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**SAFE FROM THE STREETS, 40 HOMELESS MEN FIND REFUGE AT THE HARBOR
Portland Rescue Mission Opens New Facility for Homeless Men in Recovery**

PORTLAND, Oregon – In the past year, 56 people died while living on the streets of Multnomah County, and 85 percent of those deaths were men. This tragic cycle can end as renovations have completed at The Harbor, Portland Rescue Mission’s men’s recovery facility in Northeast Portland.

“There are many aspects to homelessness, including addiction and brokenness, which can lead to a destructive lifestyle,” said Eric Bauer, Executive Director of Portland Rescue Mission. “The Harbor is a place for men to deal with those core issues in a safe environment, while also learning the life skills necessary to venture back into society and succeed.”

Renovations began in the Fall of 2012, and were made possible by a US Bank sponsorship that provided \$700,000 of Affordable Housing Program funds supplied by financial institutions. An additional \$325,000 was donated in labor, materials and construction expertise by the Home Builders Foundation, led by Builder Captain Nathan D. Young Construction, in addition to several members of the Home Builders Association. Other generous contributions came from the Murdock Foundation, Tosoh Quartz, Inc, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund and the Ann and Bill Swindells Community Trust.



The Harbor, formerly known as Next Step, provides a 12-month residential recovery program with addictions recovery, spiritual renewal and life skills, including counseling, education and vocational training. All services are free of cost to the residents thanks to the compassionate support from the public.

The men's recovery program was formerly located at Portland Rescue Mission's Burnside Shelter. The Harbor opening enables Portland Rescue Mission to expand capacity at their Burnside Shelter, increasing emergency care services such as meals and shelter for homeless men, women and children.

About Portland Rescue Mission

Since 1949, Portland Rescue Mission has provided hope to homeless men, women and children throughout the 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 provides 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 40 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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