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Duke is celebrating Easter with JOY – **because of you!**

Thank you for showing him that new life is possible.



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restoring hope, transforming lives

A Message from BRAD HOPKINS

THE PROMISES OF **EASTER**

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at Wyoming Rescue Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

<u>Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care</u> <u>about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for</u> <u>eternity</u>. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!

Brad Hopkins Executive Director



We're deeply grateful for friends and partners who have established legacy gifts to benefit Wyoming Rescue Mission or have named our ministry in their wills. This enduring support is a true blessing and a lifeline for men, women and children throughout our state who are hungry, homeless and longing for a new beginning.

If you're considering ways to leave a lasting gift to continue your legacy of care for those in need, we'd be pleased to offer suggestions. Please contact Cheryl Hackett at (307) 233-6916 or chackett@wyomission.org. There's no obligation.



SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...

7,542 meals – just \$2.58 each!



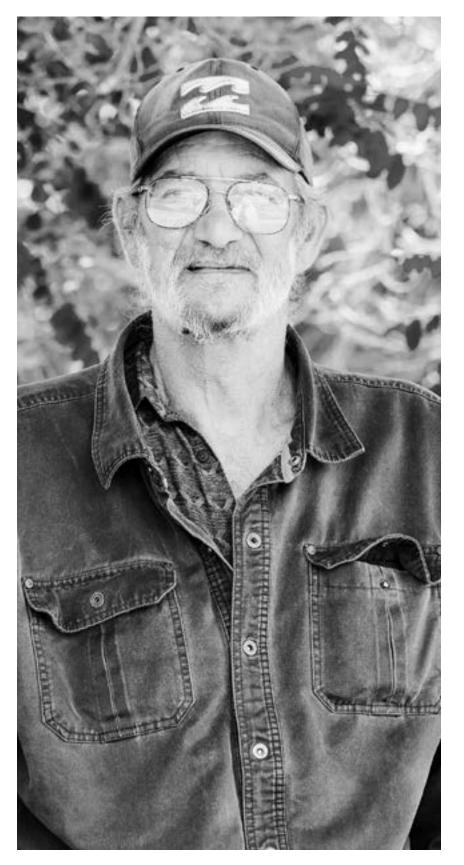


Christ-centered care & healing in our lifechange programs!



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➡ Give online anytime at wyomission.org.

"I FOUND MY **HOPE** AGAIN."



Duke grew up in a loving and happy home. His father was a carpenter and raised fancy walking horses. Life was good for the family of seven until disaster struck.

"Dad went broke and we lost everything," Duke recalls. "It was starting over from ground zero. I was the oldest child so it impacted me more than my siblings."

The fear of failure followed Duke into adulthood and he turned to alcohol to ease the stress. When he was injured in a car accident, his drinking escalated and his worst fears came to fruition. He lost his business, his marriage ended and he experienced homelessness.

Finding himself at rock bottom, he says, "I had nowhere to go but up... but I didn't know how to get back up." He came to our door and humbly asked for help.

Raised with a Christian upbringing, Duke embraced the faith-based teaching of our Discipleship Recovery Program. "Staying in the Word daily and getting my prayer life back together – those were the two things I needed most. When you've got your ducks in a row spiritually, you can conquer anything."

He also appreciates the rules and guidance we provide to help him stay on course, and he shares them with the men he leads in daily chores. "Not only does it give me more confidence, but I'm trying to keep structure in their lives, too."

Most importantly, he says, "my time here has taught me that I still am a viable piece of society, and I'm still usable by the Lord. I see a stable future when I leave here."

Thank you for sharing God's love with Duke this Easter. His life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel! "When all hope is lost, you can come here and find your hope again. Sometimes you just need a little jump start."

"THEY RESTRUCTURED MY HEART AND MIND... THEY GOT ME FOCUSED AGAIN."

HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



Now through Easter, we'll provide **thousands of meals** for our hungry neighbors! If you can help, please drop off any of these items **by Friday, March 29.** Bring your donations to 230 N. Park, Casper, WY 82601, 7 days a week.

 SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
BUTTER
CANNED VEGETABLES POWDERED MILK
DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
COFFEE

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Mark your calendar for our 11th annual Fishin' for the Mission tournament, June 5 and 6, 2024. The annual event raises funds and awareness for our ministry and advances our goal of restoring hope and transforming lives. For more details, sponsor opportunities and registration information, visit **wyomission.org/events** or contact Adam Flack at (307) 277-2937.



God's Promise of Joy

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11