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“Now I’m  
a new  
creation.”

## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

### Dustin’s Story of Transformation

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Trapped in violence, addiction, and hopelessness, Dustin had given up on his own life. But God wasn’t finished with his story. At his lowest point, in a jail cell, Dustin finally surrendered, and everything changed...

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## DUSTIN'S STORY OF TRANSFORMATION, continued



Dustin's childhood was promising, with good grades, sports, and a loving family. But as he got older, he fell into a self-destructive lifestyle. **"I found my identity and my worth at parties."**

He believed God had a purpose for his life, but he ran from it. "He was calling me, and I looked Him in the face and said, 'No.'" That decision led him down a dark path.

He became increasingly enslaved to addiction and, tragically, walked away from his wife and son as a result.

**"I lost all value for human life, mine or anyone else's."**

For years, Dustin experienced homelessness, living on the streets. In this vulnerable state, he found himself in violent situations that even resulted in arrests. At one point, he was shot and beaten unconscious. He didn't think he could make it much longer on the streets.

**"I felt like I was dead,"** he remembers. But later, as he sat in a jail cell, God met him with grace. Dustin felt the Lord calling him to a different path.

**"I started crying, thanking God. For the first time, I was really free.** I told Him, 'I'm 100% Yours.' And I meant it with my whole heart."

God opened doors only He could open, and instead of prison, Dustin came to the New Life Recovery for men at The Harbor. **"When I arrived, I was scared. But everyone welcomed me. I felt that love immediately."**

Through classes, mentoring, and serving others, Dustin's heart has been transformed. "Everything I am now is the opposite of who I was. **I'm patient, I'm humble, and I'm able to forgive others and myself."**

Now he's growing in his faith, giving back, and preparing for a career helping others. "I want to work in ministry," he says. **"Whatever I do, I want to spread the gospel through my actions."**

This Easter, Dustin's life has been brought from darkness to light because of your prayers and support. **"God didn't just make my old life better, He gave me a completely new one."**

**"Through Christ and the Mission, I'm a new creation."**

# Giving Back To Our Community

A transformed life overflows with gratitude and generosity. We believe healing leads to a deeper sense of purpose. **As people grow in Christ, many discover their calling to serve, mentor, and share with others.** The fruit of this work is Christ-centered, generational and societal change that ripples out into the larger community, far beyond the walls of our ministry. And it's all thanks to your generosity!

"I finally feel like I can improve lives in small day-to-day interactions – just by being there, being a friend, being a brother."  
– Wyatt

"I'm working to be a mentor. I love helping people. I want my daughters to know they can do it too."  
– TK



## Invest in Transforming Lives!

You can make a difference in Portland's future... and receive tax benefits for your household! A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is an easy and flexible way to manage your charitable giving... all while providing meals, shelter, and care that help transform lives.

Interested in giving through a DAF? To learn more, email Dallas Lange

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## Your Impact in 2025



**With your help, transformation happened year-round at PRM, including:**



**70,135 nights of shelter provided**



**263,654 meals served**



**84% of grads in the last 5 years remain addiction-free & in stable housing**



**613 men and women rebuilt lives in our programs**

**Community partners like YOU make 100% of our services possible. We are thankful for your continued generosity and support!**



## Everyone deserves to be celebrated

The recent Burnside Birthday Bash for All was filled with joy, dignity, and the simple delight of being seen.

The event was generously sponsored by our partners at **Adventist Health Portland**, who share our commitment to building healthier communities. Guests enjoyed delicious food, uplifting music, and genuine fellowship.

Many hadn't heard "happy birthday" in years, yet on this day, they were honored, valued, and reminded of their God-given worth. It sparked meaningful connections that open the door to deeper care for lasting transformation.

Thank you to **Adventist Health** and caring friends like you for helping celebrate our neighbors and bringing light and hope into their lives.

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## Give Hope Monthly

Make a meaningful impact in our community every month! When you join our Circle of Friends Monthly Partner Program, your faithful support goes beyond providing necessities – it sustains our life-transforming programs. Become a monthly supporter today and be part of a caring community that walks with our hurting neighbors toward lasting change.

Choose the amount that works for you at  
[PortlandRescueMission.org/recurring](https://PortlandRescueMission.org/recurring)

## Let **YOUR** Light Shine



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Through your prayers and generosity, you shine the light of Christ's love to Portland neighbors who are hurting.

**We are 100% community funded.** Give now to help neighbors living in darkness experience the hope of new life this Easter season.

## Out for Delivery:

# HOPE

Our Hope Vans travel across our community, **bringing help to those who can't come to us** – from Southwest Portland, all the way to St. Johns! Through this outreach, we learn our neighbors' names, hear their stories, and build trust. With a 24% increase in need over the last two years, this outreach is more important than ever. In 2026, we are piloting an expansion into evening services for underserved communities, including the I-205 corridor.

**You make this connection possible.** With every piece of food or clothing given, a neighbor in need is invited to take a first step toward recovery, stability, and transformation.

Help put gas in our tank with a gift today at  
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We are also looking for more volunteers to help us with this growing ministry. Learn more at  
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