



Lighthouse

Portland Rescue Mission | Summer 2021



THERE'S STILL
HOPE

Lighting the way,
to a better life!

Giving Hope. Restoring Life.

Building a Foundation of Relational Trust



Eric at Shepherd's Door

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Trauma leads to homelessness. Homelessness causes additional trauma. Isolation, job loss, housing costs, and life-crisis darken the landscape, and yet **there is a beacon of hope shining bright 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.** For 71 years now Portland Rescue Mission has been here as a conduit of your kindness, providing emergency services and life-restoring programs to people struggling with hunger, homelessness and addiction. But for the past year that simply was not enough.

The needs rose, and thanks to your ongoing support our response was able to rise along with it.

We quadrupled our nursing care, invested in an outreach program to extend services to those sheltering in tent encampments, and went to great lengths to ensure the health and safety of our guests, our volunteers and our staff. Every provided service granted us the opportunity to build trust with our guests. That is the key; building a foundation of relational trust so that we might have the privilege of walking beside someone and assisting them toward a better life.

Now, after the most challenging year in Mission history, we are making every effort to maintain these additional services. To meet needs, to build trust, to give hope, and to restore life. Thank you for making this possible.

In partnership with you,

Eric Bauer, Executive Director



From New Life to... **NEW LIFE!**

Portland Rescue Mission's New Life programs for men at The Harbor and for women and children at Shepherd's Door provide addictions recovery, life skills training, work skills development, and spiritual growth. Once someone has graduated from the New Life Program, they are ready for, well ... **NEW LIFE!** Here are some updates from recent graduates. →

SHEPHERD'S DOOR



Amanda



“I looked at my newborn baby and asked, **“Can I do this?”** I knew I couldn't do it by myself. I felt God calling me to Shepherd's Door. The past 12 months have been amazing. I now have 21 months clean for the first time in my life. ***I'm growing into the woman and mother I had only dreamed about.***”

SHEPHERD'S DOOR



Mayleen



"You have created a home to restore broken souls like me. ***I will be seeking education to become a drug and alcohol counselor.*** I want to thank all of Shepherd's Door staff for helping me succeed and believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. ***I am forever grateful.***"

THE HARBOR



Josh



"I truly have a life that I never imagined. I wake up in the morning and I'm grateful for my job. ***And one of the best things that I have received at The Harbor was the relationship with my mother.*** I get to be the son that I should have been."

THE HARBOR



Shawn



"28 months ago, I was laying on a hospital bed with complete liver failure. I didn't even think that I deserved a second chance. ***Now I know that God is good, and His love is reckless and never ending.*** It's a beautiful thing."

SHEPHERD'S DOOR



Amber



"After 20 years of talking about getting my GED, ***I have actually passed all the tests and have my GED.*** Today I can say that I have ran a half-marathon. I know I am capable. I have my life back. ***I have hope!***"

About 80% of graduates remain free from addictions and in housing. Your support makes this possible. Donate today at: www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SummerNL



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For I was...

hungry...

"Even if it was in a trashcan,
I would eat it. That's how
hungry I was on the street."

thirsty...

"You'll drink out of a puddle
if you have to."

a stranger...

"I just wanted somewhere to go.
Even the jails wouldn't take me."

naked...

"I was freezing to death and
unable to help myself."

sick...

"My life was extremely hard due
to HIV and Hepatitis C."

in prison...

"I did crime, not to get ahead
but just to get locked up."



*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:35-40*

Homelessness hurts. Start your automatic monthly donation for neighbors in need!

\$24 a month provides 2 days of shelter, meals, and life-restoring programs

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MY GIFT OF HOPE

☒ **Yes**, I want to help hurting men, women and children struggling
with homelessness, addiction and hunger. Here is my gift of:

☐ **\$24/mo** to help 24 people a year

☐ \$ _____ a month

☐ **\$48/mo** to help 48 people a year

☐ \$ _____ one time gift

☐ **\$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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