



A Message from Duke

Everyone's Struggle is Different

Compassionate friends like you understand that there's no "one size fits all" solution to hunger, homelessness or addiction. That's why I'm so grateful for your partnership.

Thanks to community members like you, men, women and children who seek help at the Mission will receive the crucial meals, safe shelter and personalized care they need.

Personalized care that addresses each individual's unique struggles and barriers. Equipping and empowering each person to overcome them and rebuild their lives.

With our community continuing to change in light of the pandemic, we're seeing our neighbors facing new and different barriers.

And it's because of partners like you, that we can adapt to those changes and continue serving the most impoverished members of our community.

Thank you for making a difference!

In Christ,

Duke Paulson
Executive Director



Your gift today will help some in dire need heal and rebuild their shattered life. Each \$19.91 you give will provide a day of shelter, meals and crucial care for one individual.

You Can Help Heal Broken Spirits and Rebuild Lives

Life can fall apart due to things outside of our control. Having someone there to help pick up the pieces when it does makes all the difference. It can save a life!

You can be there for your hurting neighbors in their darkest hour of need.

Your gift today will help someone get the help they so desperately need.

Each \$19.91 you give right now will provide a day of crucial meals, vital shelter and personalized care for one individual.

A person suffering on the streets right now needs your help. They're scared. Hungry. Struggling with hopelessness. At the end of their rope.

Your gift will show them that someone cares. And help them overcome barriers so they can begin to rebuild their life.

Each dollar you give will make a difference.

Will you help and bless someone in desperate need today by rushing a gift?

Help restore and rebuild lives at trm.org!

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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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Rescued from the Brink of Suicide

As a teenager, Jackson was bullied constantly at school. Unfortunately, he didn't get the support he needed.

Soon his grades began to suffer and he eventually failed out of high school.

But Jackson was still hopeful. He decided to enlist in the military — something his father had always dreamt his son would do.

But when he went to join, he was rejected. A childhood cancer diagnosis and surgery to remove it at age five made him ineligible.

Again, Jackson felt defeated, discouraged and deeply ashamed.

"I didn't get my high school diploma. Then I couldn't get into the military. The only other shot I had, I couldn't even do," he remembers.

Confused and depressed, he had no idea of what he should, or even could, do next . . .

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I've been experiencing homelessness on and off since I was 18.

— Jackson

** Name and photo changed to protect guest privacy*

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... Jackson managed to find a job and a shared apartment. It was a new start!

But one day Jackson came home to discover all his belongings and his roommate were gone. To make matters even worse, he was left with the entire rent bill!

Again, defeat and shame crept into his thoughts. He felt utterly alone. Not knowing who to turn to. Believing no one cared.

Jackson ended up living on the streets, battling deep depression.

"I didn't want to be homeless. I didn't even want to live." Jackson shares. "I cried all the time. I was so scared."

After struggling for years with his mental health and homelessness, he slowly started to rebuild his life.

He met a wonderful woman and got married. They had three beautiful children and lived in an apartment. Life was good!

Then, without warning, the landlord decided she wanted them out. They'd been paying their rent. They hadn't done anything wrong.

Jackson made sure his family had somewhere to stay. But there wasn't room for him. Not knowing where to get help for himself, he ended up on the streets again.

That's when he found the Mission. Here, he finally got the personalized care and crucial resources he needed to get back on his feet.

Because of the support of friends like you, Jackson is building a better life.

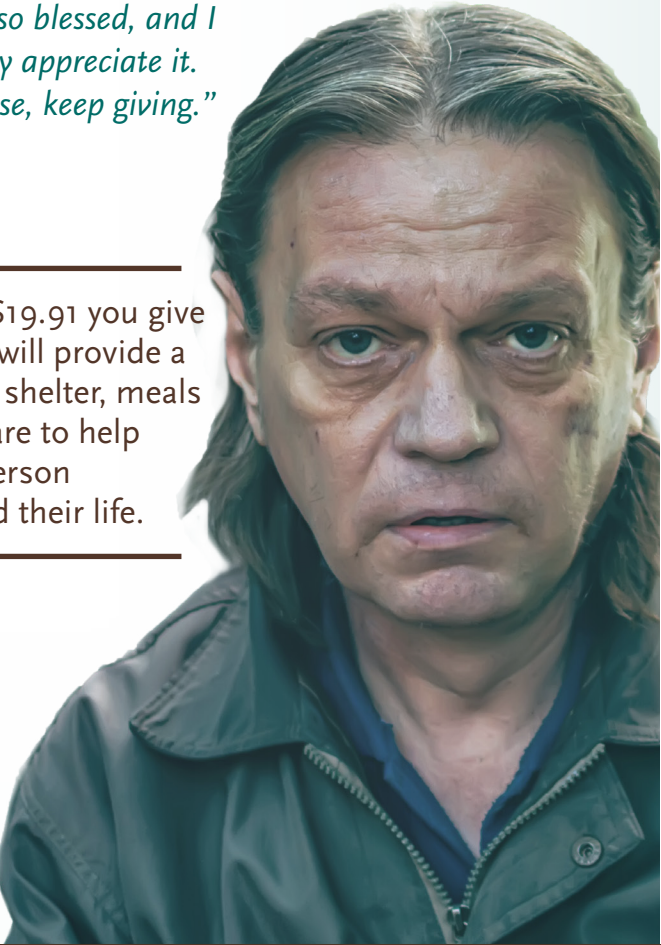
Today, he's completed his GED, has a stable job and has even helped other Mission guests find work.

He and his family are living in an apartment on one of the Mission's campuses. Housing that Jackson secured through our permanent supportive housing program.

After so much hardship and trauma, Jackson is grateful to have a life that he's proud of.

He couldn't have done it without the generosity of supporters like you.

"Thank you is an understatement," he says, struggling to share the depth of his emotions. "I can't even find the right words. I'm so blessed, and I really appreciate it. Please, keep giving."



Each \$19.91 you give today will provide a day of shelter, meals and care to help one person rebuild their life.

You're Helping to Restore and Transform Lives.

Thank you! You are helping individuals and families overcome the hardships that led to their homelessness and the trauma from life on the streets! Most importantly, you are helping your neighbors discover the restorative love of God! Neighbors like Michelle* ...



Michelle's parents struggled with addiction throughout her childhood. At seven years old, she entered the foster system. Only to be placed with a foster mom who was also an addict.

By 15, Michelle was facing her own battle with addiction and ended up on the streets.

She came to the Mission hungry, desperate for a meal. Longing for real love and healing. After her first meal, Michelle received shelter, case management and was able to get into our New Life Recovery Program.

Today Michelle is sober, has been reunited with her children and knows God's unending love for her.

"What most other recovery programs didn't offer was God. He is what I needed. I really think if I had not gotten into this program, I would be dead right now," she shares.

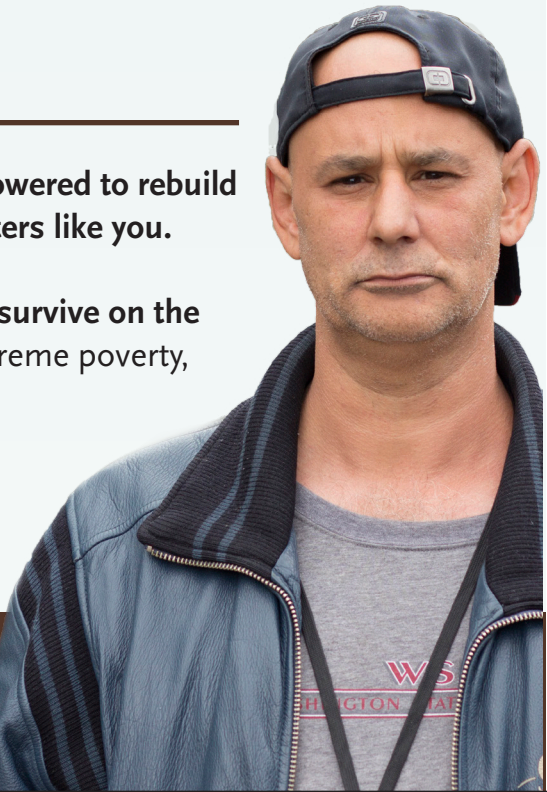
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... our vulnerable neighbors are being equipped and empowered to rebuild their lives. And it's only possible because of caring supporters like you.

But, there are still men, women and children struggling to survive on the streets. Individuals who are feeling broken from abuse, extreme poverty, childhood trauma or when life simply fell apart.

Your gift today can help change that!

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Each \$19.91 you give will provide a full day of shelter, meals and care for a neighbor in need

Please Pray

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Please join us in thanksgiving for the lives that have been changed at the Mission and to lift up in prayer ...



... Jackson and his family as they continue to heal and work toward more stability and finding permanent housing outside of the Mission.



... our hungry and hurting neighbors, that they feel God's love in each meal at the Mission and that it sparks hope and courage to help them begin rebuilding their life.



... individuals and families struggling to survive on the streets. May God guide them to life-changing resources you make possible at the Mission so they can step into a new life.



... guests, volunteers and staff at the Mission as we continue to serve our most vulnerable neighbors in the midst of the pandemic. For health and safety for all.

Let us know how we can pray for you!

Email info@trm.org with your prayer requests.

Verse of the month:

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." — John 16:33b (NIV)