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Meet *Melissa* She can't thank YOU enough!

Because of you,
her heart is filled with
new hope this Easter.

Don't miss...

2 Abigail came for
a meal...

3 "I am healed!"

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the Mission

restoring hope, transforming lives



Here's how YOUR gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



just \$2.15 for a meal!

4,500 meals to serve



4,615 nights of shelter to provide



51 men & women to care for in our recovery programs (currently)



Hundreds of hours of education & counseling to provide

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



A Message from BRAD HOPKINS

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon – and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, “He is risen indeed!”

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at WRM right now... men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer hope to a hurting world resonates with our guests. In Jesus, they see they too can overcome! As guests begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

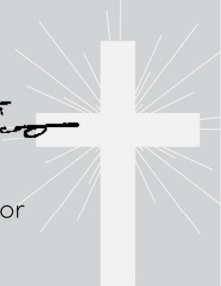
Forgiveness is a doorway to new life. It opens up our guests to

accepting love – not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the message too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

Thank you, Brad Hopkins

Brad Hopkins Executive Director



ABIGAIL CAME FOR A MEAL...



... AND IT WAS THE START OF A NEW LIFE!

Abigail didn't have much hope left when she came to our door. Thanks to you, she was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored her hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.15
• An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$10.36!)
• Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

Each meal you give makes a big difference!

This Easter, as Abigail celebrates the hope in her life, YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

- Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
Give online anytime at wyomission.org.

Thank you again for your support of our guests! Happy Easter!



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Since coming
to WRM...
I am healed!
”

When the father of her children was killed through an act of violence, Melissa was devastated.

“After he died, I had never been so alone in my life,” she says. *“But in those moments, you can really feel God’s presence, because He’s always there in our darkest hour.”* Yet, sadly, because of long-held feelings of unworthiness and low self-esteem, she was unable to embrace the full power of His love.

As she struggled to cope with her grief and pain, she rekindled an addiction she thought she had put behind her. Placing her children in the care of her parents, who continued to love her unconditionally, she faced homelessness – even jail time – as she tried in vain to pull her life back together.

Finally, at the encouragement of her mother and father, she came to WRM and joined our Discipleship Recovery Program.

Today, Melissa says, WRM is empowering her with a stable foundation – spiritually, mentally and

emotionally – to go back into the world. And she is learning that her self-esteem comes not from how the world sees her, but from God’s love for her.

“There was always something missing in my life, and that was my connection with Him.”

When she graduates, healed and whole and confident in her role as a godly mother, she plans to find a job and affordable housing where she can be reunited with her children.

She attributes her transformation to her parents, the staff and volunteers at WRM and others who believed in her and showed unwavering support.

“It’s all been through the Lord and the people He has put in my life to help me grow and let go of my fears,” she shares.

Although you may never meet Melissa, she is eternally grateful to you, too, for YOUR support – and her heart is filled with new hope for the future.

“The Mission truly gets to the core of healing people and getting them on the right path.”

“
For me, you can’t
really have healing
without the Lord.
”

Melissa’s father, Mark, and her mother have been WRM donors since 2008. “We would send money for Thanksgiving and Christmas and Easter and whenever we could,” Mark says. He also knew a coworker who had graduated from our Discipleship Recovery Program. So he felt confident in encouraging Melissa to seek our help.

“I never thought I would have a daughter at the Mission,” he shares. “But God works in wonderful ways.”

Today, seeing how his daughter’s life is being restored in our care, “It’s been a blessing to us for Melissa to find hope and transformation,” Mark says. “She just seems happier. Her soul is being healed.”



Go Fishin' for the MISSION



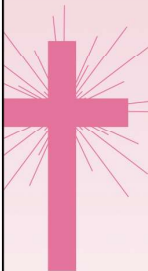
On June 3, 2020, Wyoming Rescue Mission will partner with **Wyoming Fly Fishing** for their seventh annual fly-fishing tournament, benefiting WRM's life-changing programs and services.

The festivities begin in the evening on June 2 with the "guide meet & greet" dinner. Coffee and a full breakfast will be provided at 6:30 in the morning on June 3. Then tournament details will be shared, and the guide drawing and raffles will be held before contestants set off on their half-day fly fishing adventure. The event concludes with lunch, music, entertainment and an awards ceremony.

The participation fee is \$1,500, which includes rods, reels, boat rental and a professional guide, as well as the activities described above. 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 details. See you on the water!

Pledge to Give Monthly in 2020

We're grateful for our **Monthly Giving Program** partners whose consistent gifts of \$15, \$25, \$35 or more provide a predictable stream of revenue to fund our programs and services. If you're not already part of this vital group, we encourage you to join them! Your monthly commitment will help ensure an ongoing foundation of hope and transformation for men, women and families working to rebuild their lives. To become a **Monthly Giving Program** partner, simply complete the back of the enclosed reply form or visit **wyomission.org**.



Brad, please use my Easter gift to feed & care for homeless neighbors:

- \$21.50 to feed and care for 10 people
- \$51.60 to feed and care for 24 people
- \$75.25 to feed and care for 35 people
- \$88.15 to feed and care for 41 people
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

This would be a blessing!

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