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GRATEFUL THROUGH IT ALL: Adam is especially thankful for YOU!

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restoring hope, transforming lives

A MESSAGE FROM BRAD HOPKINS

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. **Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at Wyoming Rescue Mission than right now, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season.**

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Safe shelter. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate!

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day. God bless!



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Brad Hopkins Executive Director

2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

It's been <u>another</u> challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

21,250 Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

Many in our community are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them!

For just \$2.15, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes



- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love that changes lives

YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!

Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to homeless and hurting people during the busy holiday season! **Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

READ ADAM'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!



"My life has COMPLETELY 180'd!"

A t age 32, substance abuse has consumed most of Adam's adult life.

Influenced by the wrong crowd, he started using alcohol in high school. As he began his career and faced the stress that came with it, his drinking continued. "I justified it as something the working man does." Soon his alcoholism escalated to the use of harder drugs, and he grew depressed and suicidal. In a desperate attempt to take his own life, he lost his leg. "But that wasn't even rock bottom," he says.

He continued his destructive habits until he finally reached the end of his rope.

"I wasn't eating. I was in a constant state of despair and misery. I was losing my friends and family... and on the verge of becoming homeless." He reached out to his father who responded with tough love and refused to take him in. Instead, he drove Adam to Wyoming Rescue Mission.

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On the outside I looked like I had it all together, but inside I was in turmoil.

Adam admits he planned to stay only a few days. "But the classes started to open my eyes," he says. "I started reading the Bible and listening to other people's testimonies. Then I knew that I'm not alone in this."

And when his family called him on Easter Sunday, offering their love and support, he was even more certain he'd made the right decision.

Today, as he continues his transformation in our Discipleship Recovery Program, "God is doing some amazing things in my life," he says. "He has totally restored my faith and I have an ongoing relationship with Him."

When he graduates from our care, Adam plans to go wherever the Lord leads him, and he believes that path will take him back to school to become a licensed chemical dependency counselor. "My purpose is to help others as Jesus Christ helped me."

As Adam celebrates this Thanksgiving, he feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it's given him a fresh start in life. "The Mission has given me hope and excitement to look forward to the future."

OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

There's still so much to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season! Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these critically-needed items.

> 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 **230 N Park Street in Casper.**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

8TH ANNUAL Fishin' for the MISSION THANK YOU FOR

MAKING IT A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who came out June 10th to make our Fishin' for the Mission event a success! For the eighth consecutive year, Wyoming Rescue Mission partnered with **Wyoming Fly Fishing** and **Crazy Rainbow** to host a fly fishing tournament that benefits WRM's lifetransforming programs and services.

Fun was had by all as fishermen (and women!) enjoyed a half-day of fly fishing adventures, lunch, music, entertainment, prizes and more. And the best part? Your incredible generosity raised \$82,517 to help restore the lives of our hurting, homeless neighbors! A heartfelt "thank you" to our incredible sponsors, participants, guides, fishers, volunteers and everyone who helped make this event our best one yet!

