

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Fall 2020



**Theresa's heart
is filled with
gratitude
for YOU!**

Inside: Read how your
compassion and support
changes lives.



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“God totally healed me emotionally and physically.”

Theresa was at a low point in her life the first time she tried drugs. “I was in an abusive relationship and somebody offered them to me,” she says. “It was like the miracle cure... it gave me self-esteem.”

But what seemed like a “miracle cure” at first soon became a nightmare. Theresa found herself caught up in chronic drug use and abuse... and was even homeless for a while. But at the root of her struggles was the shame she felt that she had witnessed generations of abuse in her family but had still fallen into the same vicious cycle.

After decades of drug use, Theresa’s addiction destroyed her marriages and caused her daughters

and grandkids to disown her. The day before her 52nd birthday, Theresa finally reached her breaking point living on the cold streets and came to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission in search of a better life.

The day she walked through our doors, everything changed for Theresa.

“At the Mission, the conversation is all based around God,” she says, smiling. “There’s so much hope... it just keeps me going.”

Theresa has found the unconditional love and support of her Christian family at the Mission. “As soon as I walk out of my room, I hear people talking about the Holy Spirit

and Jesus. **The staff is available day and night. If I need prayer or guidance, they’re here.”**

“**No matter what happens I can come back to the Mission. I never ever have to be on the streets again.**”

She was even able to be reunited with her beloved dog of 8 years, Cookie, after getting help to have

her classified as a service dog. She hopes to find a place of her own and come back to the Mission to serve as a chaplain to the other ladies.

“I’m grateful the Mission helped me strengthen my faith. Now I’m able to conquer and overcome anything. I work for Jesus now.”

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God’s love!

“Every day my relationship with God grows by leaps and bounds. I jump out of bed every morning, eager to see what God’s going to do today.”

*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God's faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving "the least of these."

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others' needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you'll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



Andrew J. Porter

Andrew Porter
Executive Director

24,500
MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our
2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we'll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

***faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more!***

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**



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***Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for
your faithful support!***

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$2.05
for 1 hot meal



\$30.75
for 1 night of
safe shelter

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TO**



**Practical guidance
and God's
life-changing
LOVE**

**READ THERESA'S STORY
TO LEARN MORE!**



We Need VOLUNTEERS

Your helping hands and giving hearts will allow us to serve and care for the thousands of people who will turn to us this fall!



Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: our **Volunteer Coordinator**
at (509) 547-2112, ext. 112

Email: volunteer@tcugm.org

Or visit tcugm.org to find out more or sign up now!

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

Boneless ham
Frozen turkeys
Recyclable cups
and napkins
Medium & large
latex gloves
To-go soup
containers

Eggs
Butter
Cornbread baking
mixes
Fresh vegetables:
carrots,
celery, onions,
potatoes



Drop off your donations at **221 S. 4th Ave., Pasco.**

Thank you for helping!

Don't Miss a Single Mission Moment!

Follow us on social media and sign up for our emails to stay up-to-date on our Thanksgiving activities, urgent needs, special events and how your partnership is transforming lives. Be sure to tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to help this Thanksgiving!

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