

December 8, 2023



Diner striving to stay warm after
breakfast with a new blanket

Dear Friends of Shalom,

Though our Spokane weather was unseasonably mild well into November, the 2023 Christmas season is upon us and many of us will celebrate with family gatherings and gifts. Temperatures will always change, yet we're still able to give thanks for our families and our many blessings. But for many of our neighbors, *the least of these*, the changing elements always bring difficulty procuring even the most basic of human needs. At Shalom, we feed guests who are cold, wet, ill-clothed and exhausted, and always hungry.

Since 1994, Shalom Ministries has been a beacon of light for many of the most marginalized and forgotten of our citizens. At present, our monthly meal count exceeds 6,000 hot, nutritious meals, and the need for Shalom's continued efforts has never been greater. Our guests seek, and receive not only food for the day, but for many a sense of hope, safety and respect; thus our moniker, *Dining With Dignity*. One of our long-time volunteers put it succinctly when she said, "We are called to feed the hungry BUT we are *not* called to judge who is hungry."

As we approach the celebration of the birth of our Savior, your generosity has never been more needed and appreciated than now. And as the number of hungry people we serve continues to grow, so does our financial challenge. Please partner with us this Christmas season and consider a substantial gift to keep the lifeline unbroken. Any amount you send today will be a blessing!



Thank you for your prayers and consideration to allow Shalom to continue making a difference in so many lives of this important ministry. Contributions may be mailed to PO Box 4684, Spokane, WA 99201, or made online at www.shalommeal.org.

Struggling to make ends meet, this thankful woman comes for a Thanksgiving meal, gloves, and a hat.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas!

Steve Nash
Shalom Board Member



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