

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Fall 2021



GRATEFUL THROUGH IT ALL: Chief is especially thankful for YOU!

Your compassion &
support change lives.



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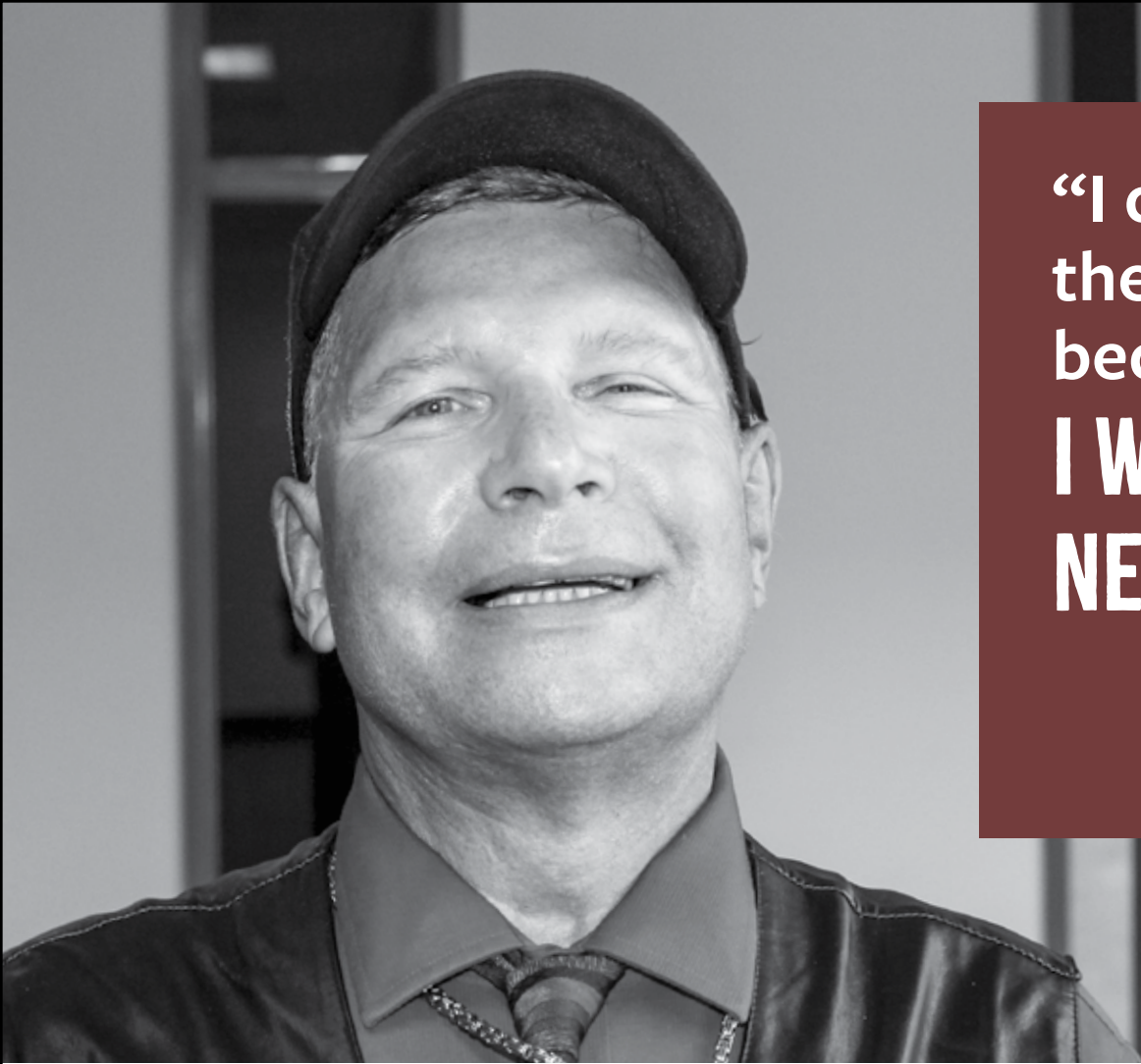
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Chief grew up in a dysfunctional environment, feeling unwanted, insecure and unloved. Seeking acceptance as he grew older, he fell in with the wrong crowd and did whatever he felt necessary to survive. Finally, as a result of his destructive habits and behaviors, he was sent to prison.

While incarcerated, he began reading the Bible, witnessing to others and building a relationship with the Lord. When he was released – 20 years later – he had nowhere to go and the world had changed dramatically. But he took comfort in knowing God’s Word remained constant.

Longing to start a new life in Christ, he came to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission.

“Everything I needed and wanted was here,” he says. “The meals are great. They gave me clothes to wear. And I met sober people and made them my friends.”

Most important, he says, “I was loved. And that’s what brought about the change in me.”

Today, as Chief prepares to move into transitional housing, he believes it is his duty and calling to

introduce Christ to others and support the Mission’s work in the community. He hopes to continue his education and become an addiction counselor, helping men who have walked in his shoes.

Yet sadly, because of challenges related to his past, he knows his health is failing. But he doesn’t fear the future. “When my time comes, I know I won’t be alone. I’ll die with Christ in my life and with my friends around me,” he says.



Every day at the Mission, I would say my prayers: ***Dear God, please help me.*** And each day more help would come.



As Chief celebrates this Thanksgiving, he feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it’s given him a fresh start. “My heart was broken for most of my life, but God fixed it. My life has value to me now because of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission.”

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. ***Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission than right now, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season.***

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Safe shelter. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate!

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day. God bless!



Andrew Porter
Executive Director

2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

It's been another challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

27,000

Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

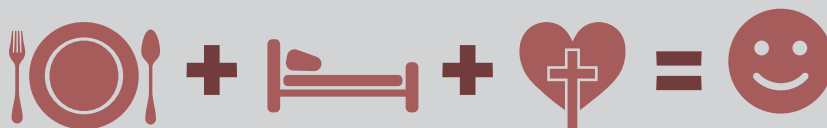
Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them!

For just \$2.05, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes
- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love that changes lives



YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our homeless and hurting neighbors during the busy holiday season!

Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

💻 Give online anytime at tcugm.org.

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



Want to learn more?

Find everything you need at **tcugm.org!**

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As a faithful friend, we want to ensure YOU are in the know about everything that goes on here at the Mission!

Our website is your one-stop resource to see how your support is making a difference in the lives of your hungry, hurting and homeless neighbors. Here are just some of the things you'll find online:

INSPIRATIONAL Stories of Lives Changed

Information about
Life-Transforming Services



Ways You Can Serve Our Community

Our Mission and Vision for
Helping Others



How Your Support is Used Responsibly

Calling all VOLUNTEERS

Put your God-given talents to work at the Mission to help serve and care for the men, women and children who will turn to us this fall.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator today to see how you can help...

Call: **(509) 547-2112** or Email: **volunteer@tcugm.org**

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

OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

There's still so much to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season! Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these critically-needed items.

Boneless Hams

Napkins

Powdered Drink Mixes

Eggs

Assorted Soups

Salad Dressings

*Carrots, Celery,
Onions and Potatoes*

*"To Go" Meal
Containers -
Med. & Lrg.*

*Latex Gloves -
Med. & Lrg.*

Drop off your donations at
221 S. 4th Avenue, 7 days a week.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

