



# HARBOR of HOPE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor  
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**THANK YOU  
FOR LOVING  
YOUR  
NEIGHBOR,  
NICOLE,**

and giving her  
hope for the  
future!



Union Gospel Mission  
of Grays Harbor

*Reaching Hearts & Changing Lives of People in Need*

**DON'T  
MISS...**

**2** Your love will transform  
lives this summer!

**3** "I'm so much  
closer to God."

**4** Relief from  
the Heat

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# A meal for \$2.35 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



## A Message from CHARLEY CAPOEMAN

### Thank you for loving your neighbors as yourself

We all need a helping hand from time to time. No one makes it through life without a little care and compassion along the way. That's what loving your neighbors is all about – and why I'm honored to be writing to you as the new Executive Director of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor.

After 15 years on the Mission's Board of Directors, I'm grateful for the opportunity to carry on the life-

transforming work of those who have served before me, sharing God's love and leading our homeless and hurting neighbors to seek His salvation.

The Lord makes our outreach possible through friends like you – who follow His command to *love your neighbor as yourself*. Together, we can continue to disciple men and women through our one-year New Foundation Program... provide a safe and healing environment for women and children in our Friendship House... and offer more ways for neighbors of all ages to worship, praise and begin to walk with the Lord.

**As the summer months approach, I'm especially concerned for the homeless men, women and children of Grays Harbor, as the weather can be dangerous for those who**

**live outside. I hope we can count on you during our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.**

Your generosity is so deeply appreciated, and so are your prayers. Please pray for God's guidance as I embrace this new role, for the Mission's leadership team, staff and volunteers, and especially for the souls we serve.

Thank you for offering a helping hand to your neighbors most in need – and for continuing to love them **as yourself**.



Charley Capoean  
Executive Director

## YOUR LOVE will transform lives this summer!

Your gift today provides:



11,497 meals



2,680 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of care and support



life-transforming decisions for Christ

**DON'T FORGET OUR NEIGHBORS THIS SUMMER...  
SHOW YOU CARE WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**  
98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**Give now!**  
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Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild lives!



After serving in Iraq as a diesel mechanic for the Army, Nicole never imagined she'd have such difficulty finding a stable homelife. At every turn, obstacles cropped up – she got discouraged.

Nicole grew up in a large, churchgoing Midwestern family. “But I'd drifted away from the Lord,” she admits. Looking back on the tough times trying to reestablish herself after being overseas, she can see where God's grace worked in her life.

The Lord led Nicole to realize she couldn't weather the struggles life was throwing her and drink. So, she became alcohol-free. The real work came in maintaining her sobriety... being homeless complicated that.

Nicole eventually found work and committed to it wholeheartedly, only to discover it was seasonal. As she once again faced homelessness, a friend told her about the Mission. For the first time in a while, Nicole was warmed by hope.

**The day she walked into Friendship House, Nicole felt led in the right direction.** “One of the first things I did was go to church here, and it's been nothing but blessings ever since,” she shares, smiling.

“At first, being at the Mission was scary. I was used to being alone,” she says, but she immediately began to make friends with staff and guests.

Through our New Foundation Program, Nicole has held onto her

sobriety and begun to thrive. She's up early each morning so she can prepare the kitchen for breakfast. “All of us have our individual strengths, but we work well together,” she explains. “We have a shared purpose.”

With her life filled with new meaning, Nicole is looking to the future: she hopes to work as a mechanic once again. She also has some bright ideas for ways to help in the community – one is to start an outreach program for women.

**Nicole is thankful for the way you have answered God's calling to love your neighbor as yourself – and have helped her learn how to love herself.** “The Mission saved me and helped me become a better follower of Christ.”

*“I'm so much closer to God.”*



*“I feel blessed to help others who've come to the Mission.”*



**“Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” - Galatians 5:13b-14**



# Help your neighbors **BEAT THE HEAT** this summer!

You know how hot it can get in Grays Harbor in summertime... now imagine being out on the streets in this heat. **Our homeless neighbors are at risk of heat stroke, dehydration or even death – especially those who are most vulnerable**, like seniors or families with children.

But this summer, YOU can help! You can show our hurting neighbors they haven't been forgotten by providing them with essentials such as:



**Cool water to drink  
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers  
& safe shelter**



**Clean clothes & socks – our  
most requested items!**



**Sunscreen &  
hygiene items**

In addition to these basics, you'll welcome them to the Mission where they can recover and rebuild their lives. They'll benefit from prayer ministry and biblical support to heal from past trauma. Classes and job training to promote independence. Everything they need for healthier, more stable lives!

To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit [ugmgraysharbor.org/needslist](http://ugmgraysharbor.org/needslist)!



## You're helping care for bodies and minds

Men and women come to the Mission with a variety of challenges, and we're committed to addressing their unique needs. For some, that means a warm meal and safe place to rest. Others struggle with addiction. Some are desperate for medical care.

But many arrive with mental illness and trauma from their past.

That's why – in addition to helping clients heal physically – we also help them heal psychologically. **We offer Christ-centered prayer ministry and biblical support, referrals to community partners and other resources for long-term recovery.**

It's just another way your gifts and prayers help address the complex issues of poverty and homelessness in Grays Harbor. Thank you for your support!

*Want to learn about other life-changing services you help provide? Read about our programs at [ugmgraysharbor.org](http://ugmgraysharbor.org) today!*

## GIVE NOW TO SHOW YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

I want to offer life-saving care and compassion this summer through my gift of:

- ☐ \$25    ☐ \$50  
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☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

*any amount helps!*



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