

**Christmas Appeal**  
December 2019

*A message from our  
Executive Director*

I am forever grateful for the generosity of our faithful supporters that allows us to provide a place at the table for the hungry stomachs and souls of the people we serve. *Tim Swartout*



Greetings!


As we approach the celebration of the birth of our savior, Christ Jesus, Shalom Ministries stands in the gap, bringing hope, dignity and restored lives to hundreds of men, women, teens and children who enter our “Dining with Dignity” doors on Monday or Tuesday evening or at one of our four weekday breakfasts.

**This Christmas and all through the year, hungry people come to Shalom Ministries for a well-prepared meal, served with grace.** This year will mark a milestone of demand for our nutritious meals; over 50,000 will be served; always by extending compassionate hospitality in a safe environment to the poorest of the poor—many living on our streets. The need is greater than ever, as displaced people—homeless folk, travelers delayed by forces beyond their control—seek an Inn in downtown Spokane where the basic needs of hunger and hope can be filled.

**We urge you to join us in supporting Shalom Ministries with a substantial year-end gift, so this Inn can keep providing places at the table for the hungry people of Spokane.** Our ability to keep up with the pace of this urgent need depends on your generosity.

You have our commitment to put your gift to work fulfilling the challenge of the One born the first Christmas, “*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...*” **Together, we can provide the hospitality of the Innkeeper, doing good for the least of these... as to Christ himself!**

To you, we pledge our continued faithful work, while also sending our eternal blessings for a very Merry Christmas!

  
Deidre Jacobson  
Chairperson, Shalom Board of Directors

  
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Executive Director, Shalom Ministries

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([www.shalommeal.org](http://www.shalommeal.org)), or mailed to  
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