

The family shelter is busy providing hope & healing everyday

Soon our clients at the family shelter will move into the new Adams St. Family Campus!

- 470 clients stayed at the family shelter last year.
- This year at the Family Shelter 61% of case managed clients achieved housing.
- Each month the family shelter turns away an average of 102 unduplicated people, 100 of whom are adults, 101 of whom are children. We receive a monthly average of 356 requests for shelter that we are unable to meet.

We see change and inspiration at the family shelter everyday, here are some of the things our clients have said recently



"It is amazing that such a bad event could lead me to such a good place."



"I feel like I can finally start being a person again."



"I feel safe here."



"I like setting goals- I feel like I can do anything!"

249,297

meals were served at the Mission last year, and we expect to serve over 300,000 this next year. For just \$2.22 you can provide a meal for a hungry child.



Need-A-Break Program

People in our community sometimes face unexpected hardships and experience rough seasons in life. Often what's needed in order to continue through these rough circumstances is a small break.

Located at the Rescue Mission's Downtown Tacoma Campus, Need-A-Break Program is devoted to helping people succeed in our community by meeting needs that they cannot fulfill on their own. These needs include household items, furniture and minor vehicle repairs. Our goal is to funnel the community's compassion effectively to those in need.

Donations

Need-A-Break Program is accepting donations at our warehouse located at our Downtown Tacoma Campus, 425 South Tacoma Way Tacoma, WA 98402

Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
Saturday 9am-1pm.

Donations are efficiently distributed throughout Rescue Mission facilities and to community members in need. Stay tuned to our Need-A-Break Blog for current needs, and stories of clients who have been transformed by these gifts.

Hospitality Hours

Our warehouse is open to those in need in our community for household items such as blankets, sheets, dishes, cookware, and clothes.

Monday-Thursday 1-4pm

Need-A-Break Program Office

For furniture and minor vehicle repair needs pick up an application at our office, online at www.rescue-mission.org/need-a-break-program or print off and mail in your application. Leaving any part of the application incomplete will delay the application. Office is located inside the warehouse.

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
P 253-284-4282 / F 253-250-0462

Rescue-Mission.org/need-a-break-program
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Meet Brian Eggers, the new Need-A-Break Program Director. "I feel blessed to continue working with the Rescue Mission and serving this community."

The homeless problem is smaller than you think

How Big is the Homeless Problem in Pierce County?

Homelessness is nearing rates unprecedented in this generation, yet the problem of homelessness in our hometown is smaller, counted in feet and inches, than most people realize. That's because the largest single population we served each night at the Rescue Mission is children. Short, sweet, young, small children.

Just a few days ago we cut the ribbon on the new Rescue Mission campus for families, the Adams St. Family Campus, as a first step in trying to stem the tide of homeless families that have been affected by these tough economic times. The challenge is just beginning and when you see the numbers, it is sobering to realize the mountain that we've yet to climb to make sure that we reach our goal of No Child Sleeping on the Streets of Pierce County This Winter.

Consider the following:

- During the 2010 one night count, 677 homeless children were identified in Pierce County. Close to half of them (47%) were between birth and five years old.

- Approximately 95% of single parent homeless families are headed by a mother. About one-third of homeless families have two parents.
- Of all the Pierce County homeless people counted in 2010, 64% were members of homeless families.
- This year, Tacoma Public Schools identified 1,372 students as homeless.
- The three most common causes of homelessness listed by homeless families are unaffordable rent, job loss, and domestic violence.
- Although some homeless families have income from employment or government assistance, approximately one third of homeless families have no income at all.

But it's not all tough news, there is much to be grateful for and victories are being won every day. Providing a safe, loving environment for children is one of the keys to the success of our family programs. In addition, providing the stability of food and shelter for the child while we are working to help the family become self-sufficient and independent again is critical to seeing families become healthy.

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A place to call home can change a life

We see lives transformed at the Rescue Mission each day. Below is a testimony from a Family Shelter resident.

I came to the Rescue Mission May 2010 just out of rehab for drugs with a recent suicide attempt.

No one wanted to help me or deal with me, but God led me to the shelter. A friend of mine drove me to the shelter, and I was welcomed with open arms. It felt like home the moment I walked in. I didn't share the details of my life at that point, I just told them I was fresh out of rehab and needed a place to sleep. I learned not only would I receive case management twice a week, there would be medication management, and classes to take. I was amazed at all they had to offer.

My past impression of shelters were they were buildings that gave you a place to sleep, and kicked you out during the day. The Rescue Mission gave more than that, they gave me a temporary place to call home while I healed and rested.

As time went on, staff and residents opened up to me and made me feel welcome and

cared for. This was hard for me because I didn't care about myself. I met with my case manager and began working towards goals trying to find help with my mental issues, housing, and money management. As I shared my struggles, my case manager never judged me, or treated me with disrespect.

I continued having anxiety and severe panic attacks, along with depression and suicidal thoughts. The thing that kept me moving forward was I had something to get up and do each day. During some of my most severe panic attacks, the staff stood beside me. This was more than I ever expected from a shelter. I soon realized this was no ordinary shelter, it was a refuge in my storm.

My case manager and I discussed the option of joining the New Life Program, and after talking to some of the ladies it sounded like something that might be good for me. I was doing my best to keep my promise to family and friends not to attempt suicide again, but it was a constant struggle. I knew I needed something more in my life to keep that promise, so I started attending morning devotion and realized it was God I needed.

One day God revealed to me the unforgivingness I was carrying towards my daughter. I spent all day in devotions and slowly started to let go of the unforgivingness and the bitterness I was holding over God for letting me live. God healed my heart, and from that day forward I have not had one suicidal thought. I have been healed from anxiety and panic attacks, I even feel hope. All this was possible because someone answered the phone and said, "Yes, we have a bed for you."

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I was accepted into the New Life Program, and am extremely thankful to God and the Mission for all the blessings they have provided. It is amazing how in three short months, a life can be totally transformed. The Rescue Mission not only changed my life, they helped save it.



Youth Program Mission Trip

A group of 10 youth and 4 adults from the Rescue Mission traveled to Montana 2 weeks ago made a huge impact, but not as we expected. The impact was unexpected in that it was an internal impact within each kid that went. We built a foundation of unity in service, taught the youth of God's love for them, and modeled how serving works.

The hallmarks of the trip were unity, unity, and more unity. It was amazing to see kids as young as 6th grade and as old as 12th grade coming from all kinds of different backgrounds and faiths display a common bond. God was at work each day as we had individual times to reflect on who we are and who He is. The youth and leaders from the Rescue Mission slept on chairs in a church in the town of Browning Montana, which is primarily Blackfeet Native Americans.

While in Browning we had three major external tasks: construct a mudroom for the Pastor's home, paint a large garage, and pick up rocks. For many kids it was their first time using power tools, painting, or even doing hard labor like picking up rocks. Often after a long trip like this the kids want nothing to do with each other or with serving in general, however the day after we got back the youth asked, "When are we doing the next mission trip?"

Here are some of the things the youth said after the trip:

"Can I go next year? It was an awesome week!"

"I've never been somewhere where people talk so much about what's really going on."

"It was fun, and really hot!"



Visit our youth blog for more information
<http://trmyouth.blogspot.com/>

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Summer Graduation Success!

This past month, the Rescue Mission held a graduation at Life Center Church for those who completed the New Life Program and Family Life Program. It was a very exciting and inspiring event that allowed us to celebrate the accomplishments of those who have worked hard to transform their lives through these programs.

For more information on our alumni program for clients who graduate, visit rescue-mission.org/alumni-program



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