



A Message from Duke

Hope in the Heartbreak

Time and again, women come to the Mission with heartbreaking stories.

Stories of being turned away when they tried to get help. Or having to use drugs just to stay awake all night to avoid being robbed, assaulted or worse. Even being forced to trade sex just for a place to stay.

All of these women are children of God. They are all someone's daughter. They all deserve to feel safe and have the opportunity to thrive.

Thanks to friends like you, women who had nowhere else to go now have a refuge. A place where they will be embraced at their darkest hour of need.

A safe shelter where hope can be renewed and lives can be restored.

My heartfelt thanks to you and our entire community for making this possible.

I look forward to how God will work through you to help save and change lives!

In Christ,

Duke Paulson
Executive Director



Your gift today will help provide a night of crucial shelter and a day of life-changing services for a woman in need.

Help Women Go From Surviving to Thriving!

The new women's shelter doors are open!

Women experiencing homelessness will have a refuge where they can escape the terrors of the streets.

But the building is just the start.

Each woman needs personalized care and resources to overcome obstacles and heal so she can step into a new life.

You can make that possible.

Help save & change lives today. Give now at trm.org

Will you give a gift today to provide the services that will help transform a woman's life?

Every \$19.91 you give will provide a night of safe shelter AND vital care for one woman.

Care and life-changing resources include employment and education assistance, counseling, recovery programs and more.

Please give now to help a woman go from surviving to thriving. Every gift matters!

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TACOMA RESCUE MISSION

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

The entire staff of The Tacoma Rescue Mission pledges to do everything possible to help the hurting and homeless. It was our commitment when our work began in 1912, and it continues to drive us. We pledge to bring help, hope, and healing to as many people as possible by providing food, shelter, clothing, education, job training, work opportunities, transitional housing, and other programs.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TACOMA RESCUE MISSION | JUNE 2020

Alone and Afraid with Nowhere to Go.

Imagine having to fend for yourself out on the streets at 13 years old. Having nowhere to turn. Being seen as prey.

Each day desperate to find food and some way to keep yourself clean. Every night frantically searching for a safe place to go.

Scared, vulnerable and alone.

That was Christina's reality. After being abused in foster care, she ran away and ended up experiencing homelessness.

For years, **she was merely surviving. Just trying to avoid being attacked, raped or worse.**

Even when she could find somewhere to stay, it usually came with a price.

"The hardest thing was finding somewhere to stay without having to demean myself," Christina explains.

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"A lot of the time I went hungry. I got beat up a few times. Women are looked at as very vulnerable out there."
— Christina

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Alone and Afraid with Nowhere to Go.

Christina turned to using drugs just to cope and stay alert to the constant dangers.

She struggled to find food and a safe place to stay. She had to endure constant hardships and was even sexaully assaulted at gun point.

After years of pain and trauma, Christina found the Tacoma Rescue Mission and was accepted into our New Life Recovery Program.

At the Mission, she was able to overcome her addiction and begin rebuilding her life.

Christina is now a proud graduate of our recovery program, has a relationship with Jesus and serves as a Sunday school teacher!

She’s grateful to God and friends like you for making her new life possible.

“I’m a Sunday school teacher now,” Christina proudly shares. “I never in my life could have pictured myself being that.”

But she knows there are many more women like her still struggling to survive on the streets.

“Women are going against their morals just to survive. Women are OD-ing on a daily basis because they have nowhere to go,” Christina shares.

“These women need protection. They need a place to feel safe so that they can find themselves again. They don’t even know who they are anymore.”

Christina understands that deep suffering. And knows she could have avoided it if only there had been a safe place to go

“A shelter would have saved me from getting beat up so many times. I wouldn’t have been hungry. I wouldn’t have been roaming around just to stay warm and safe,” she emotionally shares.

Now, thanks to generous friends like you, vulnerable women have a refuge to escape the streets and rebuild their lives.

Christina knows the difference it will make for women experiencing homelessness because she lived it.

“I know that this shelter will save lives. I really do know that,” she shares.

Your continued support will help women receive essential care and vital resources that empower them to step into a better future.

Help women go from merely surviving to thriving!

Each \$19.91 you give provides a night of safe shelter and a day of vital care for a woman who's desperate to escape the streets.



The New Women's Shelter is Open!

**Thank You for Making this Refuge
a Reality for Women in Need!**

Because of friends like you, vulnerable women in our community have a safe place to go to escape the dangers of the streets.

It's a place for restoration and transformation.

A refuge where - with your continued support - women can get nourishing meals, a warm bed and begin to rebuild their lives.

**With our doors open, women like Christina,
Jennifer & Rachelle have somewhere to turn . . .**



“I’m homeless in Tacoma. It’s really important that this women’s shelter is open. Females like me can get off the streets and don’t have to worry about getting raped or killed.” — Jennifer

“The women’s shelter allows women to have a place to be. There’s a bare minimum of shelters in the area. It gives me a place to be stable, get employment and get my kids back.” — Rachelle

When you gift a gift, you'll help provide essential care and life-changing resources to help vulnerable women overcome challenges and step into a new life. Resources include:



Meals



Employment &
Education Assitance



Faith
Formation



Veteran's
Resources



Mental Health
Counseling



Addiction
Recovery



Verse of the month:

*“You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.”
— Psalm 91:5 (NIV)*

**The building is just the start . . .
Your gift helps restore & transform lives!**

Tacoma Rescue Mission's
HOPEGIVERS
VIRTUAL EVENT

Due to COVID-19, we gathered virtually for our annual HopeGivers fundraiser the week of June 1 - June 5.

Community members like you took a stand for vulnerable women. Helping to provide a safe refuge for them.

A special thank you to our event sponsors listed below and two who chose to remain anonymous.

- Ueland Foundation
- Gilliardi Logging & Construction
- Harbor Christian Center
- The Biella Foundation

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Thank you for helping change lives for years to come.

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trm.org/HopeGivers

- Listen to:
- Powerful testimonies
 - Important updates
 - Special messages
 - Jason Gray concert

All about the new women's shelter.

