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**PORTRLAND RESCUE MISSION OPENS WINTER SHELTER, BRINGS HOPE FOR HOMELESS
170 Beds Available for Homeless Men at Portland Rescue Mission**

PORTRLAND, Ore. – Nearly 2,000 people are suffering on the streets of Multnomah County, as the harsh, rainy winter weather arrives. Today, Portland Rescue Mission opens their winter shelter to provide up to 170 beds, as the need for a safe, dry place to sleep becomes even more vital for homeless people who live on the streets, under bridges and in cars throughout our community.

"56 people died while living on the streets last year, with nearly half occurring during the winter months," says Eric Bauer, executive director of Portland Rescue Mission. "By providing a safe environment with access to meals, shelter and other emergency services, we help homeless people get off the streets and begin the transition to a new life."



58 beds are available year-round for homeless men at Portland Rescue Mission's Burnside Shelter, located at 111 W. Burnside St. in downtown Portland. Up to an additional 112 beds are available from Nov. 1 through March 31.

The Mission also supplies thousands of blankets to homeless people throughout the cold winter season, thanks to the generosity of the community. Blanket donations are urgently needed. All donations of new and gently used

blankets can be donated to the Burnside Shelter or Shepherd's Door, located at 13207 NE Halsey St.

Portland Rescue Mission provides free breakfast and dinner daily, with lunch served on the weekends. More than 262,000 meals were served this past year. To donate, call 503-MISSION or visit www.portlandrescuemission.org.

About Portland Rescue Mission

Since 1949, Portland Rescue Mission has provided hope to homeless men, women and children throughout our community. The Mission addresses the root causes of homelessness by providing for the most basic needs. We serve up to 950 meals a day, 365 days a year, shelter, mail services and 24/7 safe, clean restrooms. Our New Life Programs provide total life recovery, including addictions recovery, spiritual renewal, and life skills for men and women. Up to 42 women and their children live together and journey through recovery at Shepherd's Door, and up to 42 men live in The Harbor throughout the 12-month residential program.

Portland Rescue Mission is completely supported by the goodwill of the community and has more than 4,000 volunteers through which operations are possible. To learn more, visit www.portlandrescuemission.org.

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