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YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING JOY A SECOND CHANCE

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restoring hope, transforming lives

## **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!** It starts with a meal for \$2.15!

### A Message from BRAD HOPKINS

### Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at WRM – our general expenses during June, July and August are \$550,600. This includes meals, shelter and the costs to provide faithbased recovery services during the ongoing pandemic. And as more of our neighbors need help, it all adds up.

## We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of WRM is also critical to help make their transformation possible.



We're so grateful that you love your neighbors this summer and all year long.

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Brad Hopkins Executive Director



Help meet our community's needs! Your gift today provides:



# Do you know our **SUMMER 63?**

Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for WRM guests all summer long.

#### We'd LOVE if you helped by donating any – or all – of these items!

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 230 N. Park, seven days a week. It's a great way to care for our guests at WRM this summer!



- 1. Bottled water
- 2. Hand sanitizer
- 3. Toothpaste
- 4. Toilet paper
- 5. Paper towels
- 6. High-efficiency laundry soap



A fter two broken marriages, Joy was devastated. As she struggled to cope with her heartbreak and loss, she rekindled an addiction she thought she'd overcome. Soon she was unable to hold a job... she was evicted from her home... and she lost her will to live. "I was totally broken. Totally hopeless. Totally suicidal," she says.

Knowing her only salvation was submitting her life to the Lord, she gave up all her belongings, came to our ministry and joined our Discipleship Recovery Program.

"I did it joyfully, knowing I would become a disciple of Christ."

With the guidance of our counselors, she started praying – persistently – and her heart began to heal. "I had a spiritual awakening and God took away my struggles," she shares. Through Bible study, faith-based classes and the inspiration of Christian mentors, she built a foundation for the discipleship she was seeking. "I have fully stepped into my identity in Christ, and He has changed my habits, my thoughts, my temperament and my strength, completely." Because of her godly demeanor, she was chosen to mentor others in our program and then felt God calling her into ministry herself. Today she is a fulltime college student working toward a degree in addiction counseling and hopes to one day serve as a chaplain here at Wyoming Rescue Mission. Currently, she balances her class schedule with a job in our Rescued Treasures Thrift Store.

After a lifetime of believing, this is the first time I was truly surrendering to God.

"I am so happy to be working for the people who, with God's help, saved my life," she says.

Joy is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it's thanks to the love you've shown for a neighbor like her. "I was at the end of my life. But since coming to this ministry, I'm on a new road."

# Thank You, We Love VOLUNTEERS

Wyoming Rescue Mission is blessed and honored to have so many amazing individuals and groups who partner with us to serve the less fortunate. The amount of time, skills and resources poured into caring for our guests is incredible, and without our volunteers, the cost and hours rendered would be exorbitant.

We are grateful to all of you, and we especially want to thank the individuals and businesses who helped with our Rescued Treasures fence project last summer.

Thank you to Tommy Allen, Mrs. Tommy Allen, John Martin Jr. and Dirty Dozen Fab & Welding, High Country Fabrication and Frankie Fordyce, Martin's Tae Kwon Do, and everyone associated with them who helped!



# Leave a Legacy

Because of your deep commitment to those whose needs are greater than your own, you may be looking for opportunities to make a positive impact beyond your lifetime. A legacy gift to Wyoming Rescue Mission is a powerful way to continue your generosity and love.

The most common form of legacy gift is a bequest, which is made through your will. Simply include the following language:

"I, (Donor name), of (City, State, Zip), give, devise and bequeath to Wyoming Rescue Mission, located at 230 N. Park Street, Casper, WY 82601, a Wyoming nonprofit corporation, the amount of \$(amount), or (percentage)% of my estate, or the property described herein; for its unrestricted use and purpose."

For more information on this and other forms of legacy giving, contact your financial advisor or call Denise Lyons Kleemeyer, our Director of Advancement, at **(307) 233-6916**.

God bless you for all you do to care for your neighbors in need.