



## A Message from Duke

### A Special Coronavirus (COVID - 19) Update

Dear community,

The Tacoma Rescue Mission is on the front lines as we come alongside individuals who have some of the fewest resources to cope with Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We'll continue to provide services and lean into helping others as much as we possibly can during this uncertain time. While we are doing our best to limit risk to our guests, volunteers and staff, we'll continue to provide crucial care and resources to people in need in a relational and loving way.

Please continue to pray for the safety, protection and health of our guests, volunteers and staff. And pray that the love of God will be evident in our actions.

For updates on how the Mission is responding to our current crisis or how you can help please visit [trm.org/covid19update](http://trm.org/covid19update) or email [info@trm.org](mailto:info@trm.org).

In Christ,

Duke Paulson  
Executive Director



Your gift today will provide crucial mentoring, tutoring, care and more to help a child in need thrive.

## Help a Child. Change the Future.

Children experiencing homelessness are forced to face instability, feelings of confusion, anger and more.

**No child should have to worry about where they will get their next meal or how their family will escape homelessness.**

That's why your help today is so needed.

**Your gift today will help ensure that vulnerable children receive one-on-one mentoring, tutoring and other vital services.**

*Help a child in need thrive! Give online at [trm.org](http://trm.org).*

You can give children staying at the Mission opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have.

**Change the lives of vulnerable kids and change the future of our entire community!**

Give kids in need, like Will, critical tools that will help them in every aspect of their life — and it will help them break out of the cycle of homelessness.

**Please give today. Vulnerable children in our community need your help now.**

HELP. HOPE. HEALING.

## Thriving Against All Odds: Homeless in Middle School

**Will was tired of being homeless.** Not knowing when his family would have to move again.

He was tired of not having the same opportunities as other kids at school.

**At just 11 years old, Will didn't know how to deal with the anger he was feeling,** so he just bottled it up instead.

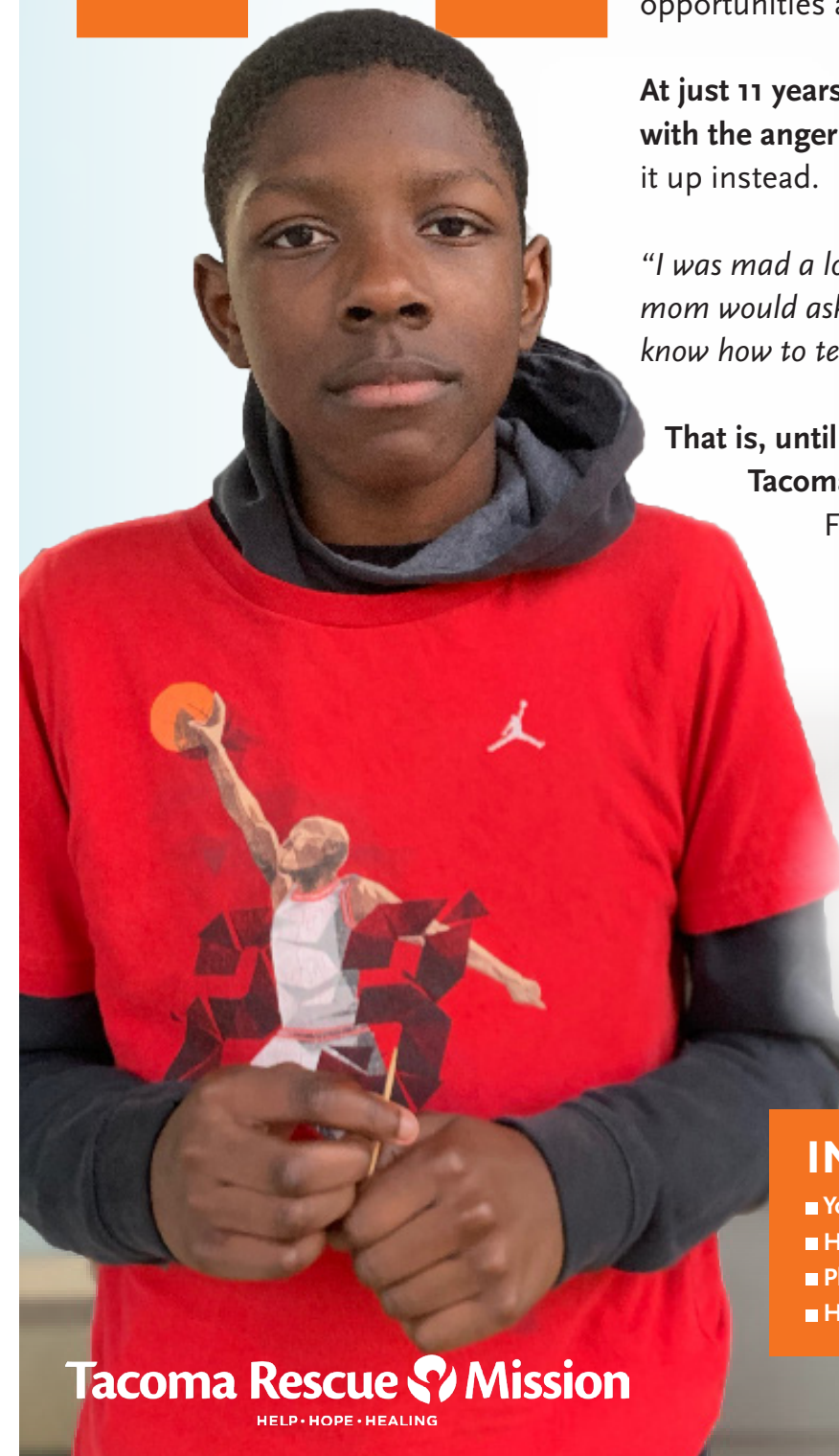
*"I was mad a lot," he shares. "I'd be mad, and my mom would ask what was wrong, but I wouldn't know how to tell her."*

**That is, until Will and his family moved to the Tacoma Rescue Mission's Tyler Street Family Campus.**

**Immediately, Will's life began to change . . .**

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*"It was exciting because I had somewhere to live. I knew I would be safe,"*  
— Will, age 11



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## Thriving Against All Odds: Homeless in Middle School

Finally, Will and his family had a stable place to live.

And Will was able to participate in the Mission's Youth Program where he could receive the vital help and tools he needed.

Over time, he saw how much the staff, mentors, tutors and supporters like you cared about him.

He began to open up, sharing his experiences and working through what he was feeling.

"It helps to have people I can talk to," Will explains. "I can share and get to understand other kid's stories. What got them here and where they are today. It's pretty cool."

Will's mother, Dominique is thankful for the change and growth she's seen in her son.

"This Youth Program has helped my son open up to me on an emotional level. Explaining to me how he feels and dealing with his anger."

"I've seen such an improvement in the way Will reacts to certain conflicts. I thank everyone at the Mission for helping me mold my son into a young man."

Will loves the opportunities he gets through the Youth Program, too.

"It's pretty fun because we all have our tough times. The Program is a time to just have fun and be kids. It made me explore new things and work hard every day to achieve my dreams."

And Will has some amazing dreams!

He wants to play basketball in the NBA. Before he does that, he plans to get a business degree so that he'll always have a steady job to fall back on.

If it weren't for friends like you, Will would still be plagued by anger, fear and struggling to recognize and communicate his emotions.

Will now has opportunities, mentorship and support — emotionally, academically, socially and physically.

All leading him towards a very bright future.

Your gift today will help vulnerable children like Will receive crucial one-on-one mentoring, tutoring and more.



## You Can Give Hope to Children

When you help children in need, you help entire families.

Your support gives life-changing opportunities to vulnerable kids in our community. And gives hope to parents as they see their children grow and thrive!

"The Youth Program has fun, safe activities for my daughter. It's a huge help to her and has greatly impacted our lives." — Maleina, Mission Guest

"This program is all my son talks about after school. His behavior at school has improved so much because of it." — Crystal, Mission Guest

## How the Youth Program is Changing Lives . . .

All kids need a strong foundation to flourish in the future. But, children experiencing homelessness often don't have that foundation.

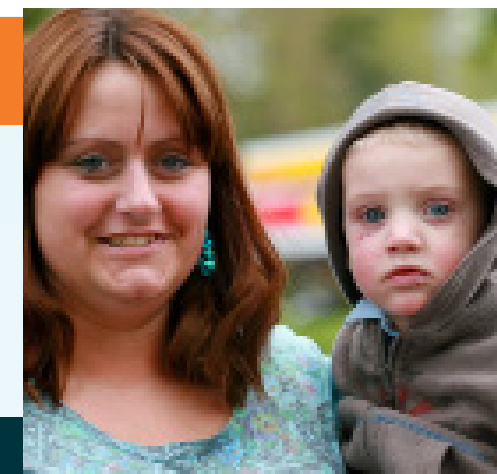
That's why your support of the Mission's Youth Program is so important.

You can help provide academic tutoring, one-on-one mentoring, plus daily activities and crucial summer programs. All helping to promote the emotional, academic, social and physical success of every child.

"This program is the only thing that keeps me busy throughout the week. I appreciate it so so much. It distracts me from the mess I'm in. If it discontinues, I don't know what I'll do." — Sage, Youth Program Participant

"Programming makes me feel less stressed about being in a shelter." — John\*, Youth Program Participant

\*Name changed to protect privacy



## Please Pray for Children in Need

Every boy and girl staying at the Mission needs your prayers. Especially for comfort and guidance.

Two children staying with us asked that you join them in prayer . . .



"Please pray that my parents will get better and stop stressing. That they will get a house and be happier. Please also pray that my anxiety goes away and that everyone staying at the Tacoma Rescue Mission succeeds in moving into a new home! Amen!" — Sage



"Please pray for life to be easier, my mom not to stress and for us to get a house." — Mira



### Verse of the month:

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." — Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)