"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

## May the Lord bless you abundantly this Christmas!

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As we prepare our hearts for the miracle of Christmas, we just want to thank you for being a tremendous blessing in the lives of our hurting people. **This year** alone, your generosity has opened the door for healing and transformation through God's unending love by providing:

- 60,892 nourishing meals
- 41,458 nights of safe shelter
- Classes, counseling and job training

Just as you have given generously to help WRM meet our needs, may God meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory. Thank you for your caring and compassion, and have a wonderful Christmas!

# 3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!

#### **SERVE NOURISHING MEALS**



You can feed hungry people by donating these foods to help prepare thousands of meals this holiday season. Please deliver them

to 230 N Park St, Casper WY 82601.

turkeys & hams \* boxes of stuffing \* bags of potatoes \* canned fruits and vegetables \* coffee, creamer & sugar





### PROVIDE THE ESSENTIALS



You can offer our guests these essential items to keep them safe and comfortable during their time at WRM. Please drop off donations at **230 N Park St, Casper WY 82601**.

garbage bags \* paper towels & toilet paper \* laundry detergent deodorant \* shampoo and conditioner

### **DONATE GIFT CARDS**



Donating gift cards for these merchants helps purchase holiday gifts – and year-round necessities. Please mail or deliver them to **230 N Park St, Casper WY 82601**.

Walmart \* Target \* Family Dollar \* Dollar General

Thank you for making this our best Christmas celebration yet!



## Brad, use my gift to spread more joy and love this Christmas:

- O \$21.50 to feed & care for 10 people
- O \$51.60 to feed & care for 24 people
- O \$75.25 to feed & care for 35 people
- O \$88.15 to feed & care for 41 people
- O \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible
- ☐ Plus, my special Year-End gift to provide double the help: \$\_\_\_\_

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# Give 2X the help on **GIING**TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 29

A Message from **BRAD HOPKINS** 

## The JOY that **Comes from Christ**

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting - today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance and His grace offers renewal in our lives... as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the guests in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives – and wrap local men, women and children in God's loving embrace.

Just like Kandice, whose story we've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

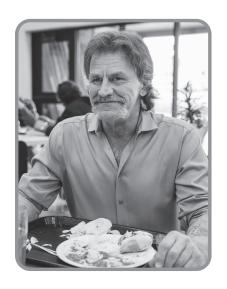
This Christmas, I hope your heart overflows with peace, joy and love



Thank you,

## **SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL...**

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for those who are hungry and homeless. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and to experience God's love!







for 1 hot meal







#### **Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!**

\$10,000 Year-End Matching Challenge

# **DOUBLE YOUR HELP!**



Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous group of partners, any gift you make until December 31 will be matched through our \$10,000 Matching Challenge!

That's right... your gift today <u>doubles</u> to provide <u>twice</u> the food, shelter and care. And that means twice the hope for many who are struggling with inflation, soaring gas prices and other hardships.

## **DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31**

- Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.
- Give online anytime at wyomission.org.

**THANK YOU** for doubling your impact during our Matching Challenge!



As a little girl, Kandice experienced horrors no child should be forced to endure. Beatings by her stepfather and mistreatment by her mother. "She would feed me out of dog food bowls in my bedroom," she says.

Her trauma led to low self-esteem that followed her into adulthood and began a vicious cycle of substance abuse... dysfunctional relationships... and unstable employment. Finally she found herself homeless. "I was on the streets, bouncing around from couch to couch. I didn't have anywhere to go," she says. "I was empty inside." That's when she turned to our ministry.

"When I walked through these doors, I had the most amazing peace - indescribable peace - that I had ever had in my life."



Kandice describes herself as spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally unstable when she joined our Discipleship Recovery Program. But through our faith-based classes and the guidance of our godly staff, "The joy of the Lord came into my heart and I learned to fully surrender – to lay it all at the cross."

She is encouraged by Christian fellowship with other guests in work therapy at our Rescued Treasures Thrift store. "We watch each other grow and change and become the best version of ourselves," she says.

As for her future? Kandice finds peace in writing about the trials of her life and the Lord's healing love. She is also interested in becoming a wildland firefighter. But she won't be disappointed if God has other plans. "God gives us the desires of our hearts, but He also changes our desires to match His will for our lives. So I'm keeping an open mind and an open heart."

Kandice is excited to celebrate the restored hope she has been given this Christmas - and wants YOU to know just how grateful she is. "Since coming to WRM, I have new confidence. I have peace. I have joy. I have more self-worth. I feel like I have a purpose. It's amazing."