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Portland Rescue Mission | Holiday 2023

Hope **FOR THE** *Holidays*

**GIVING THE GIFT OF REAL,
PERMANENT CHANGE**

Giving Hope. Restoring Life.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE



Eric Bauer,
Executive Director (on right)

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With hundreds expected for our annual Thanksgiving meal, preparations have already begun. While Chef Ted and his team will no doubt put out a classic spread of holiday favorites, our plans go far beyond that last slice of pumpkin pie. Our plan is to offer our guests what they hunger for the most; **real, permanent change.**

A hot holiday meal served family-style by caring volunteers will give our guests a chance to relax. They can stop being hypervigilant for a moment and take a step out of survival mode. Then, through words and actions, we can share something that they likely haven't heard in a long time, if ever. **We can say that they have value. We can say there's hope. There's a pathway out, and we can find that pathway together.**

As trust is formed, we can go deeper. We can address addictions recovery, job skills training, life-skills, parenting, legal issues, medical issues, and so much more. We can untangle what's been tangled through years of isolation.

We can untangle what's been tangled through years of isolation. And we can do it together, building a community that will serve as a support structure for many Thanksgivings to come.

I am grateful for you and your willingness to join us in the work that God continues to do in giving hope and restoring lives.

Thank you for giving hope for the holidays.

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

Eric Bauer, Executive Director



HOPE IS ON THE MENU

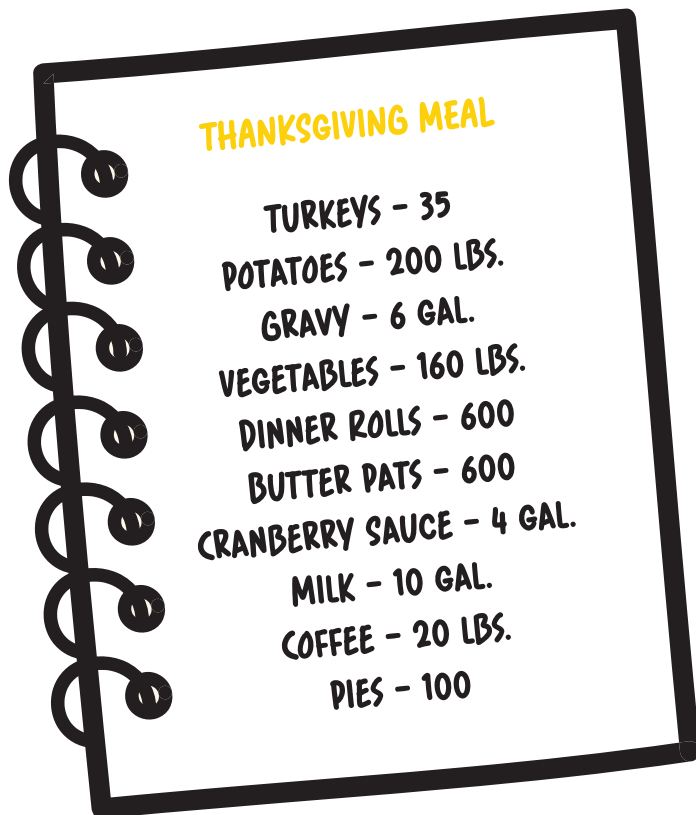
Thanksgiving is just weeks away. Ever wonder what goes into planning a holiday meal for hundreds of neighbors in need?

“When a guest first sees the meal in front of them their response is gratitude. Sometimes we’ll serve someone who has never been on the street before and they’ll say, ‘This is just what I needed!’ The smile on their face is amazing.” -Ted Wachsmuth, Food Service Manager

Leading up to our Thanksgiving meal, Portland Rescue Mission will continue to serve about **900 meals each and every day**. Please keep our pantry filled during this busy season with your generous gift.



Ted Wachsmuth,
Food Service Manager



Give Thanksgiving meals and life-restoring care at
www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL



Thanks for Giving Hope for the Holidays

**REAL LIVES,
REAL PERMANENT CHANGE**

"They do a really good job of making sure people have a place to go on the holidays.

It can be really lonely when you've lost your family. I learned a lot about God, and I learned that there's help and there's hope.

– JIM




"Last year I felt the holiday spirit. The Mission made the best Christmas possible for me and my son. **They gave us more than presents, they gave us love and they gave us a sense of belonging.**"

– TAMMY

"I come in here every night, and **they give me hope** that I can make it off of the street."


– DOUG





"I came for breakfast, and it's helping me because **I know it's going to be safe,** and I know it's always going to be open.

– EMILY



"I knew that as long as the Mission was here, I could make a life for myself, and I could continue on. **By being on the program, I have hope, wisdom, guidance, and strength.** It's a wonderful feeling!"

– ROCKY

"When I first came to The Harbor, I was greeted with a big smile and a 'Welcome!' **I've been transformed since I've been here.** The biggest part of my recovery is my relationship with God and His son Jesus. Thank you for believing that people can become better!"

– MICHAEL



Your partnership provides meals, shelter, and relational care. Please give today.
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Paths to a Brighter Future

Each night up to 295 people experience life-restoring care in our highly relational programs, all of which are available free of charge thanks to the love and support of our community. *This is how lives are changed!*



Three Community Houses in the Portland Metro area provide independent living for up to 12 women and 12 children in a 2-year transitional housing program.

Outcome: *"I feel rooted in my home, church, and community."*



The Mission offers recovery programs for up to 37 men at The Harbor and 40 women and 25 children at Shepherd's Door for people with recovery needs.

Outcome: *"I feel whole. My faith is strong. I have skills for success. I have a job and housing."*



Transitional shelter programs are available at our Burnside Shelter in Old Town serving people with transitional needs.

Outcome: *"I feel hopeful. I have stability. I have a job, housing, or will enter a program."*



Urgent needs for about 4,000 individuals per year are met at our Burnside Shelter in Old Town. Services include overnight shelter for up to 75 men, 24/7 restrooms, showers, toiletries, mail, referrals, chapel services, and nutritious meals.

Outcome: *"I feel safe, valued, and known. I have dignity."*



Join Us For Stories of HOPE!

Portland Rescue Mission will be hitting the airwaves to share powerful stories of hope and life-transformation. **Tune in to meet the very people whose lives have been impacted by your prayers and support.**



Hope for the Holidays Radiothon

The FISH Portland

- Thursday, November 16 from 6am to 6pm
- The Mission partners with churches in our community to give hope this holiday season.



Hope for the Holidays Telethon

KATU Channel 2

- Tuesday, November 21
- Special Programming at 9am and 2pm



To learn about sponsorship opportunities please contact: **Leah.Hay@PDXMission.org**



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

www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL

\$ _____ ☐ 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.

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Bank Name

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HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Provide shelter, meals, and life-restoring care year-round. Start your monthly donation today!

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS Monthly Donor Program is now **ALL DIGITAL** allowing for more of your funds to go directly to providing these life-restoring services:

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

Circle of Friends

Donate Online At: www.PortlandRescueMission.org/HolidayNL

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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*Thank you for
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