



Wenatchee Rescue Mission

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The best Christmas gift is a hand up not a handout!

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As a young child, I remember receiving a model Army helicopter for Christmas. The box had everything—glue, paint, and dozens of tiny pieces waiting to be assembled. But as I stared at it, I felt overwhelmed. How was I ever going to build this? Then my grandmother sat beside me. Patiently, she showed me how to work step by step. With her guidance, something intimidating became possible. From that moment on, I built many models. She gave me a hand up—not by doing the work for me, but by empowering me to try, learn, and grow. Because of her support, I gained confidence and experienced the joy of accomplishing something I once thought was too difficult.

At Wenatchee Rescue Mission we extend a hand up. It offers safety, stability, guidance, and meaningful connection to essential support services. That is exactly what we are committed to providing for individuals in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee who are ready to move forward and beyond homelessness. As people heal, they begin to trust again. They make healthier choices, rebuild their support networks, and rediscover joy. We honor and partner with the donors who advocate for them, encourage them, and celebrate each small victory along the way. Through consistent structure, compassionate accountability, and steadfast support, individuals begin to see that lasting change is truly possible.

The journey is often long, but we are dedicated to walking it with them. It is our privilege to witness men and women change their circumstances, transform their lives, and build a foundation for long-term success. We firmly believe that through the power of Christ and the strength of our community, we can make a difference—one person at a time. Your generous gift today breaks the cycle of homelessness and poverty, by stabilizing people in a safe and spiritual environment, connecting them to solutions and walking with them on their journey.





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Our 4 main Goals for 2026

Partner with us today to make these goals a reality in the year ahead! With your support, we can expand our services, open our doors to more women and children in need, and continue offering not just shelter, but dignity, hope, and a path forward. We can provide the hand up that is needed. Together, we can change lives.

Program Goals & Planned Initiatives:

1. Increase Permanent Housing Placements

Our goal is to place 40% of individuals in our programs into permanent housing. Last year, 37 people secured permanent housing through the Wenatchee Rescue Mission. To expand this impact, we will hire a dedicated Housing Specialist/Advocate focused on locating affordable housing options and supporting clients through the placement process.

2. Open a Transitional Home for Women and Children experiencing homelessness.

We plan to open our transitional home for women and children, providing a safe and stable environment for families working toward independence. The home requires some small repair, which will be completed and operating once the necessary funding is secured.

3. Build an Additional Family Emergency “Tiny Shelter”

To better serve families in crisis, we aim to construct an additional emergency tiny shelter, expanding our capacity to offer immediate, short-term housing for those facing urgent need.

4. Launch a Community Laundry Facility

We will establish a self-serve laundry facility offering reduced-rate access for community members. This service will support individuals and families experiencing homelessness or financial hardship by meeting one of their most basic and critical needs.