



# RESCUE PORTLAND

FROM  
**HOMELESS**  
TO **HOME**

2017 IN REVIEW

Portland Rescue Mission

SPRING 2018

# BACK IN PRISON— FOR GOOD

Mark looks at the prison bars and razor wire surrounding the prison with hope and anticipation, but he's not dreaming of getting out. He *is* out—and he wants *in*.

Even after 14 years behind bars for violence and drug-related crimes, Mark has no hesitation about returning to visit. His heart aches for the inmates still serving time, still caught in a cycle of anger, violence, loneliness and desperate survival.

MARK IS DRIVEN BY A SINGLE PASSIONATE THOUGHT: "THEY NEED TO KNOW GOD'S LOVE."

For most of his life, Mark lived entirely without love. "My childhood was sheer violence," he remembers. "Violent punishment. Just torture, in a sense."

To survive, Mark retreated inside himself and hardened his heart with hate.

It's little wonder Mark turned to a life of crime as an adult. But God used his years in prison to soften Mark.

Near the time of his release, Mark looked up and saw a poster for Portland Rescue Mission—his answer to prayer.



"I WAS SITTING IN A JAIL CELL AND GOD PUT IT ON MY HEART. HE JUST KEPT SAYING, 'GET TREATMENT. I NEED TO CLEAN YOU.'"

Mark's journey in our New Life Ministries, the Mission's free recovery programs for men, has been far from easy. Post-traumatic stress wore him down from a lifetime of fighting. His learning and comprehension disabilities left him feeling incapable. "But," says Mark, "God meant for me to be here, a place of redemption and restoration."

He wasn't in prison anymore, but Mark was still a captive to his past. God used your support to help set him free!

Today Mark wants nothing more than to share the hope and healing that he has experienced. With the encouragement of the New Life Ministries staff and volunteers as well as his local church community, he is looking to make a greater impact for God's kingdom both in prisons and in society.

Mark's message to the inmates should encourage us all:

**"LOVE. LOVE YOURSELF. AND BE LOVED. DON'T GIVE UP. SEEK GOD AND PUT HIM BEFORE EVERYTHING. THROUGH HIM, YOU TRULY CAN SUCCEED."**

**Your gift today offers freedom for men and women held captive by their past. Thank you for caring!**



FROM HUNGER

TO HEALTH

IN 2017, YOU PROVIDED:

**333,731**

MEALS

Daily breakfast & dinner, weekend lunch—up to 1,000 meals a day

**93,999**

NIGHTS OF SHELTER

Safe rest for weary bodies and hurting souls

**YOU PROVIDE COMFORT IN TIMES OF CRISIS**

The first step on the journey home is often a warm, nutritious meal at our Burnside Shelter in downtown Portland. Your support welcomes people with open arms to share God's love in their time of great need.



FROM HOPELESS



TO HOPEFUL

IN 2017, YOU HELPED:

**179**

PEOPLE IN CONNECT

**Our 3-6 month shelter program that gives stability to men and women as they work toward independent housing and employment.**

### **YOU GIVE SAFETY AND STABILITY**

Life can suddenly fall apart. Divorce, domestic violence, job loss, foreclosure and other issues can leave men and women stranded without help.

Your support provides assistance to keep people from slipping into chronic homelessness and despair.



FROM HEARTACHE



TO HEALING

IN 2017, YOU HELPED:

**160**

PEOPLE IN NEW LIFE MINISTRIES

**Completed at least one of our comprehensive recovery programs at The Harbor for men or Shepherd's Door for women and children**

### **YOU SET PEOPLE FREE FROM THE PAST**

Overcoming years of addiction, trauma and negative patterns can be daunting.

Your support gives a safe, healing environment with counseling, accountability and guidance where hurting people are made whole. You help provide addiction recovery, reconnection with God, and practical life skills for a stable new life.

# FROM HEARTACHE TO HOME

IN 2017, YOU PROVIDED:

**742,677**

POUNDS OF GOODS DONATED

[PortlandRescueMission.org/Donatetems](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/Donatetems)

**24,400**

VOLUNTEER HOURS

[PortlandRescueMission.org/Volunteer](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/Volunteer)

**1,290**

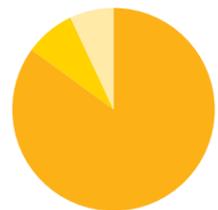
CARS DONATED

[DriveAwayHunger.org](http://DriveAwayHunger.org)

## YOU GIVE HOPE AND RESTORE LIFE

Lives are changed because you care and give. Thank you!

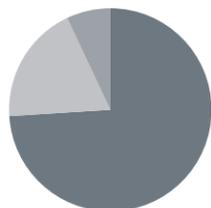
### WHERE FUNDS COME FROM



86% Individuals  
8% Churches & Businesses  
6% Foundations

### HOW FUNDS ARE USED

Programs 75%  
Fundraising 18%  
Administration 7%



Want to see more of our year in review?

[PortlandRescueMission.org/2017Review](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/2017Review)

## BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE HOMELESS

Make a day brighter for a man or woman suffering from homelessness! Send an encouraging birthday card by May 1st.

- Download a card from our website: [PortlandRescueMission.org/Birthday](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/Birthday)
- Consider including a donation made out to "Portland Rescue Mission". Every \$9 you give will cover one night of shelter, meals, shower and clean clothing, so please give generously!
- Mail cards to: 111 West Burnside St. Portland, OR 97209
- Volunteer at the party! [PortlandRescueMission.org/Volunteer](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/Volunteer)



THANK YOU, COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



DOOR OF HOPE CHURCH



LAKE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## WAYS TO GIVE

### DONATE FUNDS

- Give monthly. Receive less mail.
- Cater an event with Mission BBQ
- Leave a lasting legacy through your will, annuity or trust

### DONATE GOODS

- Receive a maximum tax deduction by donating your car
- Drop off blankets, socks or jeans

### DONATE TIME

- Volunteer to serve a meal, teach a class or work with kids
- Spread the word by joining us on social media: [PortlandRescueMission.org/Join](http://PortlandRescueMission.org/Join)



Donate via credit card:

Circle One: Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donate securely online: [www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SpringNL](http://www.PortlandRescueMission.org/SpringNL)

Keep me updated with news and stories through email:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Tell me more about:

- Monthly giving through checks, auto-pay, or electronic transfer
- Donating my car
- Planning my estate, annuity, or trust
- Volunteering at the Mission (Please complete contact information at left)

Donations to the Mission are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any gifts received above our current need will be used to help care for hurting people throughout the year.

# SETTING CAPTIVES FREE

Sometimes it's easy to take a hard view on people sentenced to prison. They've done a crime. Now they'll do their time. That's justice.

But what happens to these men and women after they're behind bars? Is that the end of their story? Or is redemption possible?

A dark past doesn't dictate a dark future!

Thanks to your support, Mark (see page 2) is writing a new life story through our year-long residential New Life Ministry at The Harbor.

God uses your support to reach people like Mark and answer their cry for help.

- You provide a safe place for them to transition into a positive life.
- You help them break free from past hurts, negative patterns and addictions.
- You help them heal broken relationships with loved ones.
- You embrace them with a real experience of God's forgiveness and love.

When you give to Portland Rescue Mission, you're living out Jesus'

mission "...to proclaim freedom for the prisoners". (Luke 4:18 NIV). And not just literal prisoners—but freedom and healing to anyone imprisoned by addictions, shame, loneliness and hurt.

Through you, God is setting the captives free!



Eric Bauer  
Executive Director

## MY GIFT OF HOPE

**Yes**, I want to help end homelessness, addiction, hunger and abuse. To help hurting men, women and children, here is my gift of:

- \$9 a month** to help 12 people a year
- \$18 a month** to help 24 people a year
- \$36 a month** to help 48 people a year
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a month** to help give hope
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one time** gift

**Every \$9 provides a hot meal, safe night of shelter, a shower, clean clothes and access to life-restoring programs.**



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*Thank you  
for your support!*