



HARBOR of HOPE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor
FALL 2022

COLT IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!



Union Gospel Mission
of Grays Harbor

Reaching Hearts & Changing Lives of People in Need

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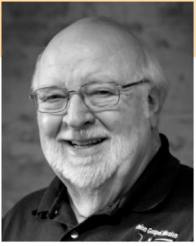
2 Our Thanksgiving
Campaign has begun!

3 "Now I have
hope."

4 Help Us
Get Ready!

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Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from GARY ROWELL

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Gary Rowell
Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

13,257

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.35 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming
shelter



Warm clothing,
coats & shoes



Classes & job
training



God's life-
changing love



We need your help to serve hundreds of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at ugmgraysharbor.org.**

Read Colt's story – a life you helped change!



“The Mission increased my quality of life. And **NOW I HAVE HOPE.”**

Colt was in the hospital, and he wasn't sure how he got there. He was a type one diabetic, and he hadn't taken care of himself. Now, he'd had a stroke. He couldn't even remember where he lived. His life had always been unstable, but now it had fallen apart.

“I could never get a foothold in life,” he shares. “I moved around a lot living with other people. But I was secluded, a loner.”

Though Colt felt completely alone, Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor was familiar.

He'd met the staff during a time of homelessness. Now, they were his only option.

“I wandered around trying to find anything that would excite me to live. The only place I knew to go was the Mission.”

Colt came here looking for safety and stability. But he was also hoping for a sign from God. Colt was not a believer, but he arrived at the Mission open to exploring his faith.

Colt's hope for meaning materialized through the Mission. For the first time, he had structure and responsibilities. He healed physically and emotionally, and he started taking control of his life and his health. He developed a work ethic. And he discovered a love for helping others.



I wasn't spiritual, but I started going to church every weekend. The Mission gave me hope that I could find meaning for my life.



“It excites me to see other people change their attitude for good, to be happy,” he says. “I didn't really do much living before coming to the Mission, but I actually want to live now.”

Colt has a plan for his life. He's moved out of the Mission to be with his family, and he still attends church regularly. He hopes to attend college and study social work.



Colt's heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life. “This is a place that gave me a foothold to get back into the world. It really strengthened me... it's been quite wonderful.”

Can you volunteer?

With the holiday season approaching, we'll need all the help we can get here at the Mission. **Will you join us as a volunteer?** By offering your time, you'll help make this special time of the year even more memorable for the men, women and children we serve.



Contact us today to find out how...

Call: **Laurel Wiitala** at
(360) 533-1064

Or visit ugmgraysharbor.org/volunteer to learn more or sign up now!

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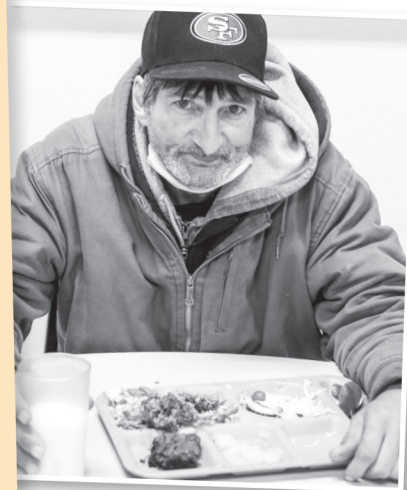


You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at **405 E Heron St, Aberdeen.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

Turkeys
Sweet potatoes
or yams
Turkey gravy
Brown sugar
Butter
White onions
Cranberry sauce

Cream of
mushroom
soup
French fried
onions
Potatoes
Pumpkin pie
Cool Whip



Thank you for making these meals extra special!



Want to find out more? Start online!

Want to learn more about how your support changes lives? **Check out our website!** You'll find more information about homelessness, and you can read stories from real people who have benefited from your gifts. You can even sign up to volunteer and donate safely online, so please visit us today at ugmgraysharbor.org.

Gary, I want to bless our neighbors in need with my Thanksgiving season gift of:

- ☐ \$21.15 to feed & care for 9 people
- ☐ \$51.70 to feed & care for 22 people
- ☐ \$75.20 to feed & care for 32 people
- ☐ \$91.65 to feed & care for 39 people
- ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible

Helps the most!

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