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An encounter with the Lord, a Godly staff, and a Christ-centered program are helping transform Holly's life from "shambles" to a thing of beauty.

Once homeless, depressed, and addicted, she's now clean and sober, happy and hopeful, and leaning on her "strong and sturdy" relationship with the Lord.

FROM HOMELESS TO HOPEFUL

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Read Holly's incredible story
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Our guests may never meet you, but they give thanks for your care and support each and every day!



26,780

MEALS



11,600

NIGHTS OF SHELTER



THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF TRAINING, COUNSELING & PRAYER

A Message from Jim Kizer



A PLACE FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES TO CALL HOME...

If all we do with your most generous gifts is feed and shelter hungry, homeless people, **we're not doing our job!**

Meals and a bed will not keep people from being homeless or put an end to their addictions. They also need education, job training, counseling and, most of all, the love of Christ.

For struggling families, finding such assistance in Great Falls has usually meant they must split up along gender lines, multiplying their hardship and ability to live as a family.

However, beginning next month, they'll be able to seek help at our Cameron Family Center. Here, they can stay together, and receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual ministry that each family member needs in order to heal.

It means we won't have to tell another single father we have no place for him and his child to stay together, or a family that they'll have to split up to receive assistance.

We're so grateful for this milestone and for your financial and prayerful support. I pray that, as we begin our busiest season, you'll continue your generosity and support as we minister to those in need.

"A Beacon of Hope Since 1963"

Jim Kizer
Executive Director

What's On The Menu?

Nourishing food & God's love!

You can provide **both** with your 2016 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign gift! Please use the enclosed envelope, or give online at **GreatFallsRescueMission.org**. **Thank you!**

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I WAS ON A ROAD OF *Destruction...*

Holly was a sad and lonely little girl.

“I didn’t have much of a home life. My dad was always away and my mom was always busy working,” she says. **“I had a lot of depression and anger.”**

When she was 14, Holly began drinking and smoking pot, habits that escalated over the next 10 years. Eventually, she lost custody of her three children and came to Great Falls Rescue Mission for help. “That’s when I first came to God,” she says.

Holly regained custody of her children and moved out of the Mission, but her world turned upside down again when her ex-husband won custody. “That was the absolute

breaking point for me,” Holly says.

“I started doing pills, drinking really heavily, and doing meth.”

For the next two years, Holly battled her addiction and wound up living on the streets for two months. “Life was in shambles,” she says. “I was on a road of destruction and depression and anger and hatred.”

One day, she said, “enough is enough” and returned to the Mission, to those who’d introduced her to the Lord years before. This time, however, she joined the Humbled Hearts Christian Discipleship Program.

“Had I not joined the program, I wouldn’t have the

relationship I have with God right now,” she says.

It’s that “strong and sturdy” relationship that has helped Holly maintain her sobriety and find healing for her depression and anger. “I find myself talking to Him every day – in the good times and the bad,” she says.

Holly graduated from the Humbled Hearts Christian Discipleship Program in June 2016. She credits the Mission with leading her away from that “road of destruction.” **“Without the program, I’d probably be back on the streets with my life in shambles,”** she says. “It saved my life.”



Great Falls Rescue Mission CAMERON FAMILY CENTER

Grand Opening



It's finally here! What we've been waiting for! We're pleased to announce that our Great Falls Rescue Mission Cameron Family Center is scheduled to open its doors in early October.

This is a dream come true for the Mission and all of you who've supported us in this endeavor. Finally, a place where struggling families

can stay together as they receive the help they need to heal: physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Many thanks to Nancy Cameron, the Wick Estate, our board, staff, committee members, and to you, our friends, who've helped make this dream a reality through your generosity!

THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY,
WE CAN NOW PROVIDE:

- **26 FAMILY ROOMS** with private baths where entire families can safely recover together.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR UP TO 70 CHILDREN**, who'll have access to a supervised courtyard play area, a large multi-purpose room, classrooms for homework and extended learning, after-school programs, and mentoring for children and teens.
- **A CHILD CARE CENTER** where young children will receive safe, supervised care, giving parents the opportunity to work or participate in recovery sessions.
- **5 MEDICAL CLINICS** where volunteer medical practitioners will provide general health, dental, vision and chiropractic care.
- **A CHAPEL**, where families will have a place to grow emotionally and spiritually through prayer, counseling, Bible studies, accountability, and support groups.
- **AN EDUCATION AND LEARNING CENTER** for children to do homework and for parents to attend life-skills classes and recovery programs.
- **COORDINATED SOCIAL SERVICES** to help families get back on their feet and sustain themselves in the future.

If you'd like more information or to take a tour, please contact Jim Kizer or Carrie Sunwall at **(406) 761-2653** or **carrie.sunwall@gfrm.org**.