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“Jesus
brought
me back
to life.”

FROM ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY & LOVE

Chad's Story of Transformation

Chad's childhood was marked by neglect and a lack of emotional support. His parents divorced when he was just 7, and in his search for comfort, he started using drugs and alcohol by age 10. After years of battling addiction, homelessness, and incarceration, Chad knew something had to change...

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CHAD'S STORY OF TRANSFORMATION, continued

Raised in a broken home with parents who struggled with addiction, Chad didn't have anyone to teach him how to cope with life's challenges. Instead, he turned to substances to numb his emotions, and over the years sank into self-destruction and isolation.

"I lived in my car due to the shame and loneliness I felt from not being able to ask for help," he recalls.

During one of his stints in jail, Chad finally grew tired of the endless cycle. "I was done with this road," he says. "I didn't know how I'd get out of the hole I was in." Finding help felt impossible.

Then he called Portland Rescue Mission. "It was a glimmer of hope that God put in my path," Chad says. **"I was so happy to know that there was a place for me."**

Staff picked him up from jail and brought him to the Mission. "It just shows their grace and compassion – that they would take the time to give someone like me a chance," Chad says.

At The Harbor, inside our New Life Men's Recovery Program, Chad found stability through consistent meals, safe shelter, and Christ-centered recovery that helped him rebuild his life.



He also began training for a marathon. The discipline and camaraderie he found helped him along his healing journey. **"Running has become a mental relief for me. It's challenging and helps me stay focused on a goal."**

Chad has since graduated from the program and now works as The Harbor's Discovery and Advocacy Specialist. He finds joy in giving back – loving our neighbors in need by walking alongside them as they begin their own journeys. **"It's such a big difference going from isolation and selfishness to community and love. I am joyful and grateful for the life Jesus has given me."**

"Jesus has brought me from hate to love, fear to courage, and darkness into light."



Healing starts with stability.

SEE HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS NEIGHBORS LIKE CHAD GET BACK ON THEIR FEET!

Their story is just beginning... **thanks to you!**

Join us in **celebrating five new graduates from our long-term New Life Recovery Program!**

Months of faith-based discipleship, classes, and training have brought them here. Your support and God's grace have given them a new life of HOPE.

Because of you, they have a strong foundation for lasting transformation, as seen with our past graduates: **4 out of 5 remain free from addictions and in stable housing up to five years after graduation.**

Please pray for our graduates as they rejoin our community and give back to help others. And thank you for your continued support to help new grads start their journeys of transformation.

Learn more about our recovery services for men and women at **PortlandRescueMission.org**.



We are blessed to celebrate baptism at PRM! As these participants commit their lives to God, we join them in praising God for His loving redemption in their lives!

Stability Changes Everything

Every guest who comes to our doors has a different story. Some need a short-term, safe space to get back on their feet. Others need time and support to recover from past pains or trauma. Each set of struggles requires a different solution.

That's why PRM's Transformation Model is a **personalized** response to homelessness in our community. All who come to us need safety and stability – and stabilization begins with understanding each person's unique story. **That is an expression of Christ's love.**

Through your gifts to support holistic transformation, you love your neighbor in tangible ways. You offer the bed that allows a man to sleep safely. You provide the meal that strengthens them for



another day. And you make possible the faith-based discipleship that gives them renewed purpose.

Stabilization says, "You matter. Your story matters. And your future is worth investing in."

Thank you for providing vital help to show love to our neighbors... and to help transform their stories, and their lives, for good.



Learn more about PRM's Transformation Model at **PortlandRescueMission.org/Solution**



Hood to Coast: Race to Change Lives

This summer, our “Strides for Hope” team will race in the 196-mile Hood to Coast Relay – supporting men, women, and children as they rebuild their lives after homelessness, addiction, and trauma.

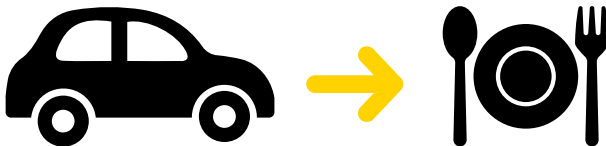
The team is made up of program graduates like Chad (whose story is featured in this newsletter), staff, and volunteers who are running to raise vital funds for PRM’s Christ-centered recovery programs that help participants find healing and lasting transformation.

You can join them in making a difference! Support the team or help an individual reach their goal by mentioning their name in your donation. Give today at PortlandRescueMission.org/HTC26



Turn your wheels into meals

Through our Drive Away Hunger Program, you can donate a pre-loved vehicle or purchase a safety-checked used vehicle. Proceeds from the sales help fund meals, care, and vocational training for people seeking a path to new life!



Contact us to drive away hunger today!
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Portland Rescue Mission Golf Classic

Fore! A good cause

Our Golf Classic is more than a day on the course; it’s a celebration of lives being transformed at Portland Rescue Mission!

Each swing, conversation, and shared moment reflects a community united around hope and lasting transformation for men, women, and children rebuilding their lives.

This golf event reminds us that real transformation happens when a compassionate community walks alongside those pursuing a new beginning.

Special thanks to our sponsors:



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YOU can show a hurting neighbor they’re not alone!

Just \$2.75 provides a nutritious meal. Your gift of any amount can lead to other restorative services like shelter and Christ-centered recovery programs.

Give during our Love Your Neighbor campaign... and show local people experiencing homelessness and hurt that you care.



*It starts with
a meal...*



*and ends with
a life renewed!*

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Thank you!

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