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,

Eric Bauer, Executive Director

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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!”

Please donate today to provide others like Terry with meals, shelter, and life-restoring care. www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SpringNL
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

14,379 HOURS SERVED
753 VOLUNTEERS

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

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.
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WHERE FUNDS COME FROM

INDIVIDUALS 82%
FOUNDATIONS 12%
CHURCHES & BUSINESSES 6%

HOW FUNDS ARE USED

PROGRAMS 78%
ADMINISTRATION 8%
FUNDRAISING 14%

Portland Rescue Mission receives no government funding.

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

See our 2021 Year in Review video at www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SpringNL
"Thank you for the unconditional love, and for showing me what it truly means to know and love Jesus."
- Tammy

"Thank you for the opportunity to get my life back together."
- L J

"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

"Thank you for another day. I love being alive, I really do!"
- Mark

"Thank you for the support, for helping me to stay sober, and for giving me a roof over my head."
- Anthony

Your Partnership Transforms Lives & Inspires Gratitude

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!
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.

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](http://www.PDXCares.org).
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

❑ $24/mo to help 24 people a year
❑ $48/mo to help 48 people a year
❑ $96/mo to help 96 people a year
❑ $__________ a month
❑ $__________ one time gift

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

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

Donate Online At: www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SpringNL

Start your automatic monthly donation today!

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Thank you for your support!