

# IMPACT REPORT



I can do all things through  
Him who strengthens me.  
*Philippians 4:13*



# 2024



## Sheri's Story

Sherri came to our Friendship House almost two years ago after struggling with addiction and homelessness for years. Recently, she completed our yearlong New Foundations Program! "My biggest challenge before coming to the mission was unhappiness, depression, life in general, I guess."

Recalling her time in the program at the Friendship House, she says, "Actually, it's opened my eyes a lot because before I got to the mission, I didn't believe in God. I was an atheist pretty much, and since I've been there, I've changed a lot. I've been baptized and I'm a born-again Christian. It's great! It's like a whole new me."

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"I don't see myself as nothing anymore. I'm something. I'm somebody and they changed that for me. I'm thankful to the mission because they took me in when nobody else could. I hope people support the mission because they do a lot of good. They help in more ways than people can see. Not just spiritually but emotionally. They help us in the right direction. They show us where to go."





## *Jeff's Journey*

Jeff was born in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Washington with his family when he was 12 years old. After the tragic death of his parents, he started drinking heavily and got involved with people who introduced him to meth.

Jeff struggled with addiction and a short bout of homelessness until his sister intervened in his life and convinced him to let her bring him to Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor.

Eventually, Jeff joined our voluntary yearlong New Foundation Discipleship Program. Recently, Jeff graduated from the program and says, "Before coming to the mission, I was using marijuana and was a bad person. After coming to the mission, I've been able to discipline myself enough to stay here, continue to stay here ... and it's going to be all right! Yeah, it's going to be all right. I have hope for a better future ... I can go back to work somewhere again ... discipline myself in the faith and stay faithful to God."



Jeff hopes people will support the mission because, he says, "They do great work here and give men an opportunity to have somewhere to go."

# YOUR *Impact* IN 2024



**55,623**

Nutritious meals for hungry men, women and children



**54**

Individuals received case management



**14,551**

Nights of safe sleep and attendance at Bible study



**16**

Have participated in our New Foundation Program



**1,850**

Non-resident guests used our shower facilities and received clothing from our clothing bank



**2**

Have gone on to college

As a Rescue Mission, we often confront the idea that all we do is provide a haven for the homeless, give them a meal and pray over them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Our mission services are designed to deal with all the areas of homelessness, from those on the edge who are about to lose everything to those who have been living on the streets for years and everything in between.

The path to recovery is different for each person, but recovery is what we are all about at Union Gospel Mission Grays Harbor.



## LIFE *Changing* PROGRAMS

### **FRIENDSHIP HOUSE**

Friendship House provides hope and help for single women and mothers with children. Whether they are seeking shelter because of homelessness, addiction, or financial problems, women and children find the physical, emotional and spiritual support they need each year in our safe, family-oriented housing.

### **MEN'S MISSION**

Each night, more than 38 men can receive shelter, a shower and clean clothing in our men's shelter, along with prayer and counsel with our staff. So much more than an emergency shelter, our Heron Street facility becomes a place of transformation out of the cycle of homelessness. Each man can stabilize as he receives basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter, and is able to focus on the issues that brought him to the mission.

### **NEW FOUNDATION DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM**

New Foundation is a one-year, voluntary, spiritually-based recovery program designed to help participants develop the skills they need to overcome addiction and other challenges that hold them in bondage. Over a year's time, men and women received the specialized attention and training they need to get back on their feet.



# *Giving* **HOPE**

Please call us at **360-533-1064** or visit  
**[www.ugmgraysharbor.org](http://www.ugmgraysharbor.org)** for ways to give.

## ***Because of You...***

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission, “Endeavoring to meet the needs of the least, the last, and the lost.”



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