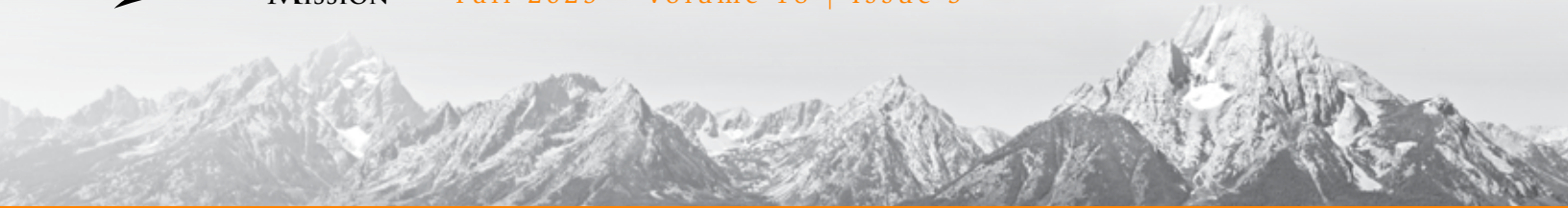




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A Heart of Thanksgiving

Jordan wants to share how your support changed his life!



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restoring hope, transforming lives

Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



A Message from BRAD HOPKINS

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at Wyoming Rescue Mission, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather is starting to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many men, women and children who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgiving.** It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to WRM for help, their season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire – and they

choose a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 18,598 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling man and woman who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.

Brad Hopkins
Executive Director

SPONSOR Spotlight

WRM thanks these corporate sponsors:



"Jonah Bank of Wyoming and CEO Kim DeVore have been absolutely instrumental in securing funding for our newly constructed recovery centers and partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank," says Executive Director Brad Hopkins. We are grateful for these and other corporate sponsors who so generously support our service to this community and all of Wyoming.

Interested in becoming a corporate sponsor? Please contact Cheryl Hackett, Director of Development at (307) 233-6916, or chackett@wyomission.org.

Join Our

2023 Thanksgiving CAMPAIGN

18,598

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

For just \$2.58, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:


Safe, welcoming shelter


Warm clothing, coats & shoes


Classes & job training


God's life-changing love

Please help those in need this holiday season! Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at wyomission.org.

Meet Jordan – who is thankful for your support!

The youngest of four siblings, Jordan was only 5 when his parents divorced and he was shielded from his father's addiction. "I didn't understand what drugs did and the pain they caused," he says. "I had a lot of respect for my dad, so I was curious why he'd choose drugs over us."

Jordan headed down a pathway he equated with success. He graduated from high school, began a career in the trades, got married and started a family. But then he found himself mirroring his father's destructive choices.

After a back injury, he was prescribed pain killers, but then he began to rely on harder substances to stay awake through overnight shifts. "From there my life went downhill fast." His addiction escalated... his wife and sons left... and he rejected loved ones' attempts at intervention. Finally, after a near-fatal overdose, he knew he had to change. This time, he embraced the choice his father had made to give his life to God.

Years earlier, Jordan's father had come to our ministry where he turned his life around. Today he manages a Christian ministries camp.

Now in our Discipleship Program himself, Jordan understands the neurological pull of addiction that he

and his father share. He's regaining his sobriety and mastering life and job skills. And he feels God calling him to start a barber ministry.

"The one thing that happens when you're getting your hair cut is conversation. That's an awesome opportunity to lead people to Jesus!"

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I thought, what am I doing with my life? And I knew God had something bigger for me and using drugs was not in that equation.

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Jordan's relationship with his sons is also being restored, and he vows to become the godly role model for them that his father has become to him. "If I can be even a sliver of who my dad is today, I'll be successful."

Jordan is filled with thanksgiving for God's redeeming love in his life – and your incredible generosity and support! "I was dead in my trespasses; now I'm alive in Christ. WRM is teaching me who I truly am and who I was destined to be."

“I was on a quick path to destruction.”



Visit Us Online



The holidays are just around the corner – the busiest time of the year at the Mission! Visit our website to stay updated on everything we have planned, sign up to volunteer, donate or learn about our many programs.

- It's a great way to stay up-to-date on current events and urgent needs and read stories of changed lives.
- Donating online is fast and easy through our secure website, and your donation goes to work *immediately* to help people recover.

Please visit our website today at wyomission.org!

NEW

HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



Book a WRM speaker for your next event

Hear how God has been at work in our community this year, and how your generosity is supporting life-changing services and programs.

Contact Tyler Windemuller to arrange a visit:
twindemuller@wyomission.org or (307) 265-3002.



Donate essential items!

Help stock our kitchen with the food items and our clothing closet with the protective clothing needed to care for our hungry, weary guests. OR... host a donation drive by inviting others to join you in collecting much needed items for struggling community members.

To see our most urgently needed items, visit wyomission.org/needlist



Get involved yourself!

Join us for a chapel service, attend our program guests' graduation, enjoy a guided tour – we'd love to show you the life-saving work made possible by your generosity! OR... set up a time for your family, friends or church to volunteer this fall!

To learn more, visit wyomission.org



Vehicle donation is a winning situation



Donating your used car, truck, van or other vehicle to Wyoming Rescue Mission allows you to free up space in your garage or driveway and benefit from a tax deduction. WRM uses the vehicle for their needs or sells it to fund our programs and services.

Donated vehicles may also be given to our guests and graduates as they find jobs and housing and rebuild new lives.

To learn more about donating your vehicle, contact Becky Duffey at bduffey@wyomission.org or (307) 265-3002.