



A Message from Duke . . .

It's Not About the Fridge

When our fridge broke down last year, we were in an emergency situation. We had to replace it immediately so we didn't lose any more food. In replacing the fridge and freezer we realized the need to remodel our entire kitchen. Thankfully, friends like you were generous, God was gracious and we were able to make the necessary changes.

But the reality is, it's not about the fridge, the food saved, or new floors.

The purpose for remodeling The Good Neighbor Cafe wasn't so that it looked nicer – although it really does – but so that we could fix the problems that kept us from serving people as well as we possibly can. And to steward what God has given us well.

Food is the number one reason people come to the Mission, so meals are a high priority for us. We need to not just be able to serve great food, we need to prepare it in the best way.

And now, with the new kitchen, we can – just in time for the holiday season!

In Christ,

Duke Paulson
Executive Director

Share Your Favorite Recipe!

With our remodeled kitchen up and running, we decided it was the perfect time to start using some new recipes.

We want to create a "Friends of the Mission" cookbook to use in our kitchen.

"We want to make food that's delicious," Andrew, our Food Manager, explains. "That's why I want everybody to bring us what they cook at home, what brings them comfort, so we can make it for our guests and give them that home-cooked comfort."

Share your recipes at trm.org/KitchenRecipes.

Please submit your recipe by October 28th!



Feed a Hungry Neighbor

During this holiday season, the Mission will have thousands of hungry men, women and children coming through our doors.

As we launch our Holiday Meal Campaign, it is exciting to think about all the lives that will be impacted.

As Kim says, *"One meal could save someone's life, it could change someone's whole outlook and turn their life around."*

That means every \$4.11 you give can help save and transform at least one life!

Because we have a lot of neighbors in dire need, we have a lot of opportunities to make a difference.

And when we come together, we will. Will you help?

Every meal you give can change a life!

Each \$4.11 you give provides a hot, home-cooked meal for someone in need this holiday season.



Leave a Legacy of Love

Did you know that you can choose to remember the Tacoma Rescue Mission in your will?

Over the years, a number of our partners have left gifts to the Mission in their wills. Their impact is continuing, and it will for years!

For more information about the type of gifts you can leave, contact Myron at MyronB@trm.org or call 253.383.4493.



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Feeding People, Changing Lives!

One of our amazing Food Services Coordinators, Kim, understands the need for transformation firsthand.

After facing abuse as a child, Kim began battling a devastating addiction that lasted for 32 years. And landed her in prison.

While serving her sentence, God captured her heart. Restored her life. And gave her an unshakable desire to help people in need.

Now, she is working in our kitchen. Being the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

"Working at the Mission has given me clarity on who I am as a human being. My life has changed. Giving back has made me change. I never want to go back to that old lifestyle again," Kim says.

"What God did for me, He can do for anyone."

Often lasting transformation, like Kim experienced, can start with just one meal.

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Kim understands why meals make such a difference. *"I'm grateful in my life for even a cracker," she shares.*



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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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Nowhere Else to Go

... "When I hand someone a meal, I'm sharing that moment with them," Kim says. **"It may be the only meal they have that day. And that meal brings them the love of Jesus and lets them know they're important.** Right at that moment, they can let go of being angry or whatever they may have gone through in their past and feel cared for."

"When someone donates or volunteers, it changes lives, it impacts and transforms lives. Their time and money is not being wasted. It is planting a very good seed," explains Kim. **"And it's being fruitful right where it's planted!"**

This time of year, a lot of seeds are being planted.

"It's always important to start preparing early for the busy holiday season," Kim says, "That way we're able to take care of each and every individual, so nobody's left out. So that we don't run out."

"I'm hoping that during this holiday season the people we serve will know that they are a part of the family of the Mission. . . If we do our part by giving them great meals and whatever else they need during these holidays, they will know that they are loved and that they're part of this family. We can give them hope."

"Jesus says, 'Feed my people.' So, that's what we do."
– Kim

"One meal could save someone's life, it could change someone's whole outlook on turning their life around," Kim says. "For the people who come to the Mission, a meal is love, it's letting them know that they're worth it."

Will you help feed people? Each \$4.11 you give will provide a meal for one person. Every meal matters!



Holiday Preparations Have Begun!

Thanksgiving may be 11 weeks away, and Christmas a month after that, but we've already been planning and prepping. Not only are Thanksgiving and Christmas our biggest meals of the year, but beginning with the fall through the holiday season, it's our busiest time of year.

Because people often first come to the Mission for a meal, that's where we have the biggest opportunity to make the most difference for people like James, Sophia and Kenneth.



"I thought there was no love for me out there anymore, but I was wrong. There is, and I found that in a meal." – James



"I was giving myself a slow death on the streets. I started coming here for some food. The Mission saved my life." – Sofia



"That Thanksgiving meal showed me there was still hope."
– Kenneth

But of course, the Mission does much more than only serve meals. We have an ever-evolving array of life-changing services including emergency and long-term shelter, addiction recovery programs, job-skills training, education services, mental health counseling, faith formation and more!



"Now I have 16 months clean, I have a relationship with my children and grandchildren, I've overcome co-dependency, I have an apartment, a license and a car. It's changed my whole life. And it's just crazy to think it all started with coming to the Mission for dinner." – Stephanie

Please join us in praying that lives will change every day of the 2022 holiday season!

The New Kitchen Is Up and Running!

We're thrilled that after 2 1/2 months of renovations, our kitchen – The Good Neighbor Café – is up and running. And the timing couldn't be better!

The updated kitchen has:

- An additional 1,000 square feet of space
- A new commercial freezer and fridge
- More space for volunteers, meal prep and storage
- New kitchen appliances
- New ventilation, lighting and electrical
- New shelving, fire doors and access points
- Level flooring and foundation
- Structural improvements

The additional space, reorganized areas, expanded storage and new appliances allow our kitchen team to prep and serve more food, in more varieties, more safely and efficiently.

"The kitchen renovation will allow us to serve 800+ meals a day to our neighbors in need for the next 20 years!"
– Duke



1,000 Added Feet of Space



Additional Food Storage



New Commercial Freezer



New Kitchen Appliances



Verse of the Month

"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." – Isaiah 58:10 (NLT)