



# RESCUE PORTLAND

## Season of HOPE

**DOING EVEN MORE TO HELP  
PEOPLE IN NEED THIS SUMMER!**

Portland Rescue Mission

SUMMER 2017

# Season of HOPE

## PREPARING FOR A RECORD-BREAKING SUMMER OF SERVICE

Being homeless in the summer is no vacation. For people living on the streets, life is a constant threat of dehydration, heat stroke, hunger, sickness and violence. There's no rest, only survival. There's little dignity, only despair.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, we have a chance to meet these urgent needs and give hope to people who are struggling. We've expanded our summer services over the years to include life-saving, life-restoring care like:

1



### Extra shelter

60 extra floor mats provided all summer long!

2



**Air-conditioned Guest Care Center** to provide escape from the heat

3

**Water and snacks** available during extremely hot days

**Daily activities** and connection to area resources for health care, legal help and housing assistance

4

**24/7 restrooms** to help men and women maintain dignity

5

**Daily showers** and clean clothing to maintain hygiene

6



1



2



6





7



**Breakfast and dinner every day**, plus lunch on weekends

**Chapel services** to share love and encouragement with hurting, lonely people

8



9

**Mail service** to help people receive important communication

Invitation to **life-restoring programs** to help with housing, employment, accountability support, life skills training, addiction recovery and spiritual growth.

10



**SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING TO GIVE RELIEF THIS SUMMER.**

[PortlandRescueMission.org/SummerNL](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/SummerNL)

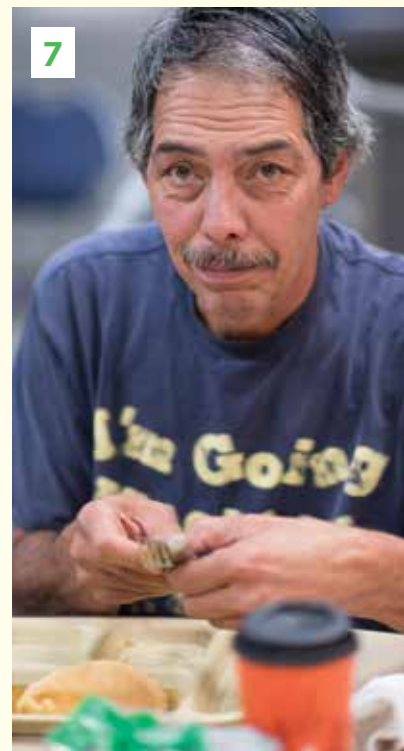


"I went a couple weeks without a shower and a few days without food," Gordon remembers. As an army veteran, he knew how to rough it. But being homeless for months on end took a brutal toll on his pride. Summertime heat left him dirty, smelly and ashamed. It was tough to ask for help.

Gordon is so grateful to have joined our year-long recovery program for men. "I was definitely grateful for a shower," he says. "I don't deserve it—having laundry, a bed and everything. It's a lot less stressful not having to worry about all of that while I'm here. I couldn't ask for more."

More than anything Gordon is glad to leave his old life behind. "Before I came here, I was a liar, a cheat and a thief. I didn't know God or care about anybody," he says. "Now I choose honesty over anything. Portland Rescue Mission gave me a chance to change."

7



8



10





# NEW LIFE IS POSSIBLE - HERE'S HOW

Most people know that Portland Rescue Mission gives hope to thousands of people in crisis by providing free hot meals, safe shelter, showers, clothing, mail service, 24/7 restrooms and chapel services.

But that's just the beginning! Hundreds of lives are transformed in our free residential New Life Ministries at The Harbor for men and at Shepherd's Door for women and children. In a year-long recovery, hurting people journey from homelessness and addiction to a life of healing and freedom. Here are the phases of their path to restoration.

## TRUTH

Restoration begins with seeing truth, sometimes for the first time ever.

- The truth about Jesus who loves me
- The truth about my addiction and how it is ruining my life
- The truth that change is possible - there is hope

Introduced to structure through life skills and vocational training

## ACCEPTANCE

Restoration grows through accepting the truth

- Accept God's love and let Him work through my pain
- Accept my life and take ownership of my mistakes
- Accept feedback and training from people who love me

Able to do vocational work independently





A photograph of three men sitting around a light-colored wooden table, engaged in a board game. The man on the left is wearing a dark hoodie and a baseball cap. The man in the middle is wearing a red and black plaid shirt. The man on the right is wearing a patterned shirt and glasses. They are all smiling and looking at the game board, which is a colorful circular board with various colored squares and a central gear-like design. There are some cards and a black mug on the table.

## **FREEDOM**

**Restoration develops with the freedom to be someone new**

- I'm free to love others because Jesus loves me
- I'm free from addiction and able to walk in a new life
- I'm free to build long-term relationships that are healthy

**Prepared for outside employment and living**

A photograph of five women standing outdoors in front of green trees. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman on the far left is wearing a white top and a necklace. The woman next to her is wearing a dark top. The woman in the middle is wearing a white top. The woman next to her is wearing a grey top and glasses. The woman on the far right is wearing a light-colored top. They are all huddled together, suggesting a close relationship.

## **PURPOSE**

**Restoration is strengthened when purpose is found**

- Find God's purpose for my new life
- Find a purposeful life full of goals and plans
- Find the purpose for the practical skills I've developed

**Graduated into an independent life and desire to serve others**

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS RECOVERY?**  
**[WWW.PORTLANDRESCUEMISSION.ORG/GETHELP](http://WWW.PORTLANDRESCUEMISSION.ORG/GETHELP)**

# READY FOR THE FUTURE

Residents learn life skills through social enterprises like:



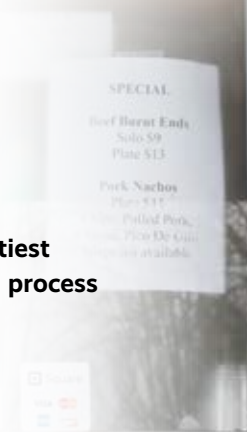
## MISSION BAR-B-QUE

### EAT WELL.

With Mission Bar-B-Que, you'll enjoy some of the tastiest bar-b-que around – prepared with our special 19-step process used by barbecue experts competing nationally.

### DO GOOD

All proceeds of Mission Bar-B-Que support the work of Portland Rescue Mission to GIVE HOPE and RESTORE LIFE.



FIND OUR FOOD TRUCK, LEARN ABOUT CATERING FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT,  
AND CHECK OUT OUR MENU (NOW WITH GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS) AT

**WWW.PDXMISSIONBBQ.ORG 855.MSSN.BBQ (855.677.6227)**



## DRIVE AWAY HUNGER

Portland Rescue Mission

### OREGON'S MISS AMERICA, KATIE HARMAN, THE FACE OF DRIVE AWAY HUNGER

Singer-performer, and Oregon's beloved Miss America, Katie Harman, recently filmed two new commercials for Portland Rescue Mission (Watch them online: [www.DriveAwayHunger.org](http://www.DriveAwayHunger.org), "Donate a Car").

"Some cars can go from zero to sixty in just three seconds," Katie says. "But there are also cars that can provide shelter, meals and life restoring care to people in need. And that just might be the car in your driveway."



**PURCHASE OR DONATE A CAR TO HELP MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FACING HOMELESSNESS AND DESPAIR. LEARN MORE AT [WWW.DRIVEAWAYHUNGER.ORG](http://WWW.DRIVEAWAYHUNGER.ORG)**





## A CHANCE TO CHANGE

### From Heartache To Hardship... To Healing

All Gordon really wanted was a way out. "Portland Rescue Mission gives you a chance. That's all anybody every wants, is just the chance to change. The Mission definitely gave me that out of nowhere."

Gordon was all too familiar with his failures. Blame wouldn't help him. Judgment wouldn't change him. Telling him to get his act together wouldn't produce results.

Like the hundreds of people we serve each day, Gordon bore an overwhelming weight of deep-seated issues he couldn't begin to overcome on his own. He was willing to take the first step. He just needed someone to show him the way.

Gordon's journey had been from heartache to hardship. So often, it starts with a

painful life experience, usually as a child. Then come unhealthy ways of dealing with the heartache. Then life disintegrates into incredible hardship. Fear takes over. Survival instinct kicks in. Despair slowly overshadows hope of a happy life.

Without help, Gordon might have stayed in his devastating cycle of heartache and hardship for the rest of his life. But because you care, Gordon—and hundreds of people like him—can finally break free!

Your support eases their hardship with nutritious meals, hot showers, safe beds and so many services provided with a friendly smile. Then, as their burden begins to ease, you speak to their heartache. Your generosity provides life-restoring programs to address

the root causes of addiction. You help them find forgiveness as they draw closer to God. You rebuild their hearts and minds, supported by friends they can lean on, to move forward in life. That's healing!

Thank you for giving people a chance to change!

Eric Bauer  
Executive Director



#### ☐ Donate via credit card:

Circle One:     Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donate securely online:** [www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SummerNL](http://www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SummerNL)

#### ☐ Keep me updated with news and stories through email:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tell me more about:

- ☐ Monthly giving through checks, auto-pay, or electronic transfer
- ☐ Donating my car
- ☐ Planning my estate, annuity, or trust
- ☐ Volunteering at the Mission (Please complete contact information at left)

Donations to the Mission are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any gifts received above our current need will be used to help care for hurting people throughout the year.

# THANK YOU, COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

Chick-Fil-A Vancouver donated meals and catered over 120 dinners for the big game as part of Portland Rescue Mission's #MissionParty launch.



Shari's Cafe and Pies donated 50 pies for our annual Birthday Party for the Homeless.

Groundwork Coffee has served our guests twice at our monthly birthday celebration and has provided hundreds of pounds of coffee for the people we serve.



AlSCO gave hundreds of jackets and pants to provide for people in need.

Summit Safety Shoes has donated hundreds of shoes to meet the needs of men and women who come to us for help.



## WAYS TO GIVE

### DONATE FUNDS

- Join our Circle of Friends with your monthly donation
- Cater an event with Mission BBQ
- Leave a lasting legacy through your will, annuity or trust

### DONATE GOODS

- Receive a maximum tax deduction by donating your car
- Drop off blankets, socks or jeans

### DONATE TIME

- Volunteer to serve a meal, teach a class or work with kids
- Spread the word by joining us on social media:

**[PortlandRescueMission.org/Join](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/Join)**



## MY GIFT OF HOPE

☒ **Yes**, I want to help end homelessness, addiction, hunger and abuse.

To help hurting men, women and children, here is my gift of:

- ☐ **\$16 a month** to provide 120 meals a year
- ☐ **\$24 a month** to provide 180 meals a year
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **a month** to help give hope
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **one time** gift



**Portland  
Rescue Mission**

Giving Hope. Restoring Life.®

P.O. Box 3713  
Portland, OR 97208-3713  
503.MISSION (647.7466)

To donate online, visit  
**[PortlandRescueMission.org/SummerNL](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/SummerNL)**

Enclose your check or complete your credit card information on back.

*Thank you  
for your support!*