



*“It is amazing that such a bad event could lead me to such a good place.”*

– Family Shelter Client

## The New Applied Living Program at Adams

At our new facility, the Adams St. Family Campus, we are launching a new program designed to help our clients work towards a healthy self-sufficient lifestyle.

The Applied Living Program (ALP) at our Adams St. Family Campus affords our clients who have graduated from the New Life Program the opportunity to apply their new life experience within a mentoring environment. The ALP Clients explore their options of college, trade school, or venturing into the work field while continuing our core classes and mentoring. This opportunity equips clients with the tools they need to successfully transition out of homelessness into a healthy self-sufficient life.



## Thanksgiving is Almost Here, & You Can Help.

**This year our Thanksgiving shopping list is long, but we are confident that it will be the best Thanksgiving yet.**

More than 10 dozen turkeys. More than 600 pounds of potatoes. Huge boxes of stuffing and stacks of restaurant-sized cans of cranberry sauce. The meal will be our biggest of the year so far, and the largest Thanksgiving event for homeless families in the county. Although still about a month away, time is short to prepare when hundreds of homeless people are on the guest list.

“We want this meal to be really special,” said David Curry. “Without our help, Thanksgiving will be a day of dread and hopelessness for those who have nowhere else to go.”

With your help we can get as much food donated as possible. By pinching every penny, the average cost to prepare and serve a complete Thanksgiving meal is just \$2.22. Our goal is to not turn anyone away.



“Our 98 years of service places us in a position to not only feed large numbers of people, but also to help them get off the streets for good,” Curry added. “But we depend on support from individuals in the community who really want to help the homeless effectively.”

“For less than the cost of a gallon of gas, caring friends can give someone a chance to change their lives,” said Curry. “Every good hot meal can encourage someone to stay with us and get the help they need.”

For more information about the Thanksgiving outreach or to provide meals, visit our website at [www.rescue-mission.org](http://www.rescue-mission.org). Contact Frank Jackson at 383.4493 or email him at [Frankj@trm.org](mailto:Frankj@trm.org) ♦

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425 S. Tacoma Way

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Call (253) 383-4493 or fill out a volunteer form online at [Rescue-Mission.org](http://Rescue-Mission.org)

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- Adams St. Family Campus
- Tyler St. Family Campus
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## Inspiring a Desire to Learn

**Last year over 159 students were enrolled in our Challenge Learning Center at our Downtown Tacoma Campus.**

As part of the Pierce County Educational Consortium, our goal at the learning center is; to present the opportunity for adult learners to obtain their GED, to become “Better Skilled, to obtain Better Jobs, and build Stronger Families.” Since this past July, thus far we have had 10 students successfully pass the GED examination, and we anticipate many more students



taking the final GED test and successfully passing by the end of the year. We consistently encourage our students to pursue higher education. In a recent meeting with 15 students, we discussed higher education opportunities; the meeting yielded 11 out of the 15 students expressing the desire to pursue further options for higher education.

Community members, participants in the New Life Program, and the Family Life Program are all welcome to join our Challenge Learning Program.

The Learning Center staff inspires students to achieve their goals by building personal relationships and offering support and encouragement. We celebrate the

success of our graduates with a special celebration and a GED wall of fame located at the Downtown Tacoma Campus.

We have classes of all types including many levels of math, English, science, and computer training. Personalized tutoring and one-on-one help is offered for areas where students struggle the most. Students engage in activities that foster creativity, and work in groups with team building exercises.

Various resources are available to our students including Kindles, laptops, computers, and books. Our computer lab is open for GED students and program members from 8-4:30.

Providing our clients and community members a chance to get their GED and improve the quality of their lives is our ultimate goal. This past year we served more students than ever before and had a higher rate of success academically.

*Please consider supporting our Challenge Learning Program at our Downtown Campus or Adams St. Family Campus by donating or volunteering. You can make a difference in the lives of the hurting and hungry of Pierce County. ♦*

Visit our website at  
**Rescue-Mission.org**



## Helping others believe in themselves though education

### Melody's Story

Melody came to the Mission after being homeless and battling her drug addiction for several years. She previously attended high school, but dropped out before finishing. Initially, Melody was not interested in improving her educational skills, but as time

went on, with much encouragement from her instructors and staff, her viewpoint on education began to change. As her work in math, reading, and writing improved, she started believing that she could complete the requirements to obtain a GED.

A year after Melody had come to the Mission, she took the tests to get her GED, and passed each test on the first try. As part of her participation in the New Life program, Melody took part in job search and resume preparation classes. She also learned basic computer skills which have aided in her job search.

Another area of assistance Melody received while at the Mission was getting a new set of teeth through the help of a local dentist and denturist, giving Melody an additional level of confidence in seeking a new job.

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### Aaron's Story

Aaron came to the Mission in the beginning of 2010 looking for a place to help get his life back on track. He knew he needed to take a deep look at what was missing, and learn to live a healthy life. While in a hospital he was given two options: move out of state to a treatment facility, or join the New Life Program at the Mission. After visiting the Mission and meeting the staff he signed up for the New Life Program and began his journey.

The Challenge Learning Program is a required component to the New Life Program and Aaron began taking classes to obtain his GED. He dropped out of High School in the 11th grade and knew someday he would need to go back for his GED, but never made plans. With the opportunity

right in front of him he studied hard, and worked with the Challenge Learning tutors to prepare for the GED test. Aaron remarked, "When you sign up for the GED class Lawrence (Challenge Learning teacher) doesn't expect you to come once a week, he expects you to be there every day...he is very persistent!" Aaron passed on the first try, and was hopeful that this would open up more opportunities for him in the future.

After asking Aaron how his life has changed he said, "I feel a sense of accomplishment, but this is just the beginning. I am motivated, and I have goals. The learning I've done has changed my life; my train of thought is different. My entire work experience has been working with my hands, but I now believe I can accomplish much more using my mind." Aaron graduates from the New Life Program this December. The staff helped him make plans for his future and he is now enrolled in Tacoma Community College, and starts this January.

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He is exploring options for the future, and is drawn to the idea of teaching or mentoring, but for now is looking forward to his new path of learning ahead.



## Giving Hope to Homeless Veterans

At our Downtown Tacoma Campus we sleep 108 people a night, on average at least 25% of them are veterans.

Michael Stoner, Emergency Services Manager at the Mission, and Mission Board vice president Larry Geringer are both veterans who are determined to help the homeless veterans of Pierce County.

Starting last July they opened a resource center for veterans at the Rescue Mission Downtown Tacoma Campus. The resource center allows veterans to come in Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3-6pm and talk with a trained social worker from the VA to get guidance and information on the benefits to which they're entitled.

Since the program started, 36 veterans have gotten back in contact with the VA, or have found jobs and a place to live.



We have an abundance of **Hope** and we'd like to share it with you.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE RESCUE MISSION'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

Rescue Mission

## You're invited to the Rescue Mission's annual luncheon!

Friday, November 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Hotel Murano

Join us for lunch, a special presentation of the Adams St. Family Campus, and entertainment by the Rescue Mission Youth Choir

Individual Tickets \$35 / Table \$350  
Send a check to PO Box 1912 | Tacoma, WA 98402 or visit our website to sign-up at [Rescue-Mission.org/2010\\_luncheon](http://Rescue-Mission.org/2010_luncheon)

For questions contact Jann Sonntag at 253-592-6804 or email her at [janns@trm.org](mailto:janns@trm.org)

## In Memory of

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| <b>Althea Cousins</b><br>Jo Ann Belanich         | <b>Helen Snope</b><br>Joan Schultz                                | <b>Robert Gragg</b><br>Lola Miller   |
| <b>Andre Fleming</b><br>Janice Fleming           | <b>Homer McDowell</b><br>Lyla McDowell                            | <b>Ron Holsinger</b><br>Jewell Holsinger   |
| <b>Arnold Lenzi</b><br>Cecelia Lenzi             | <b>Jack Rothenberg</b><br>Virginia Rothenberg                     | <b>Roy Larson</b><br>Robert Larson   |
| <b>Betty Austin</b><br>Bonnie Wood               | <b>James Mullin</b><br>Margaret Mullin                            | <b>Ruby Walker</b><br>Diana Walker   |
| <b>Betty Sauer</b><br>Glen and Cheryl Pierce     | <b>James Burkhouse</b><br>Jennifer Greco                          | <b>Ted Woods</b><br>Patricia Woods   |
| <b>Bob Hume</b><br>Klothilde Hume                | <b>Jane Lindsey</b><br>Suzanne Forker                             | <b>Teresa Purdy</b><br>Charles Purdy   |
| <b>Bud Kiehn</b><br>Lewis Barnes                 | <b>Jess Neiswender</b><br>Alta Neiswender                         | <b>Vivian Kondrat</b><br>Robert Kondrat  |
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| <b>Charles Dodge</b><br>Karen Corrigan           | <b>John &amp; Elizabeth Sisul</b><br>Jo Ann Sisul                 |  |
| <b>Charles Kennedy</b><br>Elizabeth Kennedy      | <b>John &amp; Thelma Christensen</b><br>Puyallup Valley Taxidermy | <b>IN HONOR OF:</b>  |
| <b>Dean Dace</b><br>Mildred Mees                 | <b>Judi Emry</b><br>Nancy Zahnnow                                 | <b>E. Marlin Mellinger</b><br>Mary Mellinger   |
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| <b>Harold Thompson</b><br>Elizabeth Thompson     |   |  |

**THIS PAST AUGUST WE...**

- Served a total of 22,024 meals at our Downtown & Family Campus
- Provided a total of 10,357 bed nights at our campuses
- Distributed 7,615 clothing/items
- Had 1,375 student hours in our Challenge Learning Program
- Had 552 volunteers at our various facilities