

"Without the Mission, I'd be on the street. I'd be struggling. The worst could've happened.

Your donation is helping us move on to a different life. Off the street. Off drugs and alcohol. Off dependency. So we can get back to being participants in the community. We need a hand up. And sometimes, we can't do it ourselves. We have to rely on others."

- Charles, Former Shelter Guest

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

- John 13:34 (NIV)

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The Tacoma Rescue Mission's Purpose Statement begins with an all-encompassing declaration: "We help all people; including clients, volunteers, donors and staff, to become their best."

It's a promise that points us to Jesus's allcompassing commandment: Love one another.

At the Mission, we are constantly striving to adapt, improve and grow in order to equip, empower, and deeply care for every person who comes through our doors and who we reach out on the streets.

We are always looking to how we can better love the community that the Mission serves.

This past year, that looked like installing new bed systems in our women's shelter. The new beds offer the ladies staying with us more personal space, a deeper sense of safety and dignity, and increased accessibility.

That also looked like remodeling our Downtown Campus kitchen. The remodel expanded our capacity to serve more neighbors in need, safely welcome more volunteers, and equipped our kitchen staff to prepare and serve delicious, homecooked meals in the best way possible.

Finding different, better and new ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus moves us forward.

Thank you for being a part of this community that committed to loving one another.



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FOR ANSWERING **GOD'S CALL TO LOVE** YOUR NEIGHBOR



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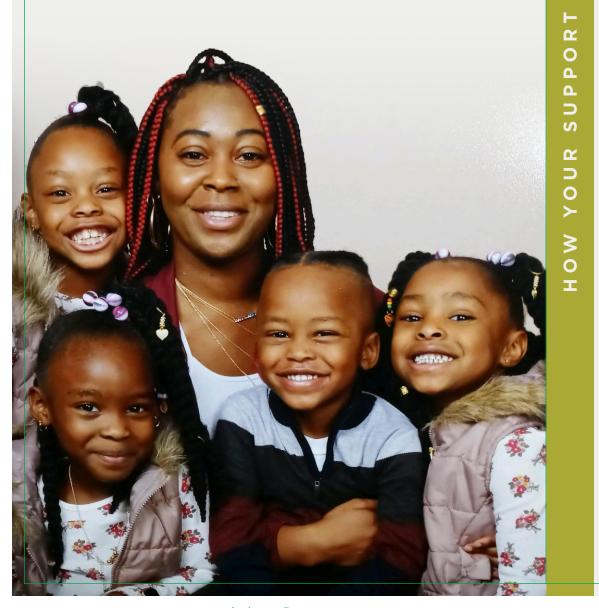




"Walking through [the Mission's] doors restored me. It was the place we needed. A place we could really transition and change. A place where me and my kids could grow. A place where I could cry. A place where I wasn't judged.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I've always thought of 'love' as an action word. We experienced love in action here at the Mission. The staff, the volunteers, the people who support, you all loved into a better life."

- Nieisha, Former Family Shelter Guest



Thanks to Your Generosity . . .



3.076 men, women, and children entered the doors of the Mission to receive the life-changing care and **resources** they needed to escape the streets and rebuild their lives.







125 men and women received services to obtain jobs or increase income prior to leaving the Mission.

253.925 crucial meals were

homelessness, hunger, and hurt.

served to our neighbors experiencing

366 families and individuals left the

Mission and entered permanent housing.

14 men and 12 women graduated from our New Life Recovery Program, overcame addiction, and stepped into **new life!** Over a 12-month period, they received counseling job training, Christcentered care, and more.

4.761 hours of one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, and care were provided each month to 83 youth staying at the **Mission.** Crucial support to help them thrive in school and in life.

1.045 hours of mental health counseling were provided to 95 vulnerable adults and children staying at the Mission.



The renovated kitchen has:

- food storage
- · New kitchen appliances

Kitchen Remodel

When our freezer broke down this past year, we used it as an opportunity to not only fix and upgrade our broken freezer but to renovate our entire Downtown Campus kitchen - what we call "Our Good Neighbor Cafe".

- · An additional 1,000 square feet of space
- A new commercial freezer and fridge
- · Increased space for volunteers, meal preparation and

"When you're starving, you feel so weak. You can barely move, much less walk around. That first meal I had at the Mission turned everything around."

– Melissa, Former Women's Shelter Guest

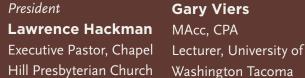
- · New ventilation, lighting and electrical
- · New shelving, fire doors and additional access points
- · Level flooring and foundation
- · Structural improvements

These renovations have made our kitchen a safer, more welcoming space for guests, staff and volunteers. And have drastically increased our capacity to prepare and serve more meals to our neighbors in need in the most loving way possible - 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

GOD'S HANDS AND FEET TO OUR **NEIGHBORS IN NEED SINCE 1912**

"The Mission is always planting seeds that there is a better way to live and you never which way a person will go once the seed is planted. You never know how many lives will be changed by your support."

– Jim, New Life Recovery Program Graduate



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"GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF YOU A GIFT FROM HIS GREAT VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS. USE THEM WELL TO SERVE **ONE ANOTHER.**"

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