

Find a Treasure...  
Change a Life!



When you visit one of our two Rescued Treasures Thrift Stores, you'll find hidden treasures and great bargains – gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, bikes and so much more!

And when you make a donation or purchase at one of our stores, you'll be blessing others' lives in so many ways. All proceeds support our life-changing programs and services. Our guests receive vital work experience in a Christ-centered environment. And our struggling neighbors have access to affordable life essentials.

**Donate your old items to help those in need.** For store addresses, shopping hours and a list of accepted items, go to [wyomission.org/thrift-store](http://wyomission.org/thrift-store). Donations are received at both locations Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

YOU MAKE CHRISTMAS AT  
WRM SPECIAL!

**Christmas Morning:** Thanks to local toy & donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our WRM guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



*Thanks to you, men, women and children don't have to spend this Christmas on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals and a reminder of the true reason for the season!*



**Holiday Feast:** Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our guests – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

**The Miracle of Jesus:** Worship, prayer, fellowship and a message of God's love – our guests gather in the chapel to celebrate the hope of Christmas together.



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Thanks to you...  
**MARSHAL**  
**HAS HOPE THIS**  
*Christmas!*

WRM, use my gift to share help and hope  
this Christmas:

- ☐ \$18.06 to feed & care for 7 people
- ☐ \$54.18 to feed & care for 21 people
- ☐ \$77.40 to feed & care for 30 people
- ☐ \$90.30 to feed & care for 35 people
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible
- ☐ Plus, my special Year-End gift to make 2x the impact: \$\_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ BILL MY CREDIT CARD

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD #

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**Donate now!** ☎ (307) 265-3002  
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A Message from  
BRAD HOPKINS

# Celebrating the HOPE of Christmas

How comforting it is to know that our Lord, Jesus Christ, has shared in our humanity. He knows our struggles and the struggles of our homeless neighbors too!

On the eve of his birth, Jesus and his earthly parents Joseph and Mary experienced being turned away and told there was “no room at the inn.” It reminds me that Christ understands the pain and fear of our guests who also have nowhere else to turn.

Here at Wyoming Rescue Mission, we will always do everything in our ability to welcome and support a hurting person who comes to our doors. Even so, many of our guests have faced years of homelessness... poverty... and other challenges that have left them feeling unloved and unwelcome.

During the holidays, caring friends like you help remind them they are not forgotten. Your gifts to provide hot meals, safe shelter and recovery are meaningful expressions to them of the Lord’s kindness and care in their life.

**This Christmas, I invite you to extend Christ’s love and grace to those who are hurting – like Marshal (whose story is on the next page).** Your generosity will surround them with hope this holiday season! Thank you, and may God bless you now and into the New Year.



*Brad Hopkins*

Brad Hopkins  
Executive Director



# Share Hope AND A Christmas Meal...

It’s hard to have hope when you’re struggling with hunger or homelessness. **YOU can make this Christmas a time of celebration for men, women and children in need with your gift to help them today!**



**\$2.58**  
for 1 hot meal



**\$10.10**  
for 1 night of  
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE**



**Hope for  
a New  
Life!**

**Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!**

# \$35,000 Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



Here’s a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous group of partners, **when you give between now and December 31, your generosity will go 2x as far** to provide food, shelter and care... and above all *hope* for our struggling neighbors!

**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](http://wyomission.org).

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



**“I MADE A FULL  
U-TURN  
BACK TO GOD.”**

After attending a Christian Bible college, Marshal felt called to go into Ministry. “God had laid it on my heart, that’s what he wanted for me.” Instead, however, he returned home to work on his family’s ranch.

“All I could see was the profit. I chased the money and got my focus completely off what was really important.”

Marshal and his father were constantly at odds over the business, and he began using alcohol to ease his anger and anxiety. After years of struggle, he left and his drinking escalated, jeopardizing his ability to hold a job and maintain a home – then threatening his health and his very life.

“And all this time, I’m still professing to be a Christian. So finally I’m going to God and telling Him I don’t know how to stop this... **I don’t know where to go from here.**”

Just days after Marshal’s desperate plea, there was a knock at the door – a beloved relative he hadn’t seen in years. The visitor took Marshal to Wyoming Rescue Mission.

Marshal entered our Discipleship Program and says, “the rest is history.”

Our Bible study and faith-based courses, much like his college curriculum, took on new meaning and he reestablished his relationship with the Lord. In the process, he learned to love himself. “That may sound selfish, but the Bible teaches us to love others as we love ourselves, and I hated what I had become.”

Most importantly, he’s made a full U-turn back to his original calling. “Since coming to WRM, I’m filled with new purpose. God has laid it on my heart to work in a place similar to this – I want to help people.”

**Marshal has hope this Christmas – and he wants to thank YOU for supporting his journey toward a new life.** “I had money... vehicles... horses... cows. But I was miserable. It doesn’t get any better until you start putting God in front of everything else you’re doing.”

**“ALL THESE DOORS ARE  
BEING OPENED, AND ALL  
I HAVE TO DO IS STEP  
THROUGH THEM. THAT’S  
HOW GOD WORKS.”**

