



THE LIGHTHOUSE

Giving Hope. Restoring Life.

New Year, New Life

After being homeless, alone, in a tent,
and pregnant, Rashawna found new life!





The Joy of Seeing Lives Transformed

"Behold, I make all things new."

Revelation 21:5

I recently attended the graduation celebrations for several men and women who completed our one-year Restoration Program at The Harbor, our men's recovery site and at Shepherd's Door, our women and children's recovery site. I heard each of these graduates share their unique testimony of how, by God's grace and the compassionate care of our staff, volunteers and donors, they were lifted from a despairing life filled with desperation, debilitating addiction and the crushing heartache of shame and isolation to a hopeful life of joy, gratitude and purpose.

I have experienced this privilege at our many graduation celebrations throughout the years.

What a joy it is to witness and celebrate truly transformed lives!

As the graduates share their story they often end with a passionate commitment to help lift others even as they have been lifted.

As we celebrate a new year, it's the perfect time to say thank you for making new life possible for the men, women, and children that we serve every day.

Thank you for providing the services that lead to healthy relationships. It's there, in relationship and community, that lives really begin to change; to become new. It's there, in the day to day conversations, shared meals, intimate group discussions, and times of worship that we get to see the slow and beautiful transition from self-destruction to self-sufficiency.

Over time and through supportive relationships our shelter guests and program participants can integrate into the local community. When they do, they're supported by mentors, community based-recovery groups, and churches. And I'm happy to say that 81% of those who graduated in the last four years from our Restoration Programs are addiction free and in housing. Simply put, they're new – experiencing the overwhelming joy of a brand new life.

Thank you for making this possible,

Eric Bauer, Executive Director

**WINTER
ITEMS
NEEDED**

Donate Warm Clothing To Care For Our Neighbors In Need

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter by donating coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, hand warmers, jeans and sweatshirts.

Drop off locations are at our Burnside Shelter or by appointment at Shepherd's Door. Call 503-MISSION (647-7466)

Graduates Start New Lives

Three of our recent graduates of The Harbor and Shepherd's Door share their testimony of finding hope and new life.



JEFFREY

“ I was broken, mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially. My challenge had always been alcohol.

I realized I couldn't do it on my own and I needed help. The Harbor has been just that, a safe harbor. God has provided in every way imaginable.

While 2020 has been a year filled with challenges, it's been a blessed year for me.

Before I came here I was on the street, homeless, destitute. I was without hope. I am now full of hope.”



MARY

“ I came to Shepherd's Door to face my shame and trauma so I could become a strong woman, which I have become. What made this change happen was LOVE.

Now I have confidence for the first time in staying sober. I have the most intimate relationship with God. I have hope. I have self-worth. I have the best relationship I've ever had with my family. I have learned to be a better parent. I now have a savings account.

But the most important thing is that I know I am loved.”



RASHAWNA

“ I was homeless, living in a tent and pregnant. I would cry and ask myself, "How did I allow myself to get this low?

I was all alone when my contractions began. I almost didn't make it to the hospital in time. When my son was born DHS removed him from my care.

When I came to Shepherd's Door I was lost, hurt, broken, with no self worth, dying inside.

But now I have my son and my DHS case is closed! I am alive and full of self-worth. God changed me at Shepherd's Door and saved my life.”



Make New Beginnings Possible All Year Long

January is a perfect time to start your automatic monthly donation for 2021!

\$24 a month provides 2 days of care with:

- ▶ Hot, nutritious meals that provide a warm welcome
- ▶ Safe shelter away from cold, rainy weather and violence on the streets
- ▶ Showers, restrooms, clothing, and hygiene supplies
- ▶ Access to healthcare, housing, and employment resources
- ▶ Invitation to join programs for addiction recovery, spiritual renewal, and life skills training

Start your Circle of Friends
monthly support today!

DONATE ONLINE AT:

www.PortlandRescueMission.org/WinterNL

MY GIFT OF Hope

☒ **Yes**, I want to help provide bring new life to our neighbors struggling with hunger and homelessness. Here is my gift of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$24/mo to help 24 people a year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$48/mo to help 48 people a year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ one time gift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$96/mo to help 96 people a year | |

Every \$12 provides a hot meal, safe night of shelter, a shower, clean clothes and access to life-restoring programs.

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