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Holiday 2024

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GIVING MARDELL

a life-changing

GIFT THIS

Christmas!



Bread of Life

The Mission in Pioneer Square

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4 Give a meal. Spark a miracle!

*You help make
Christmas
miracles possible*

Get ready... the busiest time of the year is upon us! I imagine your calendar is filling up quickly. But **before the year ends, please save a few moments for our neighbors who are homeless.**

I know you agree no one should live in a car... in a tent... or outside in the cold. Being homeless means living with constant fear and uncertainty. It's a terrible way to spend any day... much less Christmas Day. If there's anyone in need of a miracle, it's them.

You can make a Christmas miracle possible for a neighbor who is homeless by giving \$2.76 to provide a hot meal at Bread of Life Mission. It may not seem like much – but each meal you provide can be someone's first step toward recovery and a new life. Where you see a meal, a hurting neighbor sees a miracle.

With your support, no individual in Seattle has to be hungry or homeless this Christmas. People like Mardell (whose story is on page 3) can find the miracle of hot meals, safe shelter and Christ-centered care at the Mission this holiday season... and all year round... thanks to you!



Kim Cook
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President & CEO

YOU MAKE CHRISTMAS AT THE MISSION SPECIAL!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to local donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our Mission guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



Holiday Feast: Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our residents – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

The Miracle of Jesus: Worship, prayer, fellowship and a message of God's love – our guests gather in the chapel to celebrate the hope of Christmas together.

Thanks to you, our neighbors don't have to spend this Christmas on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals and a reminder of the true reason for the season!



The Christmas season is upon us! It is the busiest time of the year at Bread of Life Mission, and we would love to have you join us as a volunteer or guest. There are many ways you can get involved to provide hope and transformation for the homeless.

Check out our website and follow us on social media for information on our upcoming events and initiatives, or to sign up to volunteer or donate.

Plus...

- Stay up to date on urgent needs and read stories of hope, healing and recovery.
- Donate online easily and quickly through our secure website.
- Connect with other people in our community who share your heart for helping those in need.

Please visit **BreadofLifeMission.org** today.

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"The Mission is **HELPING ME SUCCEED."**



**"The LifeChange Recovery
Program taught me to
TRUST IN THE LORD, AND
HE'LL BE THERE FOR ME."**

Mardell grew up with his mom, brother and sister, while his dad was always on the road as a truck driver. "Childhood was challenging but happy," he explains. He graduated from high school but not without struggles. "It was just traumatic trying to get through school," he shares.

He turned to alcohol as a way to cope with his problems and tried to quit many times. "Once you're a drinker, it's hard to quit because you get that urge for it – you want that good feeling and you want alcohol to take away all your problems," Mardell explains.

After relapsing at another shelter, Mardell needed a place to stay and went to Bread of Life Mission. "It was a whole different feeling," he recalls, adding that it is less crowded and less strict. **"They gave me a second chance,"** he says.

Mardell gets emotional when talking about the Lord – our faith-

based environment has given him strength and guidance to stay sober. "It is helping me learn that having friends is good and having people who believe in the Lord is good. It keeps me to be stronger."

Mardell knows that he can always count on the relationships he established here to help him any time he feels moments of weakness. "When I feel like I'm going to relapse, I'll just give them a call and they'll help me," he says. **"I'm thankful to the Mission because I have people here who care about me, love me and want me to succeed."**

This Christmas, Mardell is experiencing all the joy this season has to offer – because YOU believed in the power of community support and the promise of God's unending love. "The Mission is helping me succeed by teaching me to stay in the Word of God, keep the Lord in my heart and to always trust in Him."

\$20,000 Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



BIG NEWS to end the year: **When you give between now and December 31, your generosity will go 2x as far** to provide food, shelter and life-changing care for our struggling neighbors!

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

- ✉ Return your special year-end gift in the reply card today.
- 📧 Give online at **BreadofLifeMission.org**.

**THANK YOU
for doubling your impact
during our Matching
Challenge!**

PARTNER Spotlight



We are so grateful for our Corporate Partner, Saltchuk! For several years, Saltchuk has helped meet the needs of struggling neighbors in Seattle through their generous contributions to our ministry! Their partnership has included:

- Monthly volunteer groups at the Mission
- Hosting annual hygiene drives
- Rallying their corporate team to donate food

We sincerely thank everyone at Saltchuk for their faithful support of those in need in our community!



Interested in becoming a partner?
Visit **breadoflifemission.org** to
learn more!

Give a meal. Spark a miracle!

It's hard to find a reason to celebrate Christmas when you're homeless or hungry. **YOU can give JOY and spark a miracle** with a gift to lead someone to join our long-term recovery program and experience a new life! It all starts by providing a meal for \$2.76... because where you see a meal, they see a miracle.



\$2.76
for 1 hot meal



**CAN SPARK
A MIRACLE**



**That leads
to new life!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

A Legacy that Lives On

Your gifts will bring hope and transformation to so many

Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need. Would you like to continue bringing hope, healing and recovery to more people beyond your lifetime?

When you remember Bread of Life Mission in your will or estate plan, you ensure that your spirit of compassion continues blessing others for years to come. You can choose how you wish to give: cash, real estate, property or stocks. And it's easy to update your wishes at any time.

For information on planned giving opportunities, please contact us at
(206) 682-3579 or **info@breadoflifemission.org**.

***Already blessed the Mission with a bequest? Please let us know so we can say,
"Thank you!"***