

The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Fall 2024

Giving thanks for **YOU**

INSIDE: Robert shares
how your support
changed his life!



 **Bread of Life**
The Mission in Pioneer Square

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A Message from KIM COOK

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors Bread of Life Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Robert, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing and safe shelter... to long-term healing and stability through our

recovery program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 22,750 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at Bread of Life Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Kim Cook
President & CEO

YOU'RE MAKING GOALS AND DREAMS POSSIBLE...

At the Mission, hopes and dreams come to life – thanks to friends like you! Because of your prayers and support, men in our recovery program look forward to brighter futures.



"I'm thankful for the Mission because they gave me a chance to show people that I am what I say, and that I can do what I set out to do."

"I'm thankful for the Mission for giving me a new life, a new future. I was out there broken, crying for help. Now, I've got help."



Thank you for believing that everyone deserves the opportunity to build a better, more fulfilling life!

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit **BreadofLifeMission.org**.

Join Our

2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

22,750

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families.

For just \$2.76, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's unconditional love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at **BreadofLifeMission.org**.



Scan to see how you can help this fall!

“The Lord is present here.”

Robert's childhood was marked by neglect and abuse. His father traveled the majority of the year for work, and during those long stretches of him being away, Robert and his sister experienced abuse from a family member. But his father was indifferent: “My dad didn't care to talk about any of that.”

After his parents divorced, Robert felt he had to step up and be the man of the house at just age 10. The pressure of having to grow up so early without family stability ended up being too much. After high school, Robert started experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Sadly, substance use led him down a dark path and eventually contributed to going in and out of homelessness for decades. “It was just a revolving, vicious cycle of insanity.”

Having grown up in Washington, Robert knew about the various recovery programs in the area, and went through many different treatment programs.

But when he came to Bread of Life Mission, he knew something was different. “This program is more spiritual... it's more Christian-based,” he said. “I could see it in the people here.”

Robert says the Mission has renewed his spiritual life and desire to grow in his personal life, values and morals. The classes and the people he's met through them have especially been an encouragement: “The other guests here have been through the same issues I have.”

“Coming to the Mission, I have hope. I really have a strong belief that it's going to be OK this time, and I will build that relationship with Christ.”

Once he graduates from the program, Robert hopes to maintain sobriety, find a job and have a strong relationship with the Lord.

This fall, Robert gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life. “I'm thankful to the Mission because it's opened doors to anybody that wants to come in. They gave me another opportunity.”

“I want to seek that stronger bond and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.”





We Need Your Help!

The holidays are just around the corner, and we're getting ready for this very busy time of year. We will be hosting special meals and events,

adopting families in need in our community and celebrating God's love and the holidays. **We need your help to make it all happen!**

We are seeking volunteers to prep food, deliver meals, serve, clean up or to donate holiday supplies.

If you or your group are interested in volunteering this Thanksgiving or Christmas season, please call Grace Mwangi at **(206) 682-3579, ext. 101.**



THE BACKBONE OF OUR MINISTRY...

Hope Partners Program

Most individuals walk into the Mission with just the clothes on their backs. They're homeless, abandoned by friends and family. They have nowhere else to turn.

Our job is to take them into our family and make them feel at home. Feed them. Shelter them. Share the love of Christ.

Thanks to a very special group of people who really have faith in our work here in Seattle, we have the resources to do just that.

These people are members of our Hope Partners Program, and we would like to invite you to join them.

To learn more about becoming a member of this extraordinary group, contact Grace Mwangi at **(206) 682-3579, ext. 101** or email **gracem@breadoflifemission.org**. To join now, visit **BreadofLifeMission.org/hope-partners**.

MISSION TOURS: *A great way to engage!*

Get to know the Mission better by scheduling a tour... you'll get to see our hallways, dining room and most importantly, the impact your support is making in the lives of individuals from our community.

Come by yourself, with your family and friends, a student group, your church or your company or organization.

You can schedule a tour by contacting us at **(206) 682-3579, ext. 101** or visit **BreadofLifeMission.org/visit**.

Tour the Mission – and see how you help make this life-changing ministry possible!

