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# **MARTY IS**

# celebrating new life THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching his life with hope.

Don't miss... 2 Celebrate Easter

**3** "Now God is in charge of **4** Go Fishin' for the Mission my life."

### restoring hope, transforming lives



### You can help transform hearts and lives!



**6,426** meals \$2.15 *for a meal!* 



4,423 nights of shelter



**30** men & women in our recovery programs (on average)



**3,312** annual hours of recovery classes

Thank you for sharing hope& joy this Easter! "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:5-6, NIV



## A Message from BRAD HOPKINS



As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, "And God is able to bless you abundantly..." (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your gifts to WRM, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Thank you, Sad Alto-

Brad Hopkins Executive Director

## **CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING** FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to WRM each day... longing for a second chance in life. <u>Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like</u>:

♥ A hot meal for \$2.15 - often the first step to a new life in Christ

An overnight stay in our safe shelter
Christ-centered care & healing in our life-changing programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Thank you for your support of our WRM guests. Have a blessed Easter!

"Now God is in charge of my life and I'm living the way I was meant to."



He was overwhelmed with grief and anger, and when he was 18, he began numbing his pain with alcohol. "I used it to forget, and before you know it, I was addicted."

For 40 years, alcohol controlled Marty's life. "I wasn't responsible or reliable. I quit jobs and wound up getting a divorce because of my drinking."

He completed several rehabs over the years, but always relapsed, most recently while he was passing through Casper on his way east. This time, however, he landed in trouble with the law and wound up in jail. "I knew I wasn't living the way God wanted me to live. He wanted me to change," Marty says.

When he was released from jail, Marty entered our Discipleship Recovery Program, where chapel services and Bible studies strengthened his faith. **"God brought me here because His Word is here and it's filling a void in my life."**  Through faith-based life skills classes, Marty has also been processing his grief and developing healthy coping skills to see him through whatever life sends his way. "The biggest thing they've taught me is that I don't have to be alone. **If I'm struggling, I can always talk to somebody here at the Mission."** 

I have the Word of God in me now.

After graduation, Marty plans to retire, work parttime and continue growing in his faith. "I'm going to find a home church, volunteer at the Mission and let God continue doing His work in me," he says.

Your generous support has filled Marty's life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. "Before I came to the Mission, I was hopeless, but now God is in charge of my life and I'm living the way I was meant to."



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## HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS

## Sunday, April 17: Our Easter Celebration from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.!

You have a BIG heart for those in need – and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals** and provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.** 

Our hurting neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

#### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS! Drop off any of these items by Friday, April 15:

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- DESSERTS (homemade or
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- store-bought)

CREAMER

- BUTTER
- CANNED VEGIETABLES
- D POWDERED MILK

Drop off groceries at 230 N. Park.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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It's that time of year again.

Your opportunity to join other compassionate fly fishermen in support of the life-changing work we do each day at Wyoming Rescue Mission.

#### It's our 9th annual Fishin' for the Mission Fly Fishing Tournament!

The festivities begin the evening of Wednesday, June 8 at 5:30 p.m. with a "guide meet & greet" dinner, and the tournament runs from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 9. The participation fee is \$1,500, which includes a boat for two and a professional guide. And you or your organization can be recognized as an Event Sponsor for \$3,000 or a Presenting Sponsor for \$5,500. Presenting Sponsors receive *two* boats plus additional media and marketing recognition!

Whether you fish, volunteer or sponsor a boat, you'll be helping raise funds to support our programs that save, sustain and transform the lives of homeless and hurting people here in Wyoming.

For more information or to register for the event, visit **wyomission.org/fishin-for-the-mission** or contact Jenny Stedillie at **(307) 265-3002**.

Thank you for helping us restore hope to broken lives!