



Friends of Wyoming Rescue Mission

Each issue of *Transformations* highlights an individual or group who has gone to extraordinary measures to assist WRM in serving our neighbors in need. This month we extend our deep appreciation to Gary and Michelle Ferguson and Rich and Carmen Fairservis. In 2017, these compassionate couples donated a house to WRM, which was used immediately as a cold weather shelter for women and children. When our new Park Street Center was complete and able to accommodate that need, it allowed the house to be used for transitional housing and sober living for women who have graduated from our Discipleship Recovery Program. The Ferguson's have continued to partner with Wyoming Rescue Mission through the Jr. Livestock Sale, along with other generous community donors, purchasing meat to help fill our freezer each year.

Ways to Help at the Holidays... and All Year Round



GIVE GIFT CARDS



Gift cards to these merchants allow us to purchase holiday gifts and year-round necessities for our guests. Simply mail them to PO Box 2030, Casper, WY 82602 or deliver them to **230 N Park Street in Casper.**

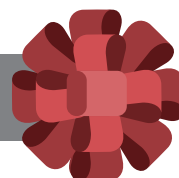
Walmart * Target * Sam's Club * Albertsons

MEET URGENT NEEDS



These items are a vital part of WRM's everyday operations and the comfort of our guests. Please drop off your donations at **230 N Park Street in Casper.**

garbage bags * paper towels & toilet paper
Laundry pods * Kleenex * shampoo



Share the Joy of Christmas

Please bring "We Care Kit" items to the Development Office at 331 N Park, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., by December 15. Call our kitchen at (307) 265-2251 for grocery delivery instructions.

"Adopt-a-Guest" by purchasing practical presents, wrapped and ready to open at Christmas, for the men and women in our recovery programs. Call Jackie Pickinpaugh at (307) 265-6929 for all the details.

Fill "We Care Kits" (large gift or freezer bags) with full-size personal hygiene items to help the men and women in our care feel comfortable and cared for.

shampoo • conditioner • soap • shaving cream • razors • washcloths
deodorant • toothbrush/toothpaste • winter hats/gloves • underwear (men's sizes 32-52; women's sizes 7-12) • hair products • brushes • feminine products

Shop for the holiday foods we need for the hundreds of meals we'll serve to homeless guests and hungry individuals from the community:

turkeys • hams • boxes of stuffing • bags of potatoes • sweet potatoes
pie filling or frozen fruit • dinner rolls • breakfast pastries • large cans of coffee



Brad, please use my Christmas gift to bring joy and restoration to those who are homeless and hurting:

- ☐ \$21.50 to feed & care for 10 people
 - ☐ \$51.60 to feed & care for 24 people
 - ☐ \$75.25 to feed & care for 35 people
 - ☐ \$88.15 to feed & care for 41 people
 - ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible
- Plus, \$_____ to provide a special Christmas gift

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ BILL MY CREDIT CARD

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD # _____

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Donate now! ☎ (307) 265-3002

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Because of YOU... "My Story Has a New Beginning!"

Your gifts bring **JOY** to people like Kristie at Christmas and all through the year!



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restoring hope, transforming lives

A MESSAGE FROM
BRAD HOPKINS



**Your Gifts
Fill Hearts
With Joy!**

The "Christmas story" isn't fiction, fable or fairytale. It's God's reassuring Truth!

Christ was born to bring hope to a troubled world and healing to broken souls.

That's the joy-filled message we're honored to share with our guests at Christmas, and remain faithful to every day of the year.

Jesus' birth begins a new story for all of humankind. But for a new story to begin, an old one often must end. Through the Christ-centered care your generosity provides, we help individuals close chapters of loneliness, pain and tragedy in their lives and ask the Lord to be the author of their futures. I invite you to partner with us in the coming weeks to provide gifts of food, shelter and life-restoring guidance, as we celebrate the joyous new beginnings the season brings.

For you and me today, the Christmas story continues. In fact, it never ends as long as friends like you continue to reach out with compassion to those who are homeless, addicted and downtrodden. Thank you for keeping the story of Christ's birth alive – and filling hearts with the joy of Christmas – every day of the year.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season and into the New Year.

Thank you,

Brad Hopkins, Executive Director

2019
**HARVEST
of HOPE**
CAMPAIGN

During the final months of the year, we rely on our friends and partners to contribute as much as 50 percent of the annual donated income required to provide meals, shelter and life-changing care in the year ahead. **Your gift in support of our holiday activities will be counted toward our campaign goal of \$593,000.**

Please send your gift today and know you are sharing the joy of Christmas with hurting men, women and children this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

In 2020, your Harvest of Hope gift will help provide...



Over **56,000** meals



More than **43,000** nights of shelter



As many as **81,350** hours of counseling, education & guidance

December 3 is
**#GIVING
TUESDAY**



Now in its eighth year, **Giving Tuesday** unites compassionate friends and partners in caring for their neighbors and communities. On this special day of generosity and kindness, your gift will bring life essentials and life-changing guidance to those in our care at WRM!

**No Need to Wait Until December 3...
Send Your Gift Today!**

Give online at wyomission.org.

Add your special gift to the reply card and send it today.

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and restored!**”



“I got to go full circle – from front door to staff member,” says Kristie, a graduate of our Discipleship Recovery Program, describing her journey from struggle to strength.

When she came to WRM in 2018, she was a broken woman. Chronic health issues had led to an addiction that ended her career, separated her from her loved ones and left her homeless.

With the care and guidance of our staff and volunteers, she allowed the Lord to rewrite her life story, based on her passion for helping others. She worked at our front desk, served as a mentor for other women in the program and helped with community fundraisers where she grew to love the people of Casper.

After graduation she felt God calling her back home to Washington, where He has restored her relationship with her family. Her health has improved dramatically, and she joined a church where she continues to be supported in her walk with the Lord.

Her long-term goal is to run a ministry, “helping people that help other people,” she says. “That would be an excellent way to use the talents and experience WRM has given me.” For now she enjoys working

“**God has moved tremendous mountains in my life.**”

through temporary agencies where she has many opportunities to share her journey and the message of Christ's love.

This summer she came back to visit our staff and guests, and it was a heartwarming reunion. “It's like having another family,” she says. “It's the birthplace of my soul.”

*This Christmas, **because of your compassion and God's love**, Kristie's story has a new beginning. And she's blessed by the greatest gift she could ever receive – a future filled with joy and meaning. “I want to say thank you to the Mission, the city of Casper and the state of Wyoming for everything in my life today. Every single person who donates – I'm the difference your dollar can make!”*