



A Message from Duke . . .

Gratitude is the Trigger

When people come to the Mission and receive the gift of a new life, it's so freeing, liberating and joyful. They just can't keep it to themselves!

I felt the same way when I first really understood the Gospel. The moment that I understood that Christ died for me and is offering forgiveness and a transformed life, I didn't want to keep that good news to myself. I just had to share it! Maybe you've felt that, too?

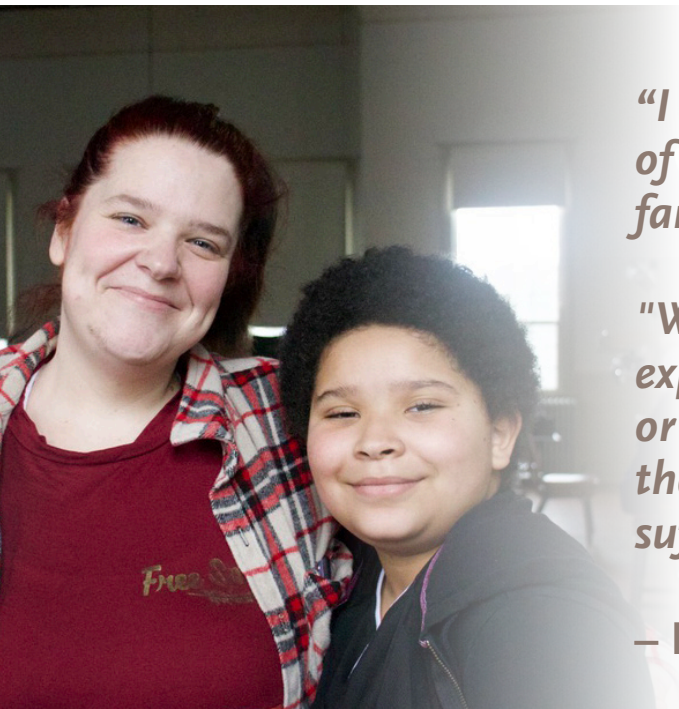
A similar thing happens to people when they experience healing at the Mission. Once friends like you help our neighbors in need escape the darkness and despair they've been trapped in, they can't help but share it.

They get to a place of saying, *"Wow. I'm no longer trapped in my addiction. I'm financially stable, living in my own place, and have great relationships. It's possible. I want others to have this feeling!"*

Gratitude is the trigger. It's the stone that starts all the ripples.

In Christ,

Duke Paulson
Executive Director



"I think one of the most rewarding parts of this ministry is the restoration of families that extends beyond our doors."

"When one person is saved from experiencing homelessness, addiction or other challenges, the family around them that has struggled watching them suffer is also freed."

— Duke



Each \$19.91 you give today provides meals, shelter and a day of care for one person.

Widespread Transformation Starts With Just One Person. Will it be You?

Cliff has a message for you:

"Giving is powerful. When people donate to the Mission, somebody has shoes to wear. A woman who had no coat is wearing a jacket with pride."

Cliff continues, *"That could be the start of her coming off the streets, applying for a job, finding a place to live, and seeing her kids again. Now, her kids lives are changed. All that transformation because someone donated."*

When you change the life of one person, you never just help that one person. You start a ripple effect that touches the lives of everyone they meet.

That means each \$19.91 you give today could impact more people than you will ever know.

What an amazing opportunity to share God's love in such profound ways with our community!

Please give as generously as you can. Every dollar makes a difference!

Transformed people, transform people. You can give at trm.org to start a new ripple effect today!

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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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Saving One Life Could Save Five More

Cliff grew up on the streets and as a teenager he got caught in the cycle of addiction that was started by his parents.

"My mom and dad, they were from the streets. They did drugs, prostitution, you name it. That's all I'd ever known," he says.

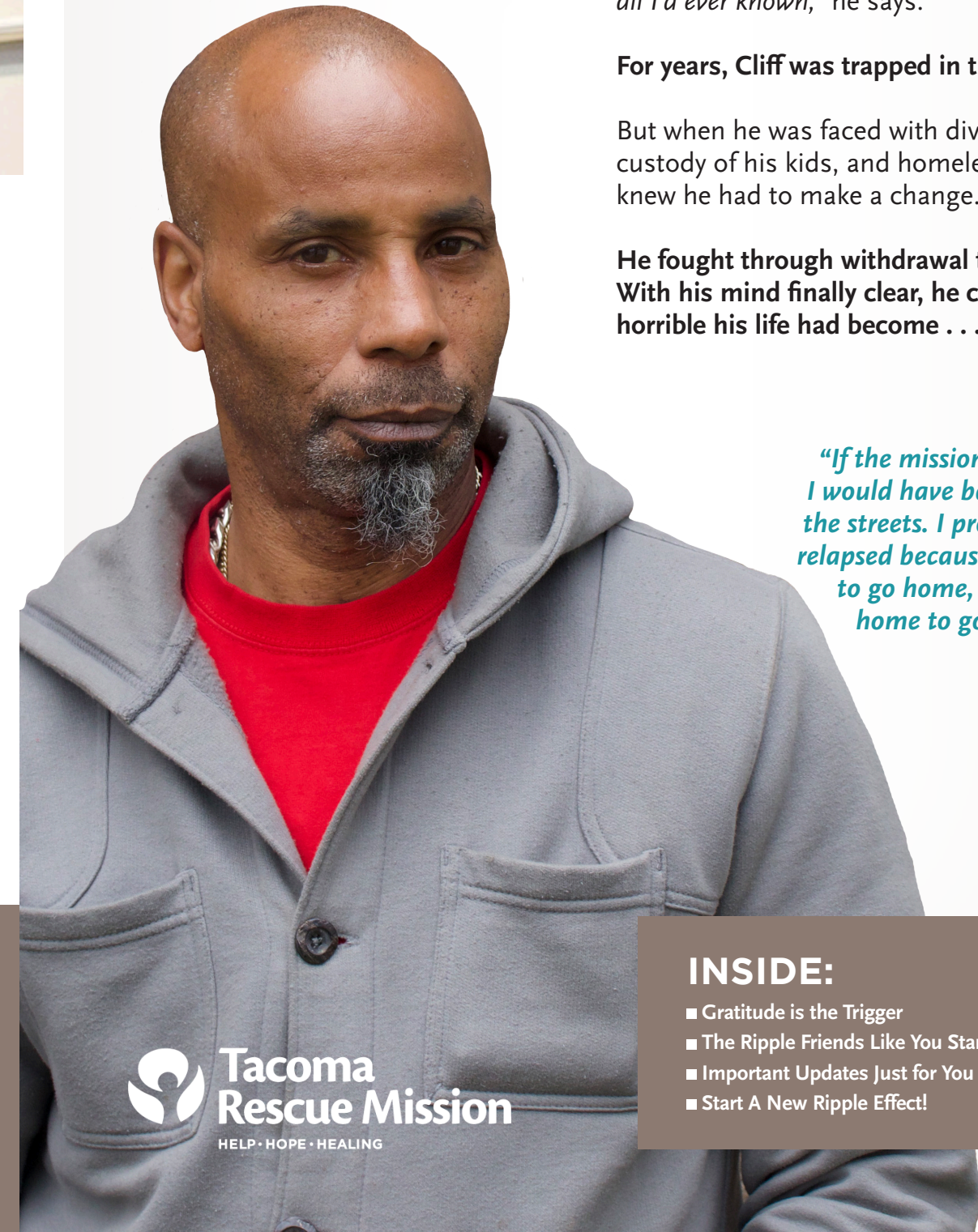
For years, Cliff was trapped in that cycle, too.

But when he was faced with divorce, losing custody of his kids, and homelessness, Cliff knew he had to make a change.

He fought through withdrawal to get sober. With his mind finally clear, he could see how horrible his life had become . . .

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"If the mission was not here, I would have been back out on the streets. I probably would've relapsed because when I wanted to go home, there was no home to go to." – Cliff



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Saving One Life Could Save Five More

“One of the most horrific experiences in my life was being sober and homeless,” Cliff explains. “That was scary because everybody else, they found a mechanism to numb the pain.”

But Cliff was determined to keep moving forward. In an act of complete desperation, he came to the Mission.

“I said, ‘Man, let me go see if I can just get a bed and take a shower,’” he remembers.

Thanks to the generosity of friends like you, Cliff not only got a bed and a shower, but he also got hot meals, wise counsel and loving support that pointed him to Jesus and gave him hope to keep moving in the right direction.

“If the Mission was not here, I'd have been back out on the street corner because my hope was going out the window. . . The Mission allowed me to get focused.”

It only took five days and Cliff found a place to live. He moved out and thought that was the end of his time at the Mission. But God had other plans.

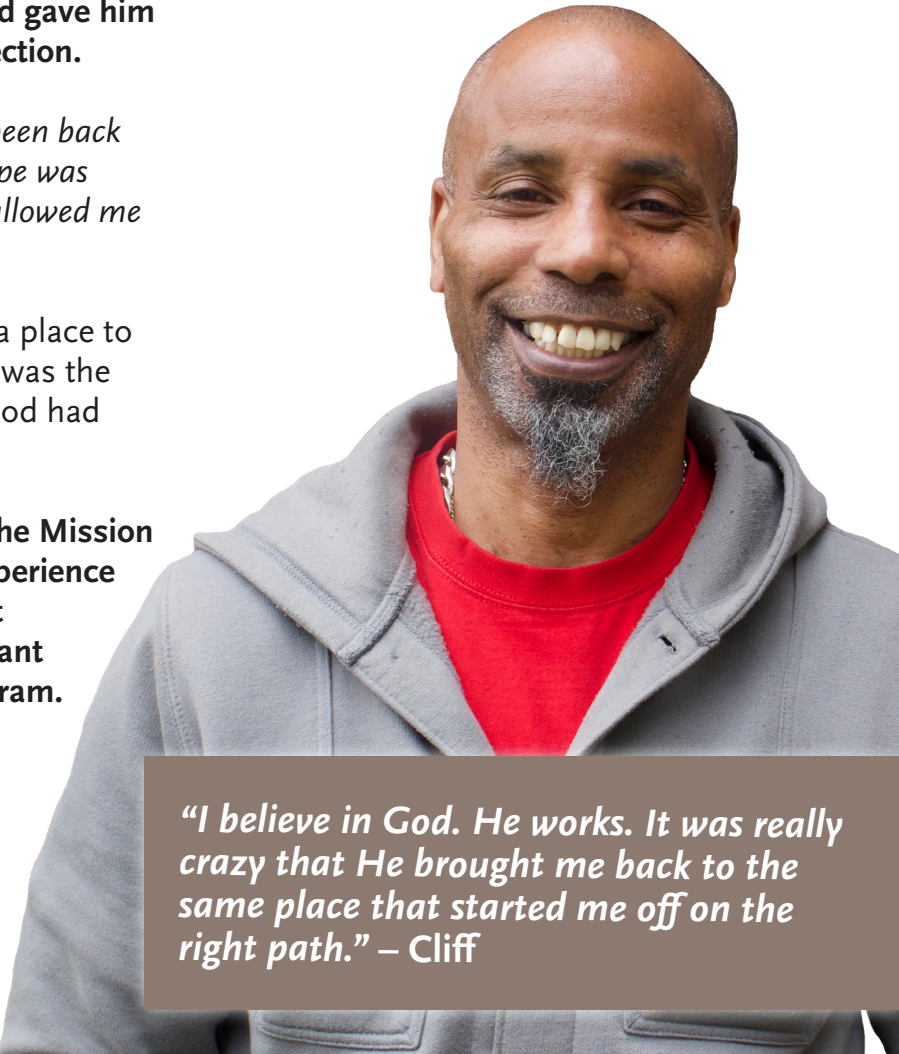
A few years later, Cliff came back to the Mission because he wanted to help others experience the same help, hope and healing that changed his life. Now he's the Assistant Manager of the Men's New Life Program.

“I came from sleeping on the mats downstairs to working in this office upstairs. I get to go help other people now. It's my dream. This is my dream job,” he says gratefully.

“To save one life is to save five more,” Cliff says. Each life changed has a ripple effect that impacts many more!

“God worked on me so good, so fast, put me in the right place, at the right time. God redeemed me. Not only am I helping the guys in the program, but when my grandson needed a place to go I could step in and help . . . It's changed the hearts of my kids toward me. Now I can be the example for them.”

Every time you offer transformation to a neighbor who is hurting, like Cliff, you empower that person to help others!



“I believe in God. He works. It was really crazy that He brought me back to the same place that started me off on the right path.” – Cliff

The Ripple Friends Like You Started Hasn't Stopped

Cliff says, *“To save one life is to save five more.”* But already God has used him to save way more than that! It all started right here.



There's no way to know how many people you'll help by giving one more \$19.91 day of care!

Important Updates Just for You

The Men's New Life Program that Cliff helps manage isn't the only place big changes are happening! We've also got a lot of other exciting things happening at the Mission, including:



Over \$150,000 Raised at our HopeGivers Fundraiser!
Together with our generous sponsors and compassionate friends like you, we were able to fly past our fundraising goal of \$125,000. These funds will go directly to expanding the depth and breadth of the life-changing services at the Mission.

The New Freezer Is In
Hearing about the urgent need for a new freezer, partners like you stepped up. Your generosity made it possible to get a new freezer with triple the capacity to store the amount of food we need to serve over 800 people 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



We're Opening a Thrift Store!
This summer, Mission Thrift will open on Tacoma's vibrant 6th Avenue! This new store will be a hub for you to shop, donate items, and, most importantly, make a difference in our community. All sales proceeds will support vital services for hurting neighbors.

For questions about Mission Thrift, please call 253-383-4493 or email info@trm.org.

Would you like an invite to Mission Thrift's Grand Opening? Join our email list at trm.org