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THANK YOU FOR LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR, BOB,

and giving him
hope for the
future!



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lives this summer!

3 Hope in a Bag of
Dirty Clothes

4 The backbone of
our ministry...

restoring hope, transforming lives

HOPE IN A BAG OF DIRTY CLOTHES



Bob was content. Happy. He lived in Casper and had the job he thought he would retire from. But when he met and fell in love with a woman in Florida, Bob couldn't help but follow his heart. He found a job there and relocated with hope for the future.

Unfortunately, Bob's dream didn't last long. His new employer closed its doors, and the woman who promised to love him forever left him for another man. **When Bob moved back to Casper, he was emotionally and financially devastated.** On top of that, the aunt who raised him passed away, and nothing seemed to make sense anymore.

"I lost everything in a month – my job, my financial security and my family. I just didn't care, and I turned to alcohol to cope," he says.

At rock bottom, Bob checked into a hotel. There, he saw a post about a community helpline, which is how he heard about Wyoming Rescue Mission. **Bob used his last few dollars to pay for the cab that**

dropped him off at our steps with only a duffel bag of possessions.

"When I was 5 years old, my mom would send me to the laundromat to wash our dirty clothes. I'd have to wait until someone else arrived to help me, because I couldn't reach the slot to put the money in," Bob explains. "Then, 50 years later, there I was at the bottom of Wyoming Rescue Mission's stairs with that duffel bag of dirty clothes – so emotionally broken that I still couldn't do my own laundry. I needed help."

"I didn't realize how much I needed Jesus."

Bob's first few days at our ministry were a range of emotions: shame, uncertainty and gratitude. Through our Discipleship Program, he started to heal, and he found a new purpose for his life. After graduating, Bob joined our staff in the thrift store. Then, a few years later, **he left WRM to become Building Manager**

of Highland Park Community Church – a position he still holds to this day.

"Wyoming Rescue Mission showed me that I didn't want to be a part-time Christian. I started looking for volunteer opportunities to live out my faith at church. That's how I found the job I have now," he explains.

In addition to working at his local church, **Bob also now faithfully serves WRM as Chairman of our Board of Directors**, where his leadership is proving to be invaluable.

"Wyoming Rescue Mission transforms lives," Bob says. "It makes a difference, because it's always here. WRM's doors are open 24/7."

Bob is thankful for the way you have answered God's calling to love your neighbor as yourself – and have helped him embrace God's plan for his life. "WRM gives people the chance to change their lives, but it's more than that too. It's about long-term recovery and employment for their future."

"Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" - Galatians 5:13b-14

A meal for \$2.15 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from BRAD HOPKINS

Thank you for loving your neighbors as yourself

We all need a helping hand from time to time. No one makes it through life without a little care and compassion along the way. That's what loving your neighbors is all about, right?

And yet, you and I know that God's Word has a way of challenging us to go further... of stretching our faithfulness beyond what we thought possible. The Lord makes the impossible POSSIBLE at WRM, thanks to the generosity of friends like YOU.

Now, as the summer months approach, I hope we can count on you during our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.

Time and time again in Scripture, we're told not just to "love your neighbor" but to "love your neighbor as yourself." That's a big difference! It's making the needs of others a priority equal with your own from the beginning.

I'm so grateful for friends like you who give in this way to help men, women and children in Wyoming who are hurting and homeless. And I ask for your continued support through the summer, when the weather can be dangerous for people who live outside.

Thank you for offering a helping hand to people most in need— and for continuing to love them **as yourself**.



Thank you,

Brad Hopkins
Executive Director

YOUR LOVE will transform lives this summer!

Your gift today provides:



15,123 meals



10,498 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DON'T FORGET THOSE IN NEED THIS
SUMMER... SHOW YOU CARE WITH
YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Give now!
wyomission.org



Support our Summer Campaign to restore hope & transform lives

We need your help!

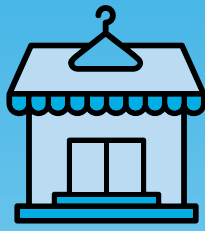
Serve a meal. Organize a collection drive. Help tutor men, women and children in our program.

There are as many ways to help at our ministry as there are days in the week! One of our greatest needs is for extra hands in our kitchen. Make plans now for your family, church group or organization to help make or serve a meal.

For more information, please call **(307) 265-3002**. Check out all the ways to volunteer online at **wyomission.org**.



Find a bargain **BLESS A LIFE**



When you make a donation or shop at our Rescued Treasures Thrift Stores, you're blessing others in so many ways!

Our two locations offer well-priced necessities for low-income individuals, along with on-the-job training opportunities for our program guests. Proceeds from both stores support our ministry that saves and transforms lives.

Shop or drop off your donations at either of our two locations from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday:

Rescued Treasures East

2935 E 2nd St
Casper, WY 82609

Rescued Treasures West

5345 CY Ave
Casper, WY 82604

For more information, contact us at ☎ (307) 265-3002 or
💻 wyomission.org/thrift-store/



*The backbone of our
ministry...*

Monthly Giving Partners

Most men walk into Wyoming Rescue Mission with just the clothes on their backs. They're homeless, abandoned by friends and family. They have nowhere else to turn.

Our job is to take them into our family and make them feel at home. Feed them. Shelter them. Share the love of Christ.

Thanks to a very special group of people who have faith in our work here in Wyoming, we have the resources to do just that.

These people are members of our Monthly Giving Program, and I invite you to join them.

Learn more about becoming a member of this extraordinary group by visiting
wyomission.org/donate-monthly.