

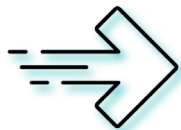
DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT WHEN YOU GIVE IN MAY

Help us raise \$50,000 in May to restore lives and end homelessness through our “More than Meals” matching gift program. More than Meals Match supports all aspects of our ministry including our New Life Program, which is our comprehensive ministry that provides pathways off the streets.

As part of More than Meals, generous friends of the Rescue Mission will match your gift dollar for dollar! With more people walking through our doors and the cost of items like fuel, food, electricity, and water soaring throughout the summer, these matching donations will be a tremendous help for the Mission.

Because of this matching program, every dollar given in May turns into two. Your gift will go twice as far to feed the hungry and help men, women, and children off our streets. One meal becomes two, two nights of shelter becomes four nights—all to help people off our streets.

Thank you and help us reach our \$50,000 May goal by donating today!



- Mail: Use the response device and envelope included with this newsletter to give today!
- Check: Payable to the Ogden Rescue Mission
- Credit Card: Call 801.746.1006
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MOTHER HUBBARD FOOD DRIVE!

The Rescue Mission’s food pantry supplies food to the working poor so they can use their limited resources to stay in housing, or for critical needs like a car repair. It also helps with the breakfasts, lunches, and dinners we serve daily to our homeless community. However, our shelves, once filled with essentials like canned goods, pasta, and peanut butter, are like Mother Hubbard’s—nearly bare.

Your generosity can make a world of difference. Here’s how you can help us restock the pantry and bring hope to those in need:

- Donate Non-Perishable Items: Think staples like canned vegetables, soup, pasta, rice, and cereal. Every little bit helps fill our empty shelves.
- Give Financially: Your monetary donations allow us to purchase fresh produce and other essentials to supplement our food inventory.
- Host a Food Drive: Rally your business, church, youth group, organization, or friends/



family to collect canned goods and bring them to the Mission (2775 Wall Ave.) or give us a call to schedule a pickup. Together, we can make a powerful impact and help people from becoming homeless.

To organize a food drive please email Judy at J.Doud@OgdenRescue.org. Let’s come together to ensure our pantry isn’t bare for long. Every food staple, dollar, and act of kindness brings us closer to feeding our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can restock the pantry and nourish our community.



RESTORED LIVES

The bimonthly newsletter of the Ogden Rescue Mission

Last summer, I found myself alone in Ogden with nowhere to go. I was homeless, living on the streets, and using drugs.

One blazing hot day in July, I was walking past the Ogden Rescue Mission, feeling hopeless. After nearly 25 years of drug use, my body was breaking down—I was sick and exhausted. I had reached the point where I was truly sick and tired of being sick and tired.

FINDING THE RESCUE MISSION

That’s when someone approached me and asked if I wanted help getting sober and off the streets. I told them I did, but I had no idea where to start. They pointed me toward the Ogden Rescue Mission. I walked in and learned about the New Life Program. It sounded like exactly the kind of help I needed, so I asked to join.

I was welcomed into the program, and from that moment, God began to change my life.

I started attending daily Bible studies and chapel services. I learned about where I came from—where all people come from—and where we’re going if we put our faith and trust in Jesus. I came to understand that God is the creator of everything, including me, and that death isn’t the end. Heaven is a real place, and God is preparing it for His people.

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

When I first arrived at the Rescue Mission, I didn’t believe in God. But over time, I came to truly know Him. Today, God is in my life. He’s there for me, He encourages me, and He listens. His steady presence has kept me sober for almost a year now.

Along with helping me build a relationship with God, the Mission also taught me how to care for and about



After 25 years of addiction and life on the streets, Brian Yacks is sober, has a good job in Ogden, and is saving money to get his own apartment.

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION AND LIFE RECONSTRUCTION

As we inch closer to summer here in Utah, we all know what’s coming—more road construction. I often hear that there are only two seasons in Utah: Winter and Road Construction.



At some point (or more likely, many points), we’ll find ourselves stuck in a single lane, surrounded by orange barrels and traffic cones, grumbling as we crawl along. We’ll complain about the delays, the detours, and how this roadwork is keeping us from what we need to do or our favorite summer destinations.

Yet, despite our frustrations, we endure it—because we understand the work is necessary. Utah’s harsh winters and road salt leave behind deep potholes and dangerous cracks that need repair. Our state is growing rapidly, and wider roads are essential to keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently.

This familiar scene reminds me of the work we do here at the Ogden Rescue Mission. But instead of rebuilding roads, we’re rebuilding lives—men and women broken by trauma, homelessness, and addiction.

Like road construction, the process of healing and rebuilding is slow, difficult, and sometimes frustrating. There are setbacks. Things don’t always move as quickly as we’d hoped. It’s hard work, and it can test our patience.

But just like with roadwork, we press on—because the need is great, and the results are worth it.

And by “we,” I mean all of us: our faithful supporters, selfless volunteers, devoted prayer partners, dedicated staff, and our New Life Program members themselves. Together, we recognize that while the work is hard, it’s also blessed by God. We see the desperate need on our streets—people who are hurting, hungry, confused, and afraid. The task is daunting, but the mission is clear.

So here’s my challenge to you this summer: the next time you’re stuck in construction traffic and feeling frustrated, take a moment to pray. Use that time to lift up our homeless neighbors and the ministry of the Rescue Mission. Let what feels like wasted time become a moment to petition God on their behalf.

Because just like rebuilding a road, rebuilding a life takes strength, perseverance, time, and vision. And we need God’s help every step of the way—His strength to sustain us, His wisdom to guide us, and His eyes to see the transformed lives yet to come.

Thank you for standing with us, especially during the summer months when support tends to wane. The work may be slow, even frustrating at times, but it remains as vital as ever, with more and more people walking through our doors.

God bless you,

Chris D. CroswHITE
Executive Director

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other people. When I first arrived, I was irritated by others and kept to myself. But as my faith grew, my heart changed.

CARING FOR OTHERS AGAIN

As part of the New Life Program, I received a work therapy assignment in the Rescue Mission’s kitchen. Eventually, I became the head cook for both breakfast and lunch, helping to serve hundreds of meals each day to homeless and low-income people in Ogden. I found joy in feeding those who were hungry—it became a real pleasure to make sure people left mealtime full and happy.

That new attitude was a far cry from the person I used to be. It was about 25 years ago when I started cooking, selling, and using meth. I moved between Nevada, Idaho, and Utah, doing roofing and concrete work while selling meth to fund my addiction. Back then, I was helping ruin lives—especially my own.

But through the Mission, I saw how God had transformed me from someone who once filled people up with meth to someone who fills them up with nutritious food. He turned me into a real cook.

EMPLOYMENT AND NEW LIFE

Two months ago, I advanced to the employment phase of the New Life Program. I got a job at a local packaging and distribution company and bought a bicycle so I could get to and from work. It’s a good

job, and I’ve been saving money so I can move into an apartment when I graduate from the program in a couple months. I also hope to save enough to buy a truck.

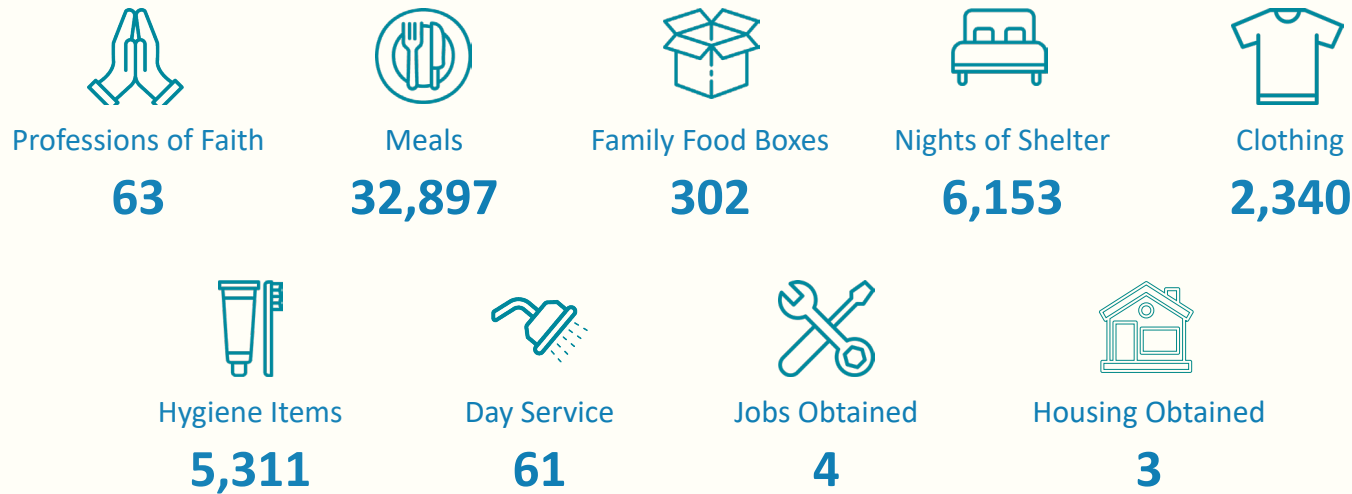
I attend a small Salvation Army church here in Ogden. It feels like family—a place where I’m welcomed and can continue growing in my relationship with God even after leaving the Rescue Mission. After years of moving around and battling addiction, it feels good to finally have a home.

Thank you for supporting the Ogden Rescue Mission. Because of your generosity, I was able to learn about God, begin a relationship with Him, get sober, get off the streets, and find a job. Your support has meant the world to me—and I see every day how it helps so many others, too.



Thank you for helping us feed the needy in Ogden!

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS: OUR STATS THROUGH APRIL



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