, have difficulties in school, or participate in criminal activity have been raised in fatherless homes.



Many men in the Rescue Mission's New Life Program are fathers, and the Mission is hard at work to stop the cycle of brokenness in families by helping them reunite with their children. The majority these fathers at the Mission have expressed a desire to

be in the lives of their children and are making reconciliation a priority on their road to recovery. Recognizing the significance of fathers in the lives of children, the Mission makes an effort to equip fathers with the tools they need to become permanent and stable figures in their children's lives. "In a family, the mom and the dad are the ones making decisions," states David Curry, Rescue Mission CEO, "So you've got to find a way to stabilize adults that have made decisions or been put in circumstances where the kids are homeless along with their parents."

In the New Life Program, staff at the Mission work with fathers to help them earn back the trust of their children and families. "The

boundaries that their families have established in wanting to be separate from the men because of their behavior; the families have earned those boundaries," states Les, the NLP coordinator at the Mission, "They've earned them because of the way that the men acted and the decisions they made." Les and the other staff members at the New Life program are working with men to first become worthy of trust, and then their children and families will see the true transformation that accompanies recovery.

"We try to establish with the men: start slow, start deliberate, start by being honest with yourself," states Les, "Stop making promises to your family that you've broken over and over and over again. Give your family the opportunity to observe you; give your children the

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opportunity to watch you." Many fathers enrolled in the Mission's New Life Program are making positive strides towards reclaiming their God intended roles as fathers, and have been reconciled with their children. "We've seen some amazing things happen with the reconciliation of families by the power of the Holy Spirit; God in people's lives," states Les, "It really boils down to people receiving what they all want to begin with; they all want to just be together." Let us remember the many fathers at the Mission this Father's Day, and celebrate those who are taking responsibility and making an effort to provide guidance, strength, and stability for their children.

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Rescue-Mission.org

Xavier's Story of Finding Strength



"I'm just not mad anymore. I'm not mad at myself, I'm not mad at the world like I use to be," said Xavier, as he shared some of the changes that have occurred in his life since coming to the Rescue Mission. Raised in a Christian home, Xavier started drinking and doing drugs in his teen years, "I was more concerned

about partying and making money than God or my education," he said, "I was lost for quite a while." During this time in his life, Xavier became a father to a baby girl named Brooklyn. Brooklyn is now four years old and because of a falling out that he had with her mother, Xavier hasn't been a part of her life since she was born. When he came to a place in his life where he felt like he needed something, like there had to be a change, Xavier's stepfather referred him to the Rescue Mission.

Since coming to the Mission, Xavier has made great strides in turning his life around, leaving the partying scene behind him and taking steps to be a permanent figure in his daughter's life. "Being sober is wonderful," he stated, "It's really helped me, cleared up my thinking, and strengthened my relationship with the Lord, and also with my family." On his journey towards becoming sober at the Mission, Xavier began thinking about his daughter frequently. The fact that

he didn't have his own father in his life was heavy on his heart; he didn't want that for any of his children. "It would be better for her to know who her father is," said Xavier, "as well as better for me, to actually partake in her life and help bring her up."

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Working with the attorney that comes to the Mission every month to help clients with any legal problems that they have, free of charge, Xavier has completed the paperwork he needs in order to be a part of Brooklyn's life again. Having written Brooklyn's mother a letter explaining the changes that have

occurred in his life, apologizing to her and expressing his desire not to have the courts dictating when either of them could see their daughter, Xavier is now patiently waiting for her to respond. "I feel like I have a really high calling in my life," he states. "I know I was put here for a reason, I know that all the trials I've been through throughout my life, it's all leading me to where God wants me to be so that I can reach out and help others who are going through the same situations I have gone through."

I was born and raised in Tacoma, I love Tacoma. Just knowing that there are people in my own city that are unfortunate, it kind of gives me a gut feeling I just want to serve. And after I get done serving, it's a sense that it's genuine, it's something really special, it really sits on my heart. — Rescue Mission Volunteer



Summer Has Arrived!

Summer is finally here, and the weather is warming up! Grant Elementary recently did a sock drive and donated tons of socks that will keep lots of feet nice and warm. For the warmer weather, what about a hat drive so that people are able to keep the sun off their faces or sunglasses or even sunscreen? What about flip-flops or beach towels? In addition to warmer weather items, canned food, school supplies, raincoats, belts, backpacks, bedding, and alarm clocks are always in high demand and donations are always greatly appreciated.

Toiletries and household products are another thing that are always needed. From toothpaste to shampoo to deodorant, the warehouse can always use these items no matter what season it is. Think about how fast it feels like you go through deodorant or shampoo and how often you are running to the store because you ran

out of soap or detergent. While we do not accept used toiletries and household products, often times items are sold in bulk and if you have extra laying around that you may have already bought to stock up, bring them down!

So while you are enjoying the summertime and warmer weather, remember that many aren't able to live the same way you are and there are always ways you can help! If you have any questions about an item or how to donate, you can contact the Need-A-Break program office at 253-284-4282.

Bring donations to our Need-A-Break donation center at the Downtown Campus 425 South Tacoma Way.

Hours M-F 9am-4pm, Sat 9am-1pm



16th Annual Golf Tournament

Air Systems Engineering is putting on the 16th annual golf tournament in honor of the Rescue Mission. They are looking for players, sponsors and prize donations. Take the time to enjoy a round of golf with friends and colleagues, get some exercise in the great outdoors, have a wonderful dinner, market your company and know that you are helping support the Rescue Mission's summer youth program, Students Living a Mission (SLAM) facilitates fun educational and self-esteem building activities under supervision of full-time college educated Child/Youth Coordinators.

What: 18 holes of golf complete with a power cart and BBQ ribs & chicken dinner

Where: High Cedars Golf Club, 14604 149th St. Ct. E., Orting (1-360-893-3171)

When: Friday, August 12th, 2011, 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

- Golf check-in begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Tee-off time: 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Scramble Tournament (best ball)
- Fee: \$95.00 per player (includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, dinner)
- Door Prize Tickets are available for \$1.00 each
- Golf prizes and door prizes will be awarded during dinner (@ 6:00 pm)

To register or for more information contact Sandy Colyer at 253-572-9484 or email her at sandyc@asei.ws.



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