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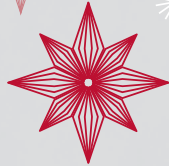
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THANK YOU FOR
GIVING KELLY

a life-changing

GIFT THIS

Christmas!



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restoring hope, transforming lives

12 DAYS OF GIVING BACK



The Bible tells us it's more blessed to give than to receive, and what better time to experience the joy of giving than the Christmas season! It's also a wonderful time to teach children the importance of giving, or to partner with a friend or family member to give back.

Read on to explore **12 Days of Giving Back** and get inspired to share the miracle of Christmas this year:

*You help make
Christmas
miracles possible*

Get ready... the busiest time of the year is upon us! I imagine your calendar is filling up quickly. But **before the year ends, please save a few moments for our guests who are homeless.**

I know you agree no one should live in a car... in a tent... or outside in the cold. Certainly not a child. Being homeless means living with constant fear and uncertainty. It's a terrible way to spend any day... much less Christmas Day. If there's anyone in need of a miracle, it's them.

You can make a Christmas miracle possible for a person who is homeless by giving \$2.58 to provide a hot meal at Wyoming Rescue Mission. It may not seem like much – but each meal you provide can be someone's first step toward recovery and a new life. Where you see a meal, a hurting neighbor sees a miracle.

With your support, no man, woman or child in Wyoming has to be hungry or homeless this Christmas. People like Kelly (whose story is on page 3) can find the miracle of hot meals, safe shelter and Christ-centered care at WRM this holiday season... and all year round... because of you!



Thank you,

Brad Hopkins
Executive Director

DAY 1 Provide Food	DAY 2 Donate Clothes	DAY 3 Donate Toys
DAY 4 Write a Christmas Card	DAY 5 Create a Care Package	DAY 6 Help Serve Meals
DAY 7 Help Sort Donations	DAY 8 Help Run an Event at WRM	DAY 9 Attend Chapel at WRM
DAY 10 Fundraise at Your Church or School	DAY 11 Pray for Families at WRM	DAY 12 Spread the Word

To learn more about ways you can share the joy of Christmas with WRM guests, give us a call at **(307) 265-3002** or visit us online at wyomission.org!

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



BIG NEWS to end the year: **When you give between now and December 31, your generosity will go 2x as far** to provide food, shelter and life-changing care in our Discipleship Recovery Program!

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

- Return your special year-end gift in the reply card today.
- Give online at wyomission.org.

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

Kelly's father was abusive – controlling his family with fear instead of guiding them with love. So in his formative years, Kelly was deprived of the important relationship that would have helped him develop the essential life skills and critical self-esteem that lead to self-sufficiency.

By the time he reached adulthood, his mother had remarried and he lived in her home. But when she and her husband passed away, the landlord raised the rent above what Kelly could afford on his own... and he was evicted.

Homeless, he came to our ministry for simply food and a bed – but it planted a seed that took root in his heart.

When Kelly believed he was back on his feet he left our shelter. But as he jumped from job to job, he was forced to rely on others for a place to lay his head. Finally, in a string of poor choices driven by frustration, he broke the law. When released from jail he knew he had to change his ways. “I wanted to get my life straightened out,” he says. “But my biggest

challenge was getting on the right path.”

He recalled his time in our faith-based environment and prayed. And he felt God calling him back to our doors.

This time, Kelly joined our Discipleship Program. As he read the Bible and learned of God's love, his self-confidence began to blossom. And our faith-based classes provided tools and structure for his life that he'd never had.

Kelly recently joined a church and is looking forward to having a place of his own. He also took a job as a cook – something he enjoyed doing with his mother – and hopes to gain enough experience to one day have his own restaurant.

This Christmas, Kelly is experiencing all the joy this season has to offer – because YOU believed in the power of a fresh start and the promise of God's unending love. “WRM has made me see myself as a person who's doing his best with whatever the Lord has in store for me.”

“I wanted God in my life.”



**“I ENDED UP
WANTING GOD IN
MY LIFE.”**

Adopt-a-Guest for Christmas



This holiday season, the transformation happening within our Discipleship Recovery Program is truly heartwarming! Our participants are experiencing positive changes as they grow closer to the Lord and are empowered to rebuild their lives.

We need your help to make this Christmas extra special for them! Each guest has shared two wish-list items that they would be grateful to receive for Christmas this year. We invite you to consider participating in Adopt-a-Guest to help make this holiday a truly special experience. If you're ready to impact lives and spread some holiday cheer, please reach out to Adam Flack at **(307) 473-6948** or **aflack@wyomission.org**.

Let's come together as we work toward restoring homeless lives to community independence with the love of Christ!



Give a meal. Spark a miracle!

It's hard to find a reason to celebrate Christmas when you're homeless or hungry. **YOU can give JOY and spark a miracle** with a gift to lead someone to join our long-term recovery program and experience a new life! It all starts by providing a meal for \$2.58... because where you see a meal, they see a miracle.



\$2.58
for 1 hot meal



**CAN SPARK
A MIRACLE**



**That leads
to new life!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!



We Need **YOU** To Volunteer!

The holidays are just around the corner, and we're getting ready for this very busy time of year! **We're seeking volunteers** to prepare food, serve meals, clean up or donate holiday supplies.

If you have a heart to serve this Thanksgiving or Christmas, we would love for you to join us! For more information contact us at **(307) 265-3002** or visit **wyomission.org/get-involved/volunteer/**.