



A Beacon of  
Hope Since 1963

# The BEACON

A Newsletter for Friends and Donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

## A Message from Jim

### The Perfect Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Donor Name,

If there were ever a time for giving thanks, it is now. If there were ever a perfect prayer of thanksgiving, it is Psalm 100:

*Shout for joy to the LORD,  
all the earth.*

*Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the LORD is God.  
It is He who made us, and we  
are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of  
His pasture.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise  
His name.*

*For the LORD is good and His  
love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through  
all generations.*

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate the coming holiday, I pray that you will "shout for joy to the Lord" for all the blessings He has bestowed, just as we will praise Him for blessing us with ministry partners like you!

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*Jim Kizer*  
Jim Kizer  
Executive Director

## "There Are So Many Miracles in My Life!"

From the time her children were born, Cheryl dedicated her life to them. But once they were grown, she felt she "didn't have a purpose" in life. "I didn't know what to do with myself."

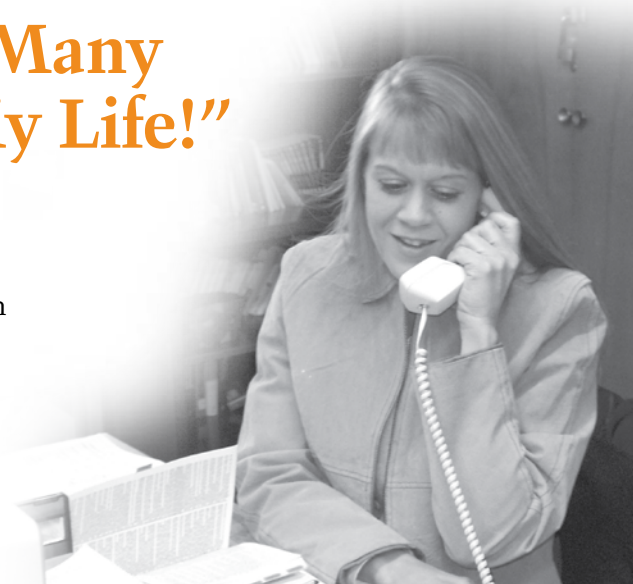
For a time, she traveled. From Montana to Florida and back. From Helena to Great Falls. She wanted to save money to go back to Florida, so she was sharing an apartment and splitting rent with a former boyfriend. But the relationship turned abusive... and that's how she found Haven of Hope!

When Cheryl showed up at the Mission black and blue and bloody, our staff knew just what to do.

Jesus Christ had never been a big part of Cheryl's life. But once she entered our Humbled Hearts Christ-centered recovery program, she realized that He loved her so much!

"Before, God would carry me through things, and I would say 'Thank you God!,' but those words were as empty as my heart was."

Cheryl left the program for a time to help a friend in Helena who had been diagnosed with cancer. "She had two weeks to live when I got there...and was saved seven days



before she died! It was such a miracle that I got to be there with her."

### A friend's death brought Cheryl closer to God.

"It was great just knowing she was saved. When I came back, I was more encouraged to continue on with the program... I had more faith in God and I wanted to continue what I had started."

Today, Cheryl is moving forward with her life, secure in the knowledge that this is just the beginning of a whole new life in Christ!

*Before publication Cheryl left the Mission. We hope she is doing well on her own.*

Visit Us Online!



Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at [GreatFallsRescueMission.org](http://GreatFallsRescueMission.org).

## Workplace Giving

Did you know that you may be able to help care for the homeless in North Central Montana through your workplace? Here are some options to keep in mind:

Great Falls Rescue Mission is a part of the **Combined Federal and State Employees' Charitable Giving Campaigns**. Our CFC ID number is 62551 and our SECGC ID number is 5126. Keep this in mind if you are a federal or state employee.



**Matching Gifts** Your employer may match or even double your gifts to Great Falls Rescue Mission. See your Human Resources department for more information.

## Thanksgiving Events

**November 20**  
Assemble food baskets

**November 23**  
Family Thanksgiving Dinner

**November 25**  
Great Thanksgiving Banquet

To volunteer, call  
**(406) 761-2653**.

# Celebrating Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is just around the corner!

Last year, between our Family Thanksgiving Dinner, Food Baskets and Great Thanksgiving Banquet, we provided meals for more than 700 people. This year, we are expecting to provide even more meals for homeless and needy men, women and children.

We can't do it without you! Your donations of funds, food and time make an enormous difference in the lives of many people in our



community. If you are interested in holding a food drive, call Marion or Samantha, or to help assemble Thanksgiving Food Baskets, call Penny at **(406) 761-2653**.

## Thanksgiving Kitchen Needs

Turkeys  
Potatoes  
Stove Top Dressing  
Canned Sweet Potatoes  
Canned Fruits  
Canned Green Beans

Brown Sugar  
Rolls  
Pies (any kind)  
Cool Whip

Food donations can be dropped off at the back door of the Rescue Mission Men's Shelter at 326 2nd Ave S. If you have food that needs to be picked up, call Marion at **(406) 761-2653**.

## Wanted: Convection Oven

We are serving more meals than ever and our ovens are working overtime. We are seeking a new or used commercial convection oven. If you would like to donate one or make a gift to help purchase it, please contact Doug at **(406) 761-0095**.

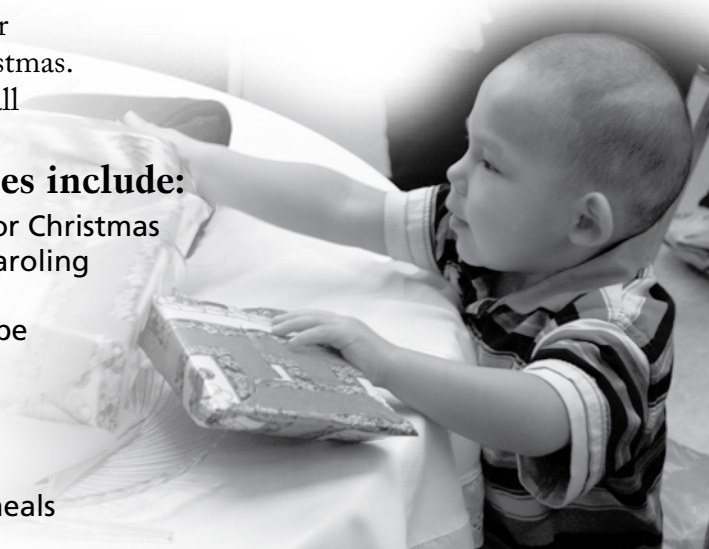
## Calling All Christmas Elves!

We have several volunteer opportunities for Christmas.

If you are interested, please call Penny at **(406) 761-2653**.

### Volunteer opportunities include:

- Decorating the Mission for Christmas
- Christmas Card Party & Caroling
- Sorting & Wrapping Gifts
- Children's Christmas Escape
- Women's Christmas Party
- Family Christmas Party & Gift Giveaway
- Adult Christmas Party
- Serving various regular meals



## \$17.90 Does so Much More Than Feed 10 Hungry People

A sandwich... a bowl of hot soup... or a special feast like "turkey with all the trimmings" at our Family Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 23 and Great Thanksgiving Banquet on Thursday, November 25... sometimes, ending homelessness is as simple as providing a meal.

Because once a person is fed, it's much easier to begin taking care of other problems like addiction, abuse, lack of education or joblessness. So your gift to provide meals actually

opens the door to all the services that get people back on their feet!

Not everyone who comes to the Mission to eat is homeless. Between gas and rent and utilities and medical bills, families don't have enough left over to buy food. They come to the Mission for a meal to help "tide them over," to keep them on their feet!

So please, provide as many meals and as much help as you can this Thanksgiving. Mail your gift today in the enclosed envelope, or give online at [GreatFallsRescueMission.org](http://GreatFallsRescueMission.org).

