

. . . I had just visited my daughter and I remembered the look she gave me. She had disgust in her eyes. I never wanted to see that again. I heard about the Mission's recovery program. I went through detox, came straight back here, got into the program, and have been clean and sober ever since. I'd probably be dead if I didn't change my ways.

I never opened a Bible until I got here. It opened my eyes. Ever since I've been praying, talking to God, doing my daily devotions, I've had lots of blessings.

I can't go back to drinking and lose my daughter again. I just can't do it. I don't even think I'd survive it. I'm too old.

I'm 50 years old, I can't take it no more. And my daughter looks up to me big time. That's the motivation right there.

The program staff helped me get my driver's license back and figure out my legal stuff. I was able to work on my anger issues. I also still have some surgery's I need to go through and after that getting back to working full-time. I've been in the union ever since I was 17 doing drywall taping. Now, I want to be a drywall inspector.

I want to make sure I stay in my recovery and keep moving forward.

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I want to come back to the Mission and help if I can. I ain't gonna forget this place. I will never forget where I started from.

Where is Frank Now?

Frank graduated from our New Life Recovery Program in March.

He has a stable job and is getting ready to move into housing with his daughter and her dog.



Celebrate with Us!



Mark Your Calendars for the HopeGivers Celebration Livestream!

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 | 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Tune in at trm.org/HopeGivers



Bring your party kazoo and a box of tissues as we celebrate people in our community whose lives have been transformed and hear their powerful stories. Then, come with us as we go live on location to see how we are seeking to serve our unhoused neighbors in dignified, loving, and deeply relational ways.

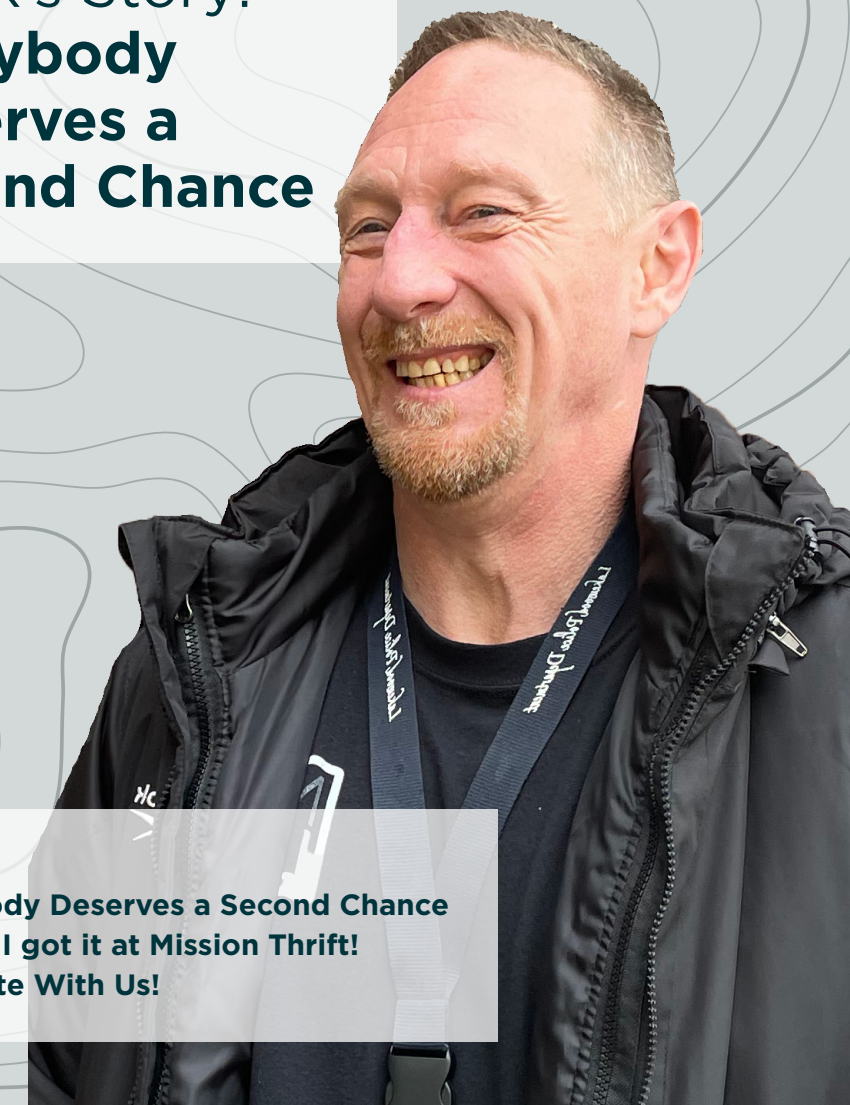
Visit trm.org/HopeGivers to sign-up for a day-of event reminder.

Duke Paulson serves as our Executive Director. Learn more about our board members and leadership at trm.org/leadership.

MISSION MONTHLY

Newsletter of the Tacoma Rescue Mission

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Frank's Story: Everybody Deserves a Second Chance



I had just gotten out of prison and went to my brother's house while I got my feet under me.

I found out pretty quickly that his next-door neighbor was a meth head. I knew I had to get away from that environment completely. I told my brother, "Drop me off at the Mission." He goes, "You sure bro? You don't have to leave." But I did have to leave even if it meant being homeless, I didn't want to put myself in a situation where I could end up on meth.

I needed to start somewhere that was good for me, get on my feet, and get my daughter back. She's 16 and has been in foster care.

I knew that the Mission could give me a starting place. You got everything right here. Your food, your bed, your shower, your things.

I mean, my biggest downfall was alcohol. I have been drinking since I was 13 years old. I grew up in the woods, out in Goldbar. I was riding motorcycles, drinking with my buddies, camping out, and stuff. I can't pinpoint when I lost control. But I knew it was a disease and I couldn't quit on my own.

When I came to the Mission I was still drinking. One day I woke up half drunk, looked in the mirror and did not like what I saw.

“Everybody deserves a second chance. Everybody makes mistakes, so everybody should get the chance to redo their life and get more out of it. Because without this place, I probably would've been lost.”

Story continues . . .

Thanks, I got it at
Mission Thrift!

AWESOME PURPOSE

All of Mission Thrift's proceeds help struggling community members by providing crucial funding for life-changing programs and resources at the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

"I donate things to the store and then I go shopping there and fill my closet up again! I'd rather donate to and shop at a place that I know is making a difference in my city."
- Jordan, Mission Thrift Customer & Donor

AWESOME DEALS

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of donors in our community, our store is chock-full of awesome clothing, shoes, furniture, accessories, toys, and so much more at mind-blowingly low prices.

"I love when people compliment my outfit and I can say 'thanks, I got it at Mission Thrift!'"- Micayla, Mission Thrift Customer

AWESOME PEOPLE

Mission Thrift offers employment opportunities those who have overcome homelessness or addiction. In fact, 70% of our staff have received transformative care at the Mission.

"The people at the store honestly take my shopping trip to another level. They are welcoming, hilarious, and helpful. I go for the deals, but I stay for the people."
- Carrie, Mission Thrift Customer



Mission Thrift has been open for almost a full year and the response from our community has been awesome. In fact, everything about the store is pretty awesome!

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