



# Lighthouse

Portland Rescue Mission | Holiday 2021

## THE FIRST STEP TO A SECOND CHANCE

*That's the power  
of a meal*



Giving Hope. Restoring Life.



# The **Power** of a Meal.



Eric Bauer, Executive Director

**F**or someone who hasn't eaten in a few days or a family living in their car, this Thanksgiving may be a painful reminder of the things that have been lost this past year. So many have lost jobs, houses, relationships and even family members. In times like these, it's hard to find hope.

**Serving a warm meal with a smile that conveys value and dignity is one of the best ways for us to show the love of Jesus. It can ignite hope and become the first step in a new start.**

We expect to serve **50,000 meals** this holiday season!

But for us it's not just about a meal – it's about the power that meal holds. Your generosity transforms these meals into hope. For men and women who are suffering from homelessness and battling addictions a meal can represent hope for a better life.

Despite all that's happened this past year, Thanksgiving is still a time of thankfulness and gratitude. As you celebrate the holidays with your family and friends, know that the men, women and children who seek refuge at Portland Rescue Mission, are thankful for you. You are the reason they can enjoy a potentially transformational Thanksgiving meal served with love and compassion. You are the reason they have a safe place to sleep. You are the reason they have access to compassionate care and addiction recovery programs. Your generosity makes all this possible.

Help provide hope this Thanksgiving. Your support is a blessing to us and those we serve.

Very gratefully yours,

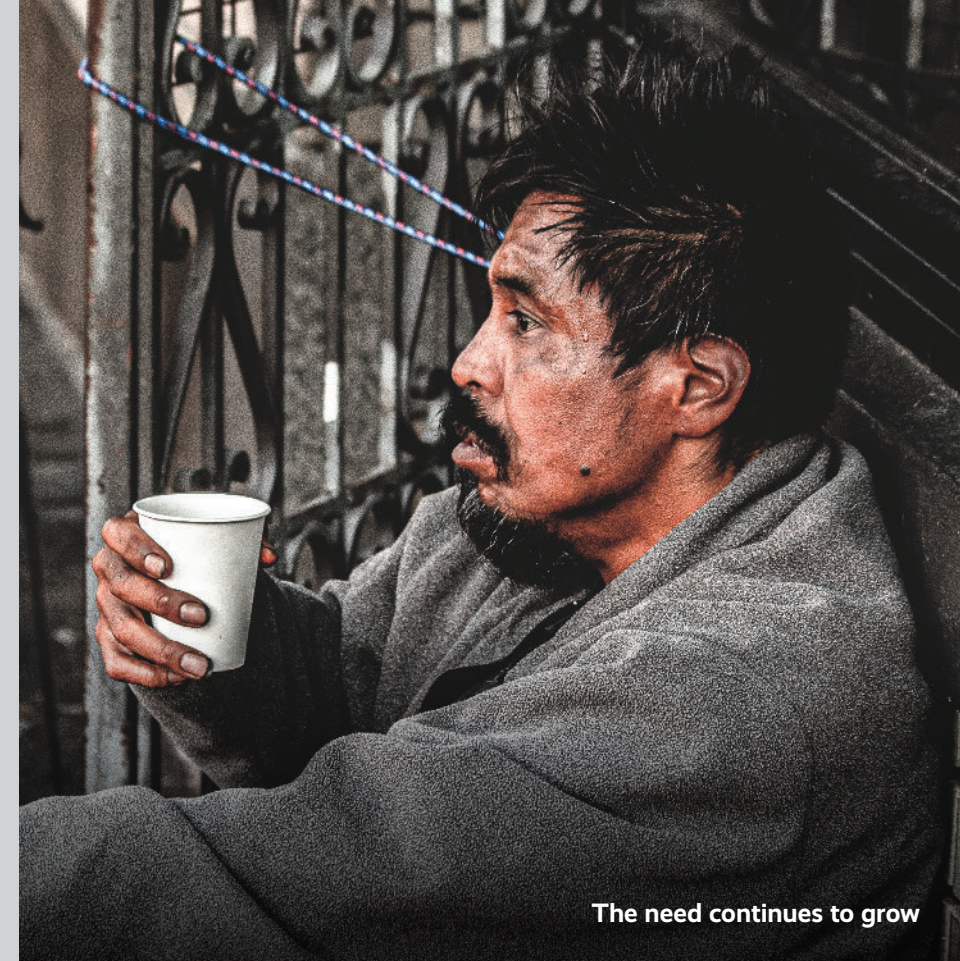
  
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Executive Director

**Thank you for  
partnering with  
us this Holiday  
Season!**

# The need is **REAL**

**E**very night over 2,000 people are experiencing homelessness on the streets of Portland. Some of their needs are right there on the surface – shelter, food and clean clothing. But many of the needs run deeper.

That is why, this holiday season and all year round, we will provide highly-relational, compassionate care through our many integrated services that create pathways to a much brighter future.



The need continues to grow

## My biggest need this holiday season is ...

***“To be reunited with my family.” -Robert***

***“To land a job and get my own apartment.” -Clive***

***“A sleeping bag to keep dry.” -Jose***

***“Clothing, socks, and coats to keep warm.” -Randy***

***“The hatred to go away.” -Cassandra***

***“A roof over my head.” -Jerome***

***“Happiness” -Susan***

A nutritious meal costs just \$2.09! Please donate today to provide as many meals as you're able this holiday season. [www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL](http://www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL)



# THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WE ARE CERTAIN THAT WE WILL BE...

## SERVING MEALS

“It’s just amazing to me where my life is going today. Who knows what would have happened if it didn’t start with the first meal that I came in here and had?” -JEFF

## PROVIDING SAFE SHELTER

“Having warm, safe shelter is literally the best feeling in the world. It’s the first step to a better life.” -CORNELL

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

“People are what makes this place, and there’s a lot of love here.” -ROB



## RESTORING LIVES

“The Mission gave me back everything I could ask for, and more. They gave me my life!”

-ROBIN

## REUNITING FAMILIES

“I was able to get custody of all three of my kids. They’ve really blossomed since being in a Christ-centered recovery program.”

-RACHELLE

## PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY

“Our whole group really enjoys volunteering because it’s so encouraging to us.” -MARK

Despite living in “uncertain times” for the better part of two years now, there are some things that we are certain of. This holiday season Portland Rescue Mission, with your support, will continue to do all that we can to meet each person where they are, in their unique circumstances and provide services to help them overcome the causes of their homelessness.

Your compassionate support makes all these services available free of charge to neighbors in need! Donate today: [www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL](http://www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL)



# Breaking Cycles

Michelle’s struggle with homelessness was fraught with hunger and heartache. The most difficult part was not being without food or shelter. For Michelle, the most difficult part was being without her daughter.

**“Children look up to you for everything, like security, peace of mind, and love. When you can’t provide that, it’s an indescribable pain.”**

Eventually her need for safety brought Michelle to Shepherd’s Door, our long-term recovery center for women and women with children. It was here that she was reunited with her daughter. “I thought I had lost her permanently. Having her back, hugging her, reading to her, seeing her play with the other kids and going to school is amazing,” she said. And for those whose partnership made this reunion possible, Michelle has a special message,

**“Thank you. From the bottom of my heart and my soul, thank you.”**



**UP TO 10 WOMEN** are reunited with their children each year at Shepherd’s Door as they address their addictions, receive parenting training and work with advocates as they engage with DHS and the courts.

## A CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE!



**We** love celebrating with those who come to know Christ.

Recently some moms and kids from Shepherd’s Door had an opportunity to get baptized at Barker Farms. When asked why she wanted to be baptized, Katrina said:

**“I wanted to have a new start so that I can be the best mom that I can be.”**

Erika was also baptized alongside her two kids. How did she know they were ready?

**“I knew when they told me that God is their Savior, and that Jesus was their best friend!”**

**Put your gift to work right away when you donate online:** [www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL](http://www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL)

### GIFT INFO:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ One-Time ☐ Monthly: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift Amount Start Date End Date

☐ I authorize Portland Rescue Mission to charge my credit or banking account as described on this form. This payment authorization is valid and to remain in effect unless I notify Portland Rescue Mission by sending written notice to [donations@pdxmission.org](mailto:donations@pdxmission.org) or PO Box 3713 Portland, OR 97208 five days prior to the scheduled payment date.

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Donations to Portland Rescue 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 people in need throughout the year. You will receive a receipt for your gift.

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# *The gift of* **HOPE**



## **COULD YOU ADD JUST ONE MORE GIFT TO YOUR LIST?**

It feels good to know that your act of kindness will touch the lives of people in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please add just one more gift to your shopping list, the gift of hope that comes in the form of nutritious meals, safe shelter, and access to life-restoring care.

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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:

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