

A Message from Duke . . .

At Easter, We Get to Double Down

At the Mission, Easter is on of the most significant holiday of the entire year because it's when we get to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, the forgiveness of sin and His invitation to new life.

That message is close to the heart of everything we do here all year round, but because Easter is all about the Gospel and new life, it gives us an even greater opportunity to share God's grace, love and hope with our hurting neighbors. And they need it, just like we all do.

As we begin climbing out of the cold, wet, dark winter, many of our neighbors experiencing homelessness feel very little hope. The timing of Easter's arrival at the end of this dark season lets the light of Christ shine that much brighter.

I love the opportunity of sharing the hope we have in Jesus at Easter. It's like we get to double down with even more purpose in what we're doing, and we can't do it without you. I hope you'll help! Your support can help other neighbors, like Jim, find true hope.

In Christ,

Duke Paulson
Executive Director

Leave a Legacy of Love

As you make your long-term estate plans and consider the legacy you want to leave, **we invite you to consider naming the Tacoma Rescue Mission in your will.**

As a supporter of the Mission, we know you care about offering God's help, hope and healing to our hurting neighbors.

By leaving an estate gift to the Mission you'll leave a legacy of lives transformed by a caring community founded in the love of Jesus.

For more information on legacy giving, contact Myron at myronb@trm.org or 253-592-6810.



Every \$2.38 Easter meal you give can help open someone else's eyes to the love of God and the possibility of new life!

Give Life-Changing Easter Meals!

Before he came to the Mission, Jim was stuck in a cycle of pain, addiction and running away from the trauma he experienced. The impact of sin in his life was overwhelming. He'd heard about Jesus, but he just didn't get it.

"I just couldn't get what was so important about Jesus and why Jesus was necessary," Jim shares.

But the love and generosity of friends like you helped him open his eyes and his heart.

"I opened my heart enough to understand Jesus' sacrifice," he says.

That understanding - and the support of friends like you - gave Jim the hope and the power to change his life.

This Easter, you can offer hope to someone else!

Every \$2.38 Easter meal you give:

- Provides a vital, life-saving meal
- Shares God's never-ending hope
- Helps someone who is hurting, hungry and homeless step into a new life and future

To help in time for Easter, please respond by April 13. Give now at trm.org/Easter!

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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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Easter is all about New Life!

"I think this will be the first Easter I really understand why Jesus is necessary for hope and a new life," Jim says as he looks ahead to this coming Easter.

It's taken 68 years and the support of friends like you to get him to this place.

Jim's life was full of fear, addiction, pain and abuse. His parents' lives had always been that way, too.

"My mom's dad was a drunk," he says. "My dad had no chance either."

Both of Jim's parents continued the pattern of trauma that was set by their parents. So Jim, too, grew up in a violent and abusive home, where alcohol flowed as freely as drinking water.

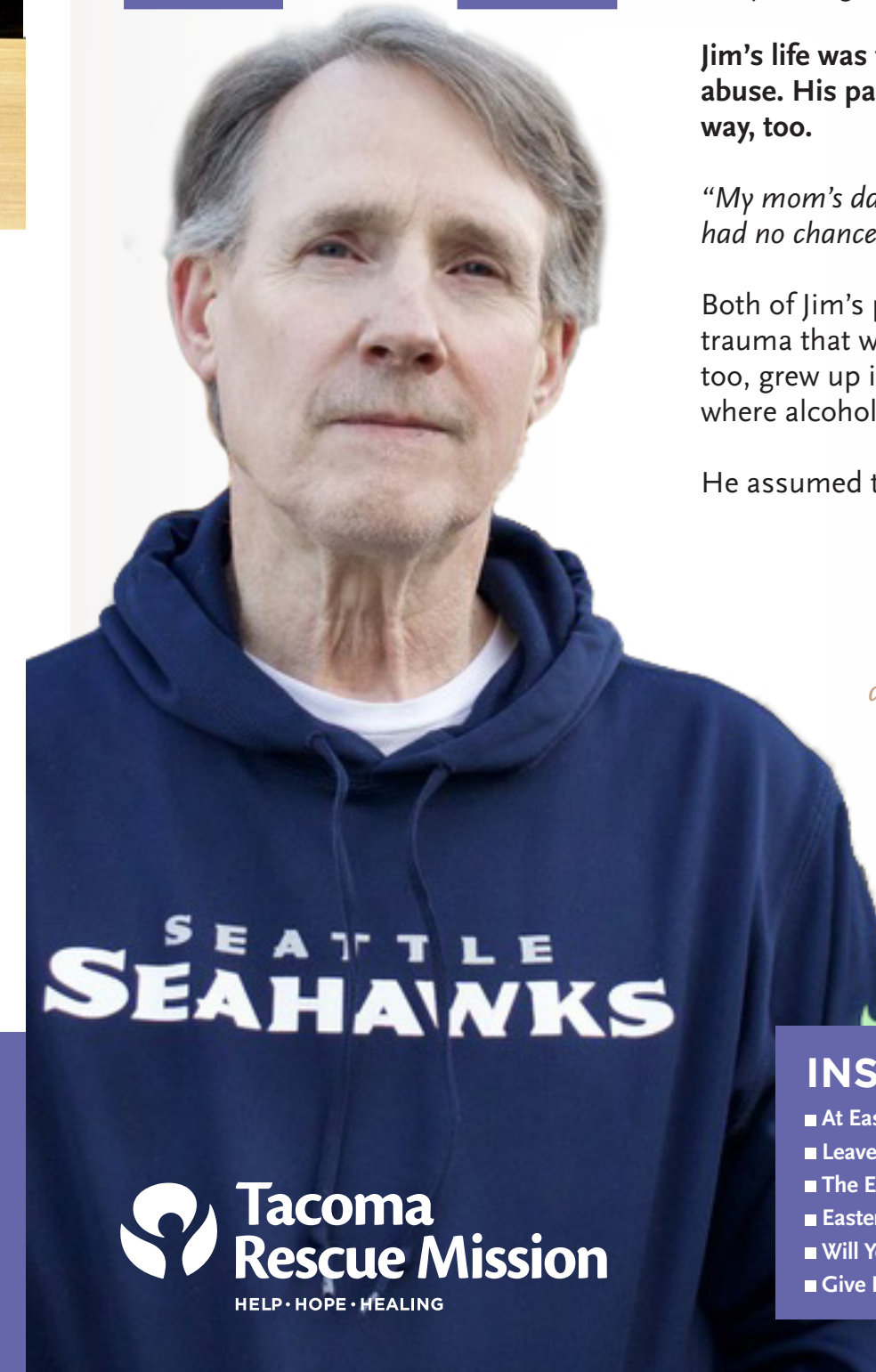
He assumed that life would always . . .

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"Without the New Life Program and without the Mission - if people didn't have an avenue for hearing about a different way of life there would be more people dying on the streets." – Jim

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... be full of pain. The only way out was to run. So, he ran – to gambling, to addiction – to anything that gave him a bit of relief, no matter how brief.

“Trauma leads to fear, fear leads to running. And running kept me going back to my addictions,” Jim says sadly.

Jim was trapped in this cycle, experiencing homelessness off and on for decades. Then he came to the Mission for a meal.

Returning to our dining hall for more meals provided by people like you helped Jim experience real love.

He joined the New Life Recovery Program where he met Jesus and began a new life.

“Seriously, up until the last couple years, I didn’t really know who Jesus was. Then I did Bible studies, I listened to Pastor Powell in the program and I found out. Jesus’ sacrifice means that I can change,” Jim shares.

“The only thing change meant to me was you grew your hair, you got fatter. That was change. But I’ve learned real change is when you overcome yourself,” Jim reflects.

“That’s the hardest job there is, because if you’ve gone through traumas and addictions, you’ve gone through hell. To not stay stuck in that rut, you have to do something different. And the New Life Program gives us that opportunity.”

Each \$2.38 feeds one person!



Jim at the entrance to his new home!

Jim’s not only seen his own life transformed, he’s seen countless other people impacted through the meals, shelter and programs provided by friends like you.

“One of the reasons consistent meals are important is so that the people that need meals know where to go,” Jim shares. “Then they can come to the Mission and hopefully ask questions like, ‘How can I get off the streets?’ It can’t get better than that.”

“If donors didn’t give, then the Tacoma Rescue Mission wouldn’t be here. They wouldn’t be able to give people meals and hear that there’s a better way,” Jim continues gratefully.

“The Mission is always planting seeds that there is a better way to live and you never know which way a person will go once the seed is planted,” Jim shares.

“You never know how many lives will be changed by your support.”

The Easter Bunny is a Volunteer!

For several years now, Jeannine and her family have helped make Easter special for kids staying at the Mission. Her children help run the Easter Egg Hunt and her husband dresses up as the Easter Bunny.

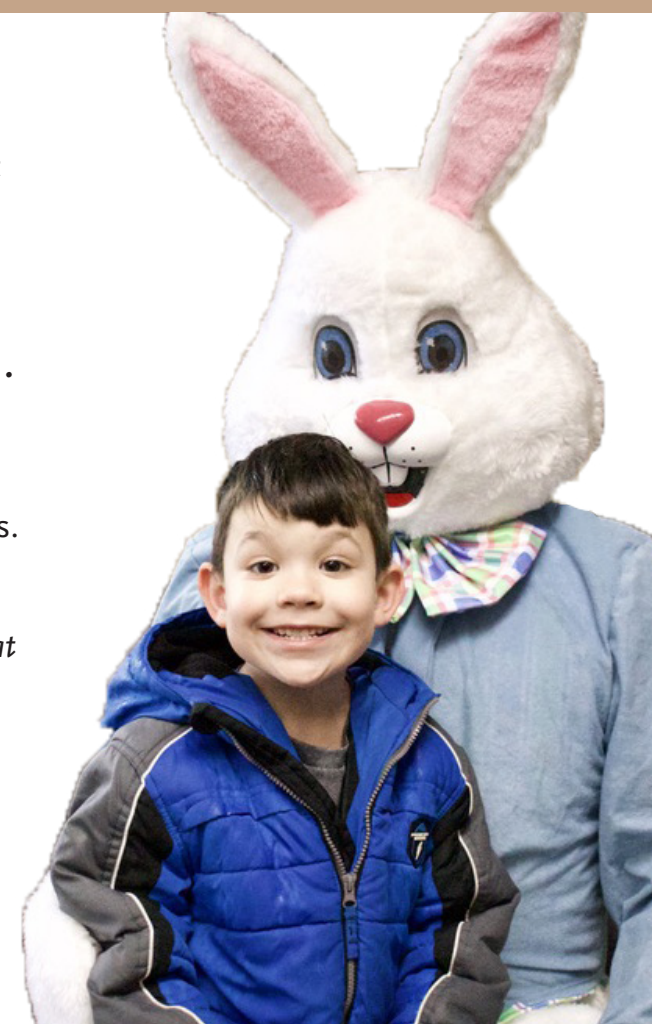
“You want these children to have the normal, fun activities that my kids look forward to every year,” Jeannine shares. “I feel like there’s a responsibility. . . If you have something to give, you should share it with people that don’t have it in that moment.”

Jeannine first came to the Mission because of meals. But it wasn’t to eat them – it was to serve them!

“It started with me volunteering at the main campus at lunchtime, once or twice a month,” she explains.

The experience was so profound for her that she decided she wanted to get her family involved.

“I want my children to learn hands-on ways of helping other people,” Jeannine explains. “I started looking for other opportunities that we could do as a family, and that kind of led us over to the Tyler Family Campus.”



Easter fun with a visit from a special volunteer!



“Anytime we can just let kids be kids is important. It’s a chance to bless them in a difficult time. We want to celebrate with kids every way we can,” Duke says, “Volunteers are a big part of that.”

If you have time to give, we’d love to invite you to serve neighbors in need – as an individual or a family! We need volunteers for Easter as well as activities and events throughout the year.

You can learn more about volunteering and sign up at: trm.org/volunteer

Easter at the Mission

Easter is a special time at the Mission.

- We have games, crafts and egg-hunts for children and families.
- We share the Gospel message with everyone who would like to hear it.
- We serve a holiday meal.
- We have a variety of other activities leading up to Easter that help our guests understand what the holiday is really about.

Even the kids get involved with art projects celebrating Easter.

In fact, several of our children made such beautiful artwork, we just had to share with you!

Siblings Milliza, age 10, and Leviticus, age 13, with Easter art!



Will You Pray with Us?

Your prayers make a true impact for the men, women and children we serve! Please join us in praying for:

- Safety for those on the streets
- New relationships that inspire hope
- A smooth transition during our kitchen renovation
- Perseverance for Tacoma Rescue Mission staff
- Wisdom for community leaders making decisions that impact our neighbors experiencing homelessness

You can join our prayer team and receive regular updates on prayer needs by emailing prayer@trm.org



Verse of the Month

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17