



A Message from Duke . . .

Lasting Change Takes Time

You and I both want the same things. We want our hurting neighbors to escape homelessness, find lasting stability and continue in healthy patterns so that they can thrive in all areas of life.

That's why, at the Mission, we have a variety of ministries and programs that are set up to equip and empower the whole person to be successful. Allowing us to walk with someone until they are in a place where they can stand by themselves. It's a journey towards stability. And our Career Development and Education Services are a big part of that.

But, of course, all of that takes time. That's why the ongoing support of friends like you makes such a difference. Because of your generosity, we're able to personalize the support each individual receives. Giving them access to the specific tools and resources that will allow them to step into lasting change and a better future.

In Christ,

Duke Paulson, Executive Director

Help Create a Pathway to Long-Term Stability

Because of generous friends like you, individuals and families are escaping homelessness, rebuilding their lives AND stepping into lasting stability. But, many more still need your help!

Your support today will provide the vital care, resources, and steps to success that our hurting neighbors need to truly thrive. See how you can provide a pathway to long-term change . . .



Individuals and families in dire need come to the Mission seeking help.



Guests move into a place of wellness, sustainability and long-term success!



The most urgent and critical needs, like food and shelter, are met.



Personalized care and resources are provided to address needs and barriers.



Your gift of any amount will help provide vital job training, one-on-one mentorship, résumé building, and more!

Help Someone Who's Homeless & Hurting Find Lasting Stability!

Before coming to the Mission, pain and trauma were constants in Holly's life.

But, **thanks to friends like you, now Holly's whole life is restored!**

She has a relationship with Jesus. She has a great job she enjoys. She has stable housing for her and her son. She's truly thriving!

Sadly, others in our community are still trapped in homelessness without the tools and care they need to escape.

You can help change their lives, too, by giving a gift today!

Your gift will help someone in need find a job that fits with their God-given talents. A job that is life-giving – so that they can become self-sufficient members of our community.

Give now to help people escape the dangerous streets and step into a better, brighter future.

Please give as generously as you can.

Your gift today can make a lasting difference! Give now 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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Out of Hope, Out of Options, Out of Time

Instability plagued Holly's entire life before she came to the Mission. Instability brought on by trauma. Heartbreaking trauma.

When she was just 3 years old, Holly's family was kidnapped. Her and her two sister were held hostage. Their mother was left for dead. By God's grace, a state patrol officer found and saved them.

After escaping with her life, Holly still faced physical abuse throughout her childhood.

The final straw for her came when she was 7 years old. **Holly learned that the man she knew as her birth father, wasn't related to her at all.**

It felt like a betrayal. She didn't know what to believe or who to trust.

The pain of her life was overwhelming. Eventually, she turned to drugs to cope.

Years later, Holly met her husband and they had a son. One night, some men broke in to their house. They wanted to kill Holly and the baby while her husband watched. But, he . . .

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***"Without the Mission, I'd still be struggling. I wouldn't have hope. I wouldn't have opportunities. I definitely wouldn't have housing. I wouldn't be able to take the steps to better my life and my child's."** – Holly*

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... stood in the way. **Holly's husband was shot and killed right in front of her.**

"He's our hero. He took a bullet for us," Holly says, her voice full of grief.

Holly was traumatized and devastated. **She drowned herself in drugs to escape the pain.**

"The more drugs I did, the more I didn't have to feel," she shares.

Eventually, Holly met someone new.

She and her son moved in with him. But, he quickly showed his true colors when he became violent.

Holly fled her abusive boyfriend. Ending up homeless. Still battling addiction.

She had already lost everything and was about to lose her son for good, too.

Holly knew she had to make a change.

Thankfully, a friend of Holly's connected her with the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

In our New Life Recovery Program, Holly was able to step into a future she never could have imagined for herself.

She was able to overcome addiction, restore her faith in Christ, and become a better mom.

Through our Career Development Services, she got the tools she needed to get a job.

"The staff here helped me write my résumé and look for resources online. They pointed me in the right direction, and took me step-by-step through what I needed to do to get the job I wanted," she shares. *"It was extremely helpful."*

Now, Holly has a job helping others who are struggling with addiction. She and her son have even moved into a place of their own.

Holly is currently planning to go back to school for counseling. To further help those in need throughout our community.

"I'm so grateful that I have a life that I can be proud of," she shares passionately. *"If it wasn't for people who support the Mission, I wouldn't have had the chance to thrive, to be a better mom, sister, or daughter."*

Will you give a gift today to help someone else in need step into a brighter future?

Your gift of any amount will help provide vital job training, one-on-one mentorship, and more to someone who's desperate for a new life!



Support That Changes Lives Personalized Career Development and Education

When men and women come to the Mission, they each have different needs to get them on a path to long-term success. Some of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, like Holly, don't know how to navigate the job market or build a résumé. Others may have never learned how to use a computer, open a bank account or budget their finances.

Our Career Development and Education Services meet individuals' specific needs. Providing vital life- and job-skills training to help them become self-sustainable and truly thrive.

"Our services are designed to come alongside each participant in a personalized and relational way." Maye, our Career Development Manager explains. *"That way we can help them find a path to success that's best for the individual. Helping them to put the pieces of their life back together and continue to be successful long after they leave the Mission."*

Two of our foundational classes are Tech Savvy and Money Sense:



Tech Savvy

In our Tech Savvy classes, guests learn how to utilize technology for the day-to-day. Like online banking and bill pay, finding local resources, job searching, and more. The class also focuses on preparing for virtual interviews and work settings. We also address the safe and effective use of tech. Including how it can affect your health and wellbeing.

Money Sense

In our Money Sense classes, men and women learn financial literacy tools that are vital to their long-term stability. Like how to create a budget and why it's important. Guests also learn how to strategically save their money to achieve their goals or build a retirement nest egg, how to understand taxes, improve credit scores, and more.



Finding the Right Job Spotlight on the Mission's Career Fairs

Increasing income is a great first step to overcoming homelessness. But, if a job isn't a good fit for someone, they often aren't able to thrive in that work environment long-term.

That's why our Career Development and Education Department partners with local businesses and staffing agencies. Helping people, like Holly, not just find a job, but the right job through resources like the Mission's Career Fairs, which occur regularly.

The Mission's Career Fairs are open to anyone staying at the Mission. Guests can meet potential employers, hear about job opportunities, get résumé writing help, fill out job applications, and more. Employers can even interview qualified guests on-the-spot!

One of the local employers who often participates is Valeo, a non-profit staffing agency. The CEO, Sherri, actually came to the Tacoma Rescue Mission years ago for help.

After overcoming homelessness and addiction herself, she decided to start her own staffing agency to help others in need find long-term stability.

Like all of the local employers who participate in our Career Fairs, Valeo shares a deep passion for helping people succeed.

"Change isn't going to happen if no one's willing to actually help and make the change," Brenna, a Valeo representative, shares. *"We're honored to partner with the Mission as an employer who's willing to put in the effort to make a real change."*



Are You Hiring?

You can help change lives and our community by participating in the Mission's Career Fairs.

If you're a local business owner or employer and are interested in joining us, we'd love to talk!

For more info, email Maye Kaur at MayeK@trm.org or call 253-383-4493.

Verse of the Month

"Love your neighbor as yourself." – Luke 10:27b (NIV)

Your gift will provide personalized training and development so that each person has the best opportunity to escape homelessness and thrive!