

HARBOR of HOPE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor
EASTER 2022

COLLEEN IS *celebrating new life* THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching
her life with hope.



Union Gospel Mission
of Grays Harbor

Reaching Hearts & Changing Lives of People in Need

**DON'T
MISS...**

2 Celebrate Easter

3 "They saved me."

4 Help meet our
Easter needs

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“THEY SAVED
ME. I FEEL
LIKE THEY
SAVED ME.”



“My dad had a heart attack and died. He was there for a few days before we found him,” Colleen shares. “I was devastated. I started using meth the next day.”

Colleen was 21 years old at the time. She says the meth took away the grief, so she continued to use. That was 27 years ago.

She was a functioning addict for years. She could hold down a job and was married for a time, but Colleen was desperately unhappy. Eventually, she found herself in legal trouble. While sitting in a jail cell, she finally decided to make a change.

Colleen found herself at Friendship House, our 38-bed shelter for women and children. She was baptized about a year later. Now, she goes to church every Sunday and has realized how much she needs God in her life. She says she owes much of her transformation to Ms. Paula, the Shelter Director.

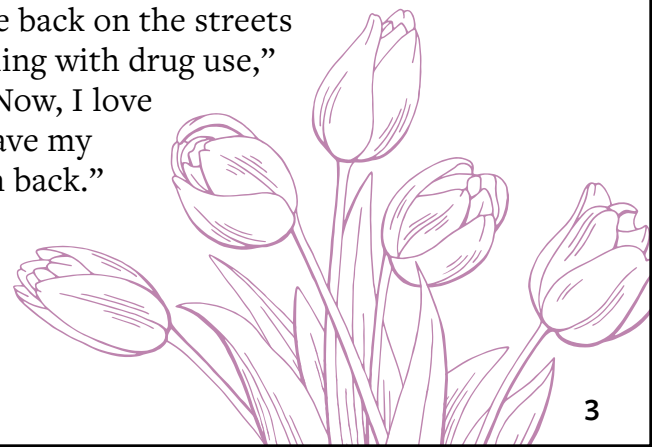
“I WAS ANGRY. MS. PAULA SAID, ‘I’M GOING TO LOVE YOU THROUGH THIS.’ AND SHE HAS, NO MATTER WHAT.”

Now, Colleen is the assistant manager of Friendship House. She isn’t sure about her plans for the future, but she wants to keep helping others and giving back to her community. She’s also been able to reconnect with her family who didn’t want to be around her during the decades she spent using drugs.

“The Mission has brought me to God and given me a better sense of direction in my life. It taught me life skills. It’s making me responsible,” she says.

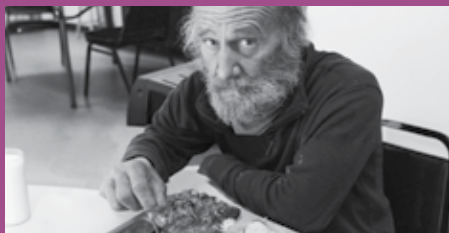
Your generous support has filled Colleen’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season.

“If the Friendship House had not been here, I’d probably be back on the streets and struggling with drug use,” she says. “Now, I love myself. I have my self-esteem back.”



Easter²⁰²² ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**You can help transform
hearts and lives!**



3,689 meals

\$2.35 for a meal!



1,239 nights of shelter



**10 men & women in our
recovery programs (on average)**



Countless hours of education
& counseling

*Thank you for sharing
hope & joy this Easter!*

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!" – Luke 24:5-6, NIV*



A Message from GARY ROWELL



The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly..."* (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Gary Rowell
Executive Director



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.35 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**

♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter

♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at **ugmgraysharbor.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS

Sunday, April 17: Our Easter Celebration!

You have a BIG heart for those in need – and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **hundreds of hot meals** and provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our hurting neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

*Drop off donations at the Mission,
405 E Heron St, Aberdeen.*

No time to shop? Donate now!

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items
by Friday, April 15:

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



YOUR PRAYERS CHANGE LIVES!

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in Grays Harbor. **Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!**

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Mission.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. God bless you!