



Great Falls Rescue Mission

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A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Summer Issue 2017

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Match it by May 31!

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Rachel's challenge: *learning to trust*

Rachel could never rely on anyone, not even as a child. She never guessed that in her darkest hours, she'd learn to open her heart.

Your gifts meet the greatest challenge: inspiring new hope in hurting lives

“God is at the Mission.”

Rachel never knew what it was like to be a carefree little girl. She never had a parent she could rely on. She had to grow up way too fast.

“Sometimes I cry because I’m so happy.”



“My mother had a problem with alcohol so I had to raise my little sister, work full time, and go to school,” she says.

When Rachel was 13, she started drinking just to fit in, but it soon became an addiction. “It got to the point where I’d drink until everything was gone,” she says. “I ended up with alcohol poisoning quite a few times.”

Rachel got sober when she was 21, but within a few years, developed diabetic-related epilepsy. Then last year, she went into diabetic kidney failure and fainted, breaking her ankle in four places. **“My recovery was slow and I began battling dark thoughts,”** she says. “My doctor told me the Mission would be the best place for me and it was true!”

Since entering our Humbled Hearts Christian Discipleship Program, Rachel has come to know the Lord as her faithful Father and she’s become a trusting child for the first time in her life. **“I like to study the Word because it brings me closer to God and reassures me there’s someone who’s never going to leave,”** she says.

Rachel’s health has been restored, as well. “I don’t have diabetes or mental health issues. My health is wonderful,” she says. “I prayed and prayed for that.”

Rachel has now moved on from the Mission, and she plans to go into ministry, sharing with others what she’s received at the Mission. “It’s been life changing. Everything had gone so wrong in my life and now everything is so good,” she says. “God is at the Mission, and He blesses everyone there.”

WITH YOUR HELP, Rachel and others like her are finding that God’s hope and healing are for everyone, regardless of their past or circumstances. Thank you for your generous support!

THE GREATEST CHALLENGE

How do you challenge yourself?

Maybe you've trained for a marathon or half marathon and pushed yourself to run across that finish line.

Or maybe you've been challenged by family, friends or a pastor to open your heart to someone who's very different than you... or to live out God's love in new and powerful ways.

Right now, we're in the middle of a challenge from faithful partners like you to match their generous \$30,000 gift with an additional \$30,000.

But our greatest challenge is a daily one: inspiring new hope in the lives of people struggling with an addiction or abuse, unemployment or homelessness, hunger or hopelessness.

In this issue's cover story, you'll hear Rachel's testimony of how our Humbled Hearts Christian Discipleship

Program has transformed her life. Her story is powerful because of you. You understand the challenges our neighbors in need face, and we're grateful you share the truly life-changing gifts of meals, shelter and care.

We can meet the challenge of caring for our community's hurting because of you and your faithful support. Thank you for giving to bring new hope to countless lives forever.



"A Beacon of Hope Since 1963"

Jim Kizer

Jim Kizer
Executive Director

Summer Day Camp Brings Life and Light

Once again, children from low-income and homeless families across North Central Montana will have the opportunity for life-changing experiences at our Life Light Day Camp (June 12 - August 29) and Overnight camp at Camp Utmost (August 6-11).

Through Bible teaching, games, field trips and mentoring by our Christian counselors, campers will encounter the love of Christ... many for the first time.

This year, our goal is to send 80 kids to camp, but we can't do it without you!

Your gift of \$30 provides 2 full



days of camp. \$75 means a full week of camp for one child. Your gift of \$750 sponsors one child for the entire summer!

And when you donate before May 31, your gift will have **double the impact** because of a Matching Challenge!

Thank you for bringing joy and hope to children in need this summer!

Challenging?



HIS CHALLENGE



OUR CHALLENGE

1 + Y = TWO!



YOUR CHALLENGE

With your help today, we'll meet the challenge!

When you give your most generous gift to match the \$30,000 challenge grant from faithful partners like you, you'll double the impact of your gift in the lives of our community's hungry and homeless!

- ☐ Give online at GreatFallsRescueMission.org.
- ☑ Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: MAY 31

Thank you for meeting the greatest challenge: inspiring new hope in hurting lives!



MATCH IT BY MAY 31!



Right now, because of a generous Matching Challenge, every gift you give will have **double the impact** for those in need.

Or as we like to say,

1 + 1 = TWO!

\$50 → \$100

\$100 → \$200

\$150 → \$300

That's how \$30,000 becomes \$60,000 when you give today!

By giving, you'll provide hot meals for a hungry child... safe shelter for a homeless woman... counsel for a man battling addiction... care for a family who has suffered abuse... and training to help men and women prepare for employment.



This Matching Challenge ends May 31 – so don't wait.

Help turn \$30,000 into \$60,000 and double your impact by responding now.

Donate your time... Change a life!

You have skills, compassion and your own personal way of communicating Christ's love. When you share your gifts with the men, women and children at the Mission – those who may be passing through the darkest time of their lives – you bring light and hope.

With our Cameron Family Center now open, we're in need of your help more than ever! Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Meal service
- Education and learning center
- Mentoring
- After-school programs
- Summer camp
- Office/mailings
- Cleaning
- Children's Center
- IT help

GIVE *where you* LIVE
97-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



36,800
meals



13,750
nights of shelter

For more information or to volunteer, call our Volunteer Department at (406) 761-2653 or visit GreatFallsRescueMission.org and click on "Get Involved."

Thank you!