



Merry Christmas From Wenatchee Rescue Mission

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6



Christmas Presence

By Executive Director Scott Johnson

Being homeless during Christmas can be an incredibly challenging and isolating experience. While its true being on the streets is lonely, it's especially lonely during holidays. The reality is the mere thought of Christmas for many can stir up a traumatic event from the past such as abuse, neglect and other painful thoughts. Drugs, alcohol, and other destructive behavior are directly connected to trauma and are used to help dull the pain someone may feel. Peoples pain is often exacerbated by the holidays.

Christmas is not about giving material gifts. It's about sharing love, empathy, and the gift of our presence with those who may be feeling alone or isolated. Christmas reminds us of the powerful message of hope and Gods love for humanity. If we are honest with ourselves, what many people truly long for is a human connection with others, someone to listen, understand, laugh and cry with and offer support and prayer. I firmly believe that we can approach homelessness effectively by simply showing the same sacrificial love that God showed us by sending Christ to our world. Jesus freely gives us his presence and he in turn tells us to give presence to others.

During this Christmas season, may we all take comfort in the beautiful truth that 'God is with us.' His daily presence brings joy, hope, love and peace into our lives. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us also prepare for the promise of His return. It is our prayer that we may all focus on having a heart posture for giving freely, spreading hope and kindness to all and being truly gracious for all HE has given for us!

The Wenatchee Rescue Mission team is praying you and your family experience joy, hope, love and peace this season. We cannot thank you enough for your prayerful and financial support today and in the New Year.

Say Hello to Bethany, our new Chaplain!



For sometime now we have been praying for someone to come to WRM and care for the spiritual lives of the community we serve. We believe the spiritual wellbeing of our guests is most important. God sent us Bethany! We are so blessed to have her.

"Hello everyone, my name is Bethany Grenfell! I am originally from California where I grew up on a farm with lots of animals. I went to school at Whitworth University and then completed my Master of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary. I joined the Air Force Reserves in March 2020 where I am training to be a Chaplain. I also work at the First United Methodist Church as the Director of Discipleship. I am passionate about journeying with others in the messiness of life and I believe that Jesus is with us in the midst of it all. I love traveling, reading, hiking, and playing card/board games with my husband, Harry."



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Gifts are not always wrapped in paper and a bow!

Below is a list of Services the Wenatchee Rescue Mission provides through your donations.

- Low Barrier Shelter
- High Barrier Shelter
- Tiny Low Barrier Shelters
- A Warm Bed
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Motorhome Safe Park Sites
- Active Street Outreach and Rescue
- 3 Warm Meals a Day
- Family Food Boxes
- Free Clothing Room
- Laundry Service
- Daily Showers
- Provide Space for Those Working Full-time
But Cannot Afford Rent (Bridge Program)
- Encouragement and Intentional Prayer
- Baptism
- Rides To Church
- ID Services
- Housing Assistance Connection
- Operate the Chelan/Douglas County Coordinated Entry
- Job Training/Certifications/Employment
- Veteran Service Connection
- Homeless Prevention and Diversion
- Hotel Vouchers
- EBT (Food Stamp) Enrollment
- Service Provider Connection
- Medical Enrollment, Setting Appointments,
Picking Up Prescriptions

Your monthly donation *helps us to pull through the lean times*

This year, the Wenatchee Rescue Mission has grown more than ever! But that did not come without its challenges. Fast growth, inflation, and the economy were the perfect storm. As many of you know, the mission was awarded a grant from the city to operate the safe park sites and the tiny shelters. However, the grants do not cover the essential operation of the mission physical mission on its own. This past summer, the mission had a budget shortfall and continues today. The financial strain almost caused cutting services to our community. Summers traditionally are challenging for most non-profits like Wenatchee Rescue Mission. We know that monthly donations help us to get through tough times. Despite the tough times, we can count on monthly contributions to stabilize the ministry. We hope you will partner with us monthly to change lives and help those in our community who need it the most.

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\$40 \$60 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

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