



HARBOR of HOPE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor
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The love **YOU** share

gives neighbors like
Susan hope for
a better life...



 Union Gospel Mission
of Grays Harbor
Reaching Hearts & Changing Lives of People in Need

**DON'T
MISS...**

2 Transforming Lives is
Possible this Summer

2 Celebrating New
Beginnings!

3 "My faith is
stronger!"

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A meal for \$2.45 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from CHARLEY CAPOEMAN

Thank you for **REMEMBERING** your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever..

Between work, family and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you

respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the men, women and children in Grays Harbor who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Charley Capoeman,
Executive Director

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- John 13:34b-35

Celebrating 6 new beginnings... **THANKS TO YOU!**

Join us in **celebrating 6 new graduates from our long-term New Foundation Program!**

Months of prayer ministry, biblical support and care have brought them here.

With your support and God's grace, they have a new life of HOPE.

As graduates rejoin our community, please pray for them. And thank you for your continued support, as new residents start their journeys of transformation.

Learn more about our recovery services for men and women at ugmgraysharbor.org.



We are also blessed to celebrate 6 baptisms! As these residents dedicate or recommit their lives to God, we join them in praising His redeeming work in their lives!

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**

11,497 meals

2,680 beds

Lives renewed through Christ

Countless hours of prayer ministry and biblical support

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!

Give now! ugmgraysharbor.org

**“I HAVE A STRONGER
FAITH IN GOD.”**



**“I’VE LEARNED THAT
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR IS HOPE!”**

Susan was the oldest of five children – all from different fathers. Her home life was defined by dysfunction. Lacking parental guidance, Susan was forced into adult responsibilities at a very young age. By 14, she was out on her own... and already drinking. “I numbed my pain to forget the chaos,” she remembers.

As an adult, Susan struggled with low self-esteem. “I thought nobody liked me, so I stayed inside my shell. I felt spiritually hopeless, angry and disappointed.” She spiraled deeper into addiction, and often found herself in abusive living situations.

One day, when Susan was drinking, she fell down the

stairs and broke her jaw in multiple places. Aside from being incredibly painful, it was also a wakeup call. “I suddenly realized I didn’t want to die from my alcoholism, and I became determined to change,” she shares.

When Susan arrived at the Mission, she was welcomed with compassion and love into a place of healing. “I immediately felt God’s presence here,” she says, smiling. With biblical support, she found sobriety and worked through past traumas. “I feel renewed and revitalized,” she says. “I can be myself and be liked and accepted!”

At the Mission, Susan became part of a support

system. “Everybody takes care of each other. I’d never witnessed that before!” Susan gives back by sorting and laundering items destined for our clothing bank. “I finally feel like I have potential... and something to offer others in need.”

Susan now has strength for her future because of your heart of compassion for her and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God’s love, she has a path forward in life. “Thanks to the Mission, there’s more to my life today: a new hope, a new future, a new everything!”




You're allowing kids to dream again



Childhood is a time of innocence... unfettered hopes and dreams. A healthy childhood is foundational for overall development – physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Yet children experiencing homelessness are robbed of this time. Without the stability of a safe home, they lose confidence in themselves and lose hope for their future.

 Your support of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor helps protect our youngest, most vulnerable guests by providing a safe, nurturing environment for children to learn, grow and thrive. Thanks to friends like you, we provide them with academic tutoring and social and spiritual encouragement – along with age-appropriate care for those recovering from past trauma.

Thank you for caring for children in our community whose futures are at risk. Together, we're providing child-focused care that restores their innocence and reignites their dreams.



 **One of the best ways we can help children is by helping their parents! Find out more about how we support families at ugmgraysharbor.org.**

Healing bodies and minds... thanks to you



At Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor, we believe our clients' mental health is just as important as their physical health. While some guests come to our doors seeking a warm meal and safe place to rest, others need more specialized care for mental illness and trauma from their past.

Your support not only helps our guests heal physically, but also psychologically – which is essential for addressing the complex issues of poverty and homelessness. **Thank you for making prayer ministry and biblical support, referrals and other recovery-based resources possible for our community!**

Want to learn about other life-changing services you help provide? Read about our programs at ugmgraysharbor.org today!

