

# NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Summer 2019

## From Fear and Abuse to the Power of *God's Love*

Because friends like you  
*give where you live*, Valorie  
and others like her are  
rebuilding their lives.

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A Message from  
ANDREW PORTER

## Help Meet the Challenge Here at Home

While many in our community are enjoying summer rest and relaxation, those who are homeless have no escape from their physical discomfort, mental anguish and spiritual despair... without our help and yours.

### So here's the challenge:

As temperatures soar and needs increase, our donations typically decline. Yet the meals we will serve throughout June, July and August cost nearly \$36,900 alone!

I'm so grateful for your partnership – and during this critical time, I pray you will continue to stand alongside us. Please *give where you live* through our summer campaign, which is underway now.

Your generous gift will provide nutritious food, cool shelter, addiction recovery and faith-based guidance to people who have lost all hope. Your ongoing support will relieve burdens and rebuild lives right here at home.

God bless you for remembering those who are hurting this summer. Your compassion lets them know they're not alone.



*Andrew J. Porter*

Andrew Porter  
Executive Director

## Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer your gifts will provide...



18,000 meals



8,400 beds



hundreds of  
clothing items



heartfelt &  
life-transforming  
decisions for  
Christ



countless hours  
of counseling &  
education

**Give Where You Live!**  
**Our 92-Day Summer  
Campaign is underway now.**

✉ Send your gift today.

💻 Give online at **tcugm.org**.



*This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!*

**GIVE *where you* LIVE**  
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

## PLEASE HELP WITH OUR **SUMMER**



Our "Summer Six" are items we need all summer long to provide our guests with a comfortable environment and life-changing assistance. Please deliver your donations to 221 S. 4th Ave., Pasco, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.



1. Bottled water
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Toothpaste
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. High-efficiency laundry soap







**“I feel safe now – the complete opposite of what I’ve been used to my whole life.”**

**V**alorie grew up surrounded by domestic violence. She didn’t know how to break the cycle, and she spent years with an ex-husband who also abused her.

“A lot of the behaviors in that relationship I saw to be completely normal, because that’s what I grew up with. It wasn’t until I genuinely felt my life was in danger that I left.”

After a disagreement with her mother, Valorie had nowhere else to go. “I’ve been homeless a couple of times in the past due to domestic violence. I am constantly struggling with whether or not I’m going to have a roof over my head for me and my family.”

She was worried about how to care for her three children – ages nine, six and eight months – until she got a referral to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission.

**Valorie and her kids came to the Mission, and that’s when everything changed.**

“I have built a couple of healthy friendships since I’ve been here, which I didn’t have before. The Mission feeds us breakfast, lunch and dinner. They help out with clothing.”

**— “There’s a lot of stuff that I’m dealing with, but I can feel I’m healing.” —**

Valorie spent years as a stay-at-home mom, unable to trust others or make friends, so the Mission has been a place of healing and provided a reassuring routine.

“I was at home isolated for so long. The Mission is helping me rebuild my social interactions. I’m slowly starting to learn how and when to trust people.”

She doesn’t know what the future holds, but Valorie wants to find a home of her own and go back to school. No matter what happens, she knows God has a plan for her life.

“Now I see that, through everything I’ve been through, God has always been there, keeping me safe. I see all the different ways He’s provided for me.”

**And she’s thankful for caring friends like you who continue to support the Mission:** “The Mission is a safe environment. They help people out when it seems hopeless. They have given me hope back.”

## Back to School Giveaway

School will be starting soon, and with that comes added expenses. While school supplies might not be a financial burden for many in our community, they can be a challenge for families who are already struggling just to keep food on the table and a roof overhead.

**Through our Back to School Giveaway, you can provide students here in the Tri-Cities with the tools they need to succeed in school.**

### HOW IT WORKS

Each Thursday morning in June, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., families come to the Mission to pre-register for our big August Back to School Event. At registration, volunteers collect information needed to provide each child with supplies specifically suited for them (such as shoe size, coat size, grade and school the child attends).

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations of coats, shoes and backpacks (all sizes, ages 6-18) will be graciously accepted, so if you are clearing out dressers and closets to make room for summertime clothes, think about donating last year's clothing to the hundreds of kids we'll be seeing this fall.



- Shoes
- Coats
- Backpacks
- School supplies (such as paper, pencils, pens, glue, etc.)
- Volunteers to assemble backpacks beforehand
- Volunteers to hand out supplies to families

To learn more or sign up to volunteer, please visit [tcugm.org/get-involved](http://tcugm.org/get-involved) or call (509) 547-2112. Thank you for helping to make this year's Back to School Giveaway our best ever!



*Come celebrate the  
4th of July with us!*

You and your family are invited to our 4th of July BBQ at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission! You don't need to bring food or even a donation... just come out to enjoy a great meal and a good time with our guests.

**What:** Annual 4th of July BBQ

**When:** July 4 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** 221 S. 4th Ave. in Pasco

We would love the company, and your encouragement means so much to the men and women we serve. We hope to see you there!

## I'll Give Where I Live!

Andrew, here's my special summertime gift to provide meals, shelter, care – and hope!

- ☐ \$25      ☐ \$50  
☐ \$75      ☐ \$150  
☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

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