



HARBOR of HOPE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor
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ERIC IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given
him new life!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.35!



A Message from GARY ROWELL

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in Grays Harbor. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the elements. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting – we need it!

Gary Rowell
Executive Director

THESE

"Summer 6"

CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our Mission guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

1. Bottled water
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Toothpaste
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. Tissue

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 405 E Heron St, Aberdeen, Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thank you for caring for Mission guests during the summer season!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



12,054 meals



3,528 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of counseling & education



life-transforming decisions for Christ



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER... PLEASE HELP TODAY!

Give now! ugmgraysharbor.org
Support our Summer Campaign now!



**“I feel like
I have
*purpose
again.*”**

All Eric wanted was a little sleep. He closed his eyes for what felt like just a moment, then woke with a jolt. A man was standing over him, robbing him as he slept. Eric was homeless, living on the streets of Aberdeen, and in that moment, he knew he had to make a change. Fortunately, a man walking by gave Eric a word of advice that would change his life. He told Eric to go to the Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor.

“There have been few things in my life that I can attribute

helping hand to new guests.

“I’m the one who everyone has to go through. I love being able to talk to these guys and maybe reach one of them,” he says.

Eric also started going to church and Bible study. He learned about God as a child, but he still had a lot of questions about the Bible. Now he’s learning to read and understand Scripture in a new way. He feels like his relationship with God is solid.

“ I LET THE NEW GUYS KNOW THAT EVEN IF YESTERDAY WAS THE WORST DAY OF THEIR LIFE, TODAY IS A BRAND NEW START. TO HAVE THAT SENSE OF PURPOSE AGAIN IS A BIG DEAL. ”

directly to God, and this was one of those events,” he says.

When Eric took the stranger’s advice and arrived at the Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor, he was at his lowest. But at the Mission he found camaraderie and a new purpose for his life.

Eric’s past had been one of trauma and pain – wounds that he had once tried to numb with alcohol. But at the Mission, he started to heal. He found healthy ways to deal with difficulties in his life, including by working at the Mission’s front desk. It gives him the chance to extend a

“I see now that the Bible is so much more than a book,” he says. “For the longest time, I didn’t have hope. It was a long, meaningless journey. This is the first time I’ve felt hope in a long time.”

Eric is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future. “Everybody deserves a second chance. Without the Mission, a lot of guys wouldn’t have a second chance. It saves lives. God saves lives.”



Can we pray for you?

Your prayer needs are important to us. See the back of the giving form for space to share your requests and praises. A member of our team will lift them up to the Lord on your behalf.

Make This the Summer YOU Make a Difference!

The ministry of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor simply wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our faithful volunteers. This summer, we are looking for caring, compassionate friends to lend a hand in the following areas:

- Sorting clothes & other tasks at our Clothing Bank
- Clerical help with general office needs & projects
- Cleaning/painting/repair work around the Mission
- Front office duties at our shelter for women & children
- Help doing client and house laundry
- Plus other opportunities to serve!

For more information about how your family, church group, co-workers or organization can help, please call Laurel Wiitala at **(360) 533-1064** or check out upcoming volunteer opportunities online at **ugmgraysharbor.org/volunteer**.

Thank you for choosing
to love your neighbor by
volunteering!



Your monthly gift makes a HUGE impact!

When you set up ongoing support as a monthly giving partner, Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors. That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our homeless and hungry neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Shannon, that generosity transformed his life!

"The Mission is an amazing place... the food is incredible and there's clothing and clean facilities. Reading and Bible studies are helping me learn to submit to the Lord. I have a new life. I found peace in God and found my purpose in life – to reach out to the lost, tell them my story and let them know there's hope."



If the Lord is leading you to become a monthly giving partner, simply visit **ugmgraysharbor.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form. Thank you!

MAKE A GIFT TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Gary, I want to provide meals, shelter and care this summer through my gift of:

- ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 *helps a lot!*
☐ \$75 ☒ **\$150**
☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ BILL MY CREDIT CARD
☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD # _____

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EMAIL _____

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