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Finding Joy in Challenges **3** "It's just amazing what God can do in your life."

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# MISTIE'S CHALLENGE:

Changing her way of life

YOU are the reason Mistie & others like her are overcoming their challenges.

#### **CONNECTING WITH YOU...**

#### Dear Friend,

When you hear the word, "challenge," your immediate thought may not be,"Hooray!"

But we're rejoicing in our challenge this month: A group of generous WRM partners is challenging you to match their \$100,000 gift with an additional **\$100,000.** That's a total of \$200,000 to care for those in need.

Our joy comes from knowing friends like you will step up to help meet this challenge!

I hope when you read Mistie's story (on page 3), you'll see how tremendously her life has been changed by gifts like yours. I'm so grateful that you not only lift up our guests in your prayers, but take the next step by sharing your abundance with them. And what a blessing to give this month, when your gift provides twice the help with essentials like food and shelter so they can find healing and hope through Christ's love.



**Executive Director Brad** Hopkins encourages all of us to find joy in our challenges, especially when they allow us to bring hope to others.

You are the reason this ministry can meet the challenge of caring for our community's homeless - this month and throughout the entire year.

God bless you for remembering all those who are hurting. Your compassion lets them know they're not alone in the challenges they're currently facing.

Thank you

Brad Hopkins Executive Director



# GO Fishin' for the JUNE 18-19 MISSIO

There's still time to reserve a boat or become a sponsor for Wyoming Rescue Mission's sixth annual fly fishing tournament, June 18 and 19. Once again, Wyoming Fly Fishing will partner with WRM for this fun-filled fundraising event, which will support the comprehensive outreach at our Park Street Center.

The participation fee is \$1,500, which includes rods, reels, boat rental and a professional guide. You or your organization can be recognized as an Event Sponsor for \$3,000 or a Presenting Sponsor for \$5,500.

Call (307) 265-3002 or visit wyomission.org for all the details. See you on the water!

### **COMPASSION IN ACTION...**

Our thanks go out to Home Depot, who donated materials and time to build a side shelter outside our new Park Street Center. The covered structure will protect guests from the wind, rain and snow while waiting for rides. The estimated cost of the project was \$12,000.

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28,653



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Vouchers for clothing, household items and furniture



## It's just amazing what God can do in your life.

"T was born into a drug-addicted home," Mistie says. Following the example of the adults in her life, at age 13, she took her first step down the same destructive path.

Over the years, her painful journey led her through a string of detention centers and treatment facilities – and finally a foster home where she was sexually assaulted. As she struggled to cope with her anguish, her substance abuse escalated, and her actions led to prison time. When she was released, addiction took control again.

# "If this is life... I don't want it anymore."

"It was never ending... I had no hope," she says. She tried to take her own life, but her attempt was unsuccessful. She now knows God had other plans...

Soon she met a stranger – a pastor who introduced her to the Lord. Over the next few months, her heart began to change. And she came to WRM to continue her transformation.

Did you know?

In our Discipleship Recovery Program, "I have a healthy environment. I have people who encourage me and love me. I have more support than I've had in my entire life," Mistie shares. She embraces opportunities to share her testimony with teens who are troubled and struggling as she once was. And she recently started college with plans to become the pastor of a church. "I believe that's God's calling for my life," she says.

YOU are the reason men and women like Mistie are no longer bound by their past challenges – and have become

### "My eyes were opened... I smile all the time... I have peace."

overcomers through God's love. "With the Lord's help, I'm able to conquer all things. I can't even explain how much my life has changed."

Thank you for your gift today and your ongoing support.

It costs \$8,413.73 to sponsor one individual through Wyoming Rescue Mission's one-year Discipleship Recovery Program.



### **DOUBLE YOUR HELP!**

Our Matching Challenge is underway now

Right now, a generous Matching gift means every gift given until May 31 has double the impact. That adds up to TWICETHE HELP for people facing huge challenges throughout Wyoming!

- Hot meals for those who are hungry (just \$2.15 each!)
- Safe shelter and beds for homeless men, women and children
- Counsel & prayer for individuals battling addiction
  - Training to prepare men and women for employment



### **Summer Needs** for Kitchen

WRM's kitchen staff prepares as many as 20 sack lunches each day for our guests who are away at mealtimes. They may be at their jobs, seeking employment or taking classes or training courses. You're invited to donate the items we need to ensure they have wholesome meals while on the go:

sliced bread, lunch meat, fruit cups, chips, napkins, coffee, drink mixes, sugar, powdered creamer, mustard & mayonnaise packets, eggs and butter

Please drop off your donations anytime at our Park Street Center, 230 N. Park Street.



**HELP TURN \$100,000** → **\$200,000** 

DON'T WATT! DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT BY RESPONDING NOW.

#### YOU will be a blessing in so many lives! This Matching Challenge ends May 31!



Send your gift for 2x the impact today.

### Providing Health Care for the Homeless

The opening of our new Park Street Center and our alliance with the Community Action Partnership of Natrona County's 12th Street Health Care for the Homeless Clinic (HCH) are enabling WRM to provide basic

health care services for our homeless guests and neighbors.

HCH has an office and exam room in the Center and staffs the "clinic" with a nurse practitioner, medical assistant, social worker and administrative personnel. In addition to providing primary medical care including health screenings and TB testing, these experienced professionals also counsel and refer patients to other providers including dentists and eye doctors. For more in-depth services or medications, patients are directed to HCH's

main location in Casper.

The clinic in Park Street Center is open to the public and WRM guests Monday through Thursday, from 7 to 9 a.m. Mental health professionals are available on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. While services are provided on a sliding scale fee, no one will be turned away.



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