

**Your Sacrificial Giving
Blesses Others...
Become a Monthly Giving
Program Partner**

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

– Luke 21:1-4 (NIV)

This moving parable reminds us of a graduate of our Discipleship program who is now an employee here at WRM. Although she doesn't make much money, she has pledged to give \$100 per month, as often as she can, as a partner in our **Monthly Giving Program**. We hope her selfless example encourages others to give sacrificially too.

Gifts from our **Monthly Giving Program** partners provide a predictable stream of revenue to fund our life-changing programs and services. A monthly commitment – of as little as \$15 – helps ensure an ongoing foundation of hope and transformation for individuals and families working hard to rebuild their lives.

If you're not already a part of this vital group, we pray you will join them. Simply complete the back of the enclosed reply form or visit wyomission.org.

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

- Turkeys
- Hams
- Stuffing mix
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Milk
- Dinner rolls
- Recyclable cups and napkins
- Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, onions, potatoes



Drop off your donations at **WRM at 230 N Park Street in Casper.**

Thank you for helping!

Don't Miss a Single WRM Moment!

Follow us on social media and sign up for our emails to stay up-to-date on our Thanksgiving activities, urgent needs, special events and how your partnership is transforming lives. Be sure to tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to help this Thanksgiving!

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Brad, please use my 2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift to provide meals, care & hope for hurting neighbors:

- \$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

This would be a blessing!

CHECK ENCLOSED BILL MY CREDIT CARD



CREDIT CARD # _____
 EXP. DATE _____
 PHONE # _____
 EMAIL _____

Donate now! ☎ (307) 265-3002
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Wyoming Rescue Mission
 PO Box 2030
 Casper, WY 82602-2030



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 ADDRESS _____
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**John's heart
is filled
with gratitude
for YOU!**

Inside: Read how your compassion and support changes lives... like John's. He received scholarships to attend the University of Wyoming, made honor roll and recently graduated with a geology degree!



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restoring hope, transforming lives

*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many in our community and state have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to Wyoming Rescue Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God’s faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving “the least of these.”

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others’ needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you’ll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



Thank you,
Brad Hopkins
Brad Hopkins
Executive Director



21,250
MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our
2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we’ll serve to our homeless and struggling guests throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

**faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more!**

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**

 Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

 Give online anytime at **wyomission.org.**



**Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for
your faithful support!**

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$2.15
for 1 hot meal

AND



\$10.36
for 1 night of
safe shelter

CAN LEAD
TO



**Practical guidance
and God’s
life-changing
LOVE**



**READ JOHN'S STORY TO
LEARN MORE!**



**“IT TAKES
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Nearly 20 years ago, John suffered a serious back injury that altered the course of his future. “Back in those days, we didn’t know what we know now about pain relief and opioid abuse,” he says.

A single father, John had a good job and a woman he planned to marry. But as he grew increasingly dependent on his prescription medication, his life began to deteriorate. He made mistakes he deeply regrets and was incarcerated.

“I lost my home, my job, my fiancée and custody of my daughter,” he painfully recalls. When he was released, he wandered the country, moving from shelter to shelter. Finally, when he found himself in Casper at Wyoming Rescue Mission, he knew something was different: *the presence of God and a feeling of acceptance he’d never had before.*

“I started to submit to people helping me make decisions and calling me out where I’m wrong,”

**“There’s a whole community
behind you here in Casper...
and a prominent faith element.”**

he says. He dedicated himself to our faith-based Discipleship program and formed solid relationships within the community. But as he approached graduation, he feared he’d return to an aimless life, without a clear path forward.

So, at age 40, he enrolled in college and approached his studies with the same diligence and commitment he’d become known for at WRM. He received scholarships, made the honor roll and graduated with a degree in geology from the University of Wyoming.

His journey was far from easy, however. He encountered countless roadblocks along the way because of his past. But he found that if he worked hard and did his part, mentors from WRM, kind donors like you and friends in the community were ready to step up and help... because of their faith and belief in him.

“That’s God’s way. That’s Wyoming’s way,” he says.

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives like John’s!

“I look forward to my story continuing. It’s been a miraculous journey. It’s very much God... the entire city... and the people of Wyoming. It takes a village sometimes.”