



Lighthouse

Portland Rescue Mission | Spring 2022

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

You've touched so many lives!



Giving Hope. Restoring Life.

AFTER

1949

73

YEARS

2022



Eric Bauer, Executive Director

Hope is Still Found Here!

Our Spring Newsletter allows us the opportunity to celebrate with our partners the ministry outcomes of the previous year. But it is not just about the meals, the shelter, or the short and long-term programs that we provided in 2021. It is the compassionate and highly-relational delivery of these crucial services that cultivated the most gracious outcomes – hurting, despairing neighbors feeling valued, gaining hope, learning to trust, and beginning to walk away from a life plagued by hunger, homelessness, and/or addiction. I rejoice that lives are truly transformed and families reunited through the love and grace of Christ expressed through our community of staff, volunteers, and donors.

All the compassionate care provided by Portland Rescue Mission is given with a view towards walking with people on a path towards a more purposeful and self-sufficient life. Trusting relationships are formed so hope can be instilled and barriers to success removed. Support in overcoming the identified barriers is offered through a variety of services, including **referrals, relational development, life skills training, workplace readiness, health and wellness activities, addictions recovery, parenting and family reunification assistance, cultivation of spiritual growth, and more.**

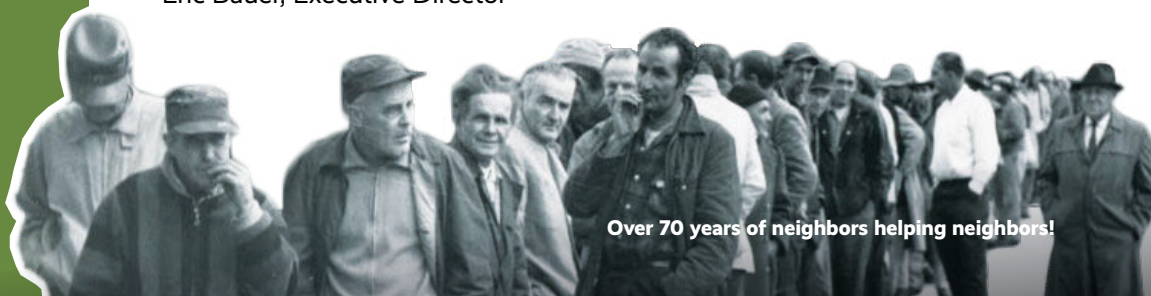
And looking forward, I am excited for the opportunities we have every day to express the love of God to our neighbors in great need. I am excited to know you will be partnering with us every step of the way. The prayers, the ongoing support, and the service of our partners in ministry will fill another year with miracles of grace that will ignite hope and restore lives.

Celebrating with gratitude for you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Bauer".

Eric Bauer, Executive Director

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Over 70 years of neighbors helping neighbors!

OVERCOMING

A Hopeless Condition



Terry now experiences new life in community at The Harbor



After 30 years of instability and addiction, Terry came to an uncomfortable conclusion. "I realized that I have no structure. I have nowhere to go, and no one wants to be around me. It's misery... just a hopeless condition." Thankfully there was one person in Terry's life who could point him in the right direction, and that direction was to join Portland Rescue Mission's recovery program at The Harbor.

"I knew they were friendly the first time somebody came up and offered me coffee. Something inside of me said, 'Look, you came here for help so trust them.'" That's when everything changed for Terry. "It's like freedom. I found out through coming to The Harbor that I thrive with support, which is something that I've never had. I enjoy being a part of a thriving community where we help each other. When one person's down, we lift them up and pray for them."

What happened when Terry had a chance to greet a new program participant? "I got in line, man. I got in line!"

After
30 YEARS
Terry has found
hope!



Please donate today to provide others like Terry with meals, shelter, and life-restoring care.

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Providing Hope Through Partnership

Despite 2021 being a year of challenges and setbacks, at Portland Rescue Mission 2021 will be remembered as another year of relentless compassion. It was a year that saw New Life Program participants at The Harbor and Shepherd's Door overcoming addiction and transitioning into stable housing and employment **with 78% of New Life Graduates in the**

past 5 years remaining addictions-free and in housing. Shepherd's Door moms were reunited with their children; families restored; and dangerous generational cycles broken. Thank you for your partnership in providing hope and opportunities for a new start for our neighbors suffering from hunger, homelessness, and addiction.



"Having warm, safe shelter is literally the best feeling in the world. It is the first step to a better life."

- CORNELL, CONNECT PROGRAM GRADUATE

3,893

MEN AND WOMEN

received life-sustaining services given with compassion at the Burnside Shelter.

311

MEN, WOMEN, AND

CHILDREN served in short and long-term programs leading out of homelessness.

14,379

HOURS SERVED

753

VOLUNTEERS



VOLUNTEERS

offer friendship, compassion, and encouragement 365 days a year. They are often the first people to invite someone into a caring community.



336,421

MEALS SERVED



51,702

NIGHTS OF SHELTER



553,520

LBS. OF DONATED GOODS

WHERE FUNDS COME FROM



HOW FUNDS ARE USED



Portland Rescue Mission receives no government funding.

Services are available free of charge to those in need through the generous compassion of community partners.

895

VEHICLES DONATED



Your vehicle donated to Drive Away Hunger funds our services, provides job-training, and gives you the maximum tax deduction possible.

www.DriveAwayHunger.org

Your Partnership



Transforms Lives & Inspires Gratitude



"THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY.
I LOVE BEING ALIVE,
I REALLY DO!"
- MARK



"THANK YOU FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY TO GET MY LIFE
BACK TOGETHER."
- L J



"THANK YOU FOR THE
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, AND FOR
SHOWING ME WHAT IT TRULY MEANS
TO KNOW AND LOVE JESUS."
- TAMMY



"THANK YOU FOR THE
SUPPORT, FOR HELPING
ME TO STAY SOBER, AND
FOR GIVING ME A ROOF
OVER MY HEAD."
- ANTHONY



"THANK YOU TO
THE DONORS WHO
MAKE THIS HAPPEN.
WITHOUT SHEPHERD'S
DOOR I WOULD STILL
BE OUT THERE, AND I
MIGHT NOT BE ALIVE."
- JODY

**YOUR
SUPPORT**



**provides an
upward path to a
brighter future**

THANK YOU for the prayers and
partnership that keep our doors open
24/7 and make these services available
free of charge to our neighbors in need!

CARE PARTNER PROFILE

Fred Meyer



Since 2018 The Kroger Co.'s **Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation** has been committed to creating communities free of hunger and waste. Their commitment to provide nutritious meals while also serving men and women experiencing homelessness, who want to gain skills, stabilize their lives, and find permanent housing, very much aligns with the work of Portland Rescue Mission. For that reason, Portland Rescue Mission received a grant from the foundation that provided nutritious meals to people in need for the entire month of April! This has created thousands of opportunities for us to meet our guests and invite them into a caring community.



One of many birthday parties hosted by Fred Meyer

Kroger Co.'s Fred Meyer team also has a longstanding tradition of serving meals and encouraging guests at our Burnside Shelter. For years they hosted a monthly birthday party that was held on the third Wednesday of every month. Thank you, Kroger Co., for improving food security and reducing waste in our community!

To find out how your church or business can become a Care Partner, please visit **www.PDXCares.org**.



Put your gift to work right away when you donate online:

www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SpringNL

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

Donor Name (as it appears on credit card or bank account) Donor Signature

Address:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ I prefer to send my gift of \$ _____ each month and have enclosed my check. (We will send you gift envelopes)

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.

☐ I authorize Portland Rescue Mission to charge my credit card or banking account when this form is received at the mission. This payment authorization is valid and to remain in effect until written end date or upon sending notice to Portland Rescue Mission at **donations@pdxmission.org** or **PO Box 3713 Portland, OR 97208** five days prior to the scheduled payment date.

Credit Card Gift:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card #

Exp. Date

3- or 4- Digit Security Code

Billing ZIP Code

Checking/Savings Account Gift:

☐ Checking ☐ Business Checking ☐ Savings

Bank Name

Bank Routing Number

Bank Account Number

JOIN OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

**PROVIDE SHELTER, MEALS, AND
LIFE-RESTORING CARE YEAR-ROUND!**

\$24 A MONTH PROVIDES TWO FULL
DAYS OF CARE EACH MONTH

- Nutritious meals
- Safe shelter
- Showers, restrooms, clean clothes, and hygiene supplies
- Access to healthcare, housing, and employment resources
- Invitation to join programs for addictions recovery, spiritual renewal, and life-skills training



Start your automatic monthly donation today!

Donate Online At: **www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SpringNL**

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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To donate online, visit:

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*Thank you for
your support!*