

The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Summer 2024

 **The love
YOU share**
gives neighbors like Ryan
hope for a better life...

HOPE

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

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A meal for \$2.76 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from KIM COOK

Thank you for REMEMBERING your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever...

Between work, family and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at Bread of Life Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a

heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the individuals in Seattle who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Kim Cook
President & CEO

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
- John 13:34b-35

You can help change more lives as a **HOPE PARTNER!**

If you're looking to make a greater impact in our Seattle community, consider joining our Hope Partners Program! This generous group gives monthly in support of our services. Hear what one of our donors has to share:



"My monthly contribution to Bread of Life Mission helps spread the Good News by feeding people, providing for their basic needs and teaching them about God and how they can have freedom through a relationship with Him. What a blessing, to be a part of this!"

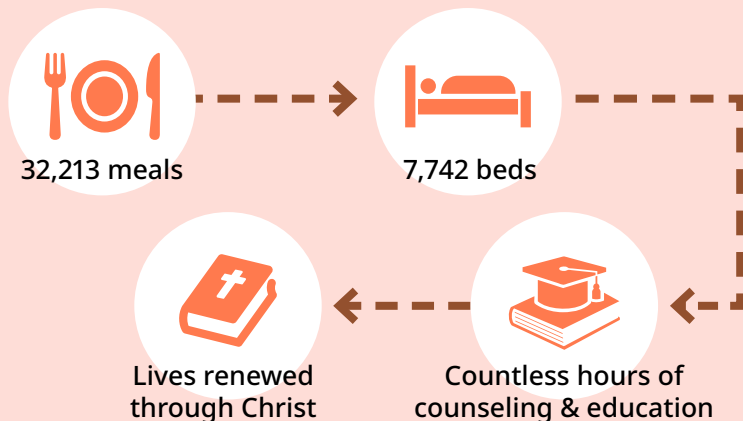
- A Hope Partner



To become a part of this vital program and help secure reliable funding for critical and ongoing needs, please visit **breadoflifemission.org/hope-partners** today.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild lives!

Give now! BreadofLifeMission.org

"God led me to this place of change and growth."



"I'M GRATEFUL FOR THIS SECOND CHANCE!"

Ryan has fond memories of his childhood – his mother provided a stable home life and his father was an addiction counselor. Sadly, losing both parents to cancer knocked him off his feet. Even as he tried to overcome his grief, he only felt more despair. Everyone around him seemed happy, but Ryan was traumatized by loss. "I escaped by isolating myself with drugs and alcohol," he shares.

Feeling disconnected from the world, Ryan lost his job and his home and spiraled into hopelessness. "I couldn't envision anything or anybody saving me," he recalls. Homeless and alone, he considered ending his life... but then

he sensed a powerful message from God to ask for help.

"I remember saying, 'I can't be like this anymore!'" Mustering courage, Ryan reached out to the Mission.

As he embarked on a new path through our LifeChange Program, Ryan discovered he wasn't alone in his pain, and that lasting support was available. Classes, counseling and daily Bible study at the Mission helped him create a foundation of faith. "I finally understand that God will always be there, guiding me every step of the way," he says with confidence.

Today, Ryan is sober, mature and ready to share his gifts with others

who are still struggling. He enjoys serving at the Mission, pitching in wherever he's needed, and looks forward to making a positive impact in the community. "If I can do it, then I believe I can inspire others to do it, too." Following in his father's footsteps, Ryan is learning how to counsel people through trauma and addiction.

Ryan now has strength for his future because of your heart of compassion for him and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God's love, he has a path forward in life. "The love and support I received here, through Christ, completely changed my life for the better. It's been amazing!"





The **GIFT** of Your Time

It is only with an army of volunteers that the Mission can serve all those who come to us for help. Your unique skills and abilities are needed! Here are just some areas of the Mission that would appreciate a gift of your time and effort:

- Kitchen (Prep Cook, Meal Server)
- Development Department (Office Assistant)
- Clothing Distribution (Supervisor, Inventory Assistant)
- Care Kit Ministry
- Donation Drives
- ...and more!



Contact Grace Mwangi at
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or gracem@breadoflifemission.org,
or visit
breadoflifemission.org/volunteer to register.



YOU'RE INVITED: TAKE A TOUR!

See how your support impacts Bread of Life Mission – join us for an inside view! Together, we'll explore the halls of the campus, see the busy goings-on in the kitchen and witness our programs at work... all made possible by the support of neighbors just like YOU!

Visit on your own, or bring a group! Just give Grace Mwangi a call or send her an email at **(206) 682-3579, ext. 101** or **gracem@breadoflifemission.org** and she'll schedule a convenient time for you.

