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THANK YOU  
FOR SHARING



*Christmas blessings*

WITH LISA!



Don't miss...

2 Give a meal. Share  
peace and hope!

2 \$50,000 Year-End  
Matching Challenge

3 "I'm hopeful and  
joyful."

restoring hope, transforming lives

“I’m hopeful  
and joyful...  
I have a  
*future.*”



Lisa’s early life was marked by trauma. She was assaulted at a young age, witnessed violence in her home and suffered neglect.

The echoes of that pain followed her into adulthood, trapping her in a cycle of abusive relationships. “I had a fear of being alone – I needed somebody to take care of me. It’s called ‘learned helplessness.’”

Eventually, she turned to substances to cope and rarely left the house. **Her health declined until she landed in the emergency room**, where dangerously high blood sugar revealed uncontrolled diabetes. It was a wake-up call that things had spiraled out of control.

“I should’ve been dead. I don’t know how I wasn’t. God saved me – I’m sure of it.”

At the time, Lisa was living with her ex-husband – but one night, he unexpectedly told her to leave. **Facing homelessness, she was grateful her daughter brought her to WRM the next day.**

Lisa immediately felt safe and welcome here, but she says, “I wasn’t honest with myself yet. I hadn’t admitted I had an addiction to myself or anybody else.”

After joining the Discipleship Recovery Program, she began to heal – physically and spiritually. And

she discovered the most important lesson of her life: **God’s mercy and grace are there for her and for everyone.**

Lisa enjoys working at our thrift store, Rescued Treasures, and driving the van to take guests to appointments and church. “I do whatever needs to be done because I know I’m serving God.”



**“WRM saved my life. They brought me to Jesus, and that’s just the best thing anybody could ever do.”**



Today, Lisa is grateful that WRM has helped her manage her sobriety and her diabetes. She’s excited about a purpose-driven, Christ-centered future and hopes to earn her license as a Christian counselor.

**This Christmas, Lisa is experiencing the gifts of peace and hope for a brighter future. Thank you for sharing the blessings of God’s love with her!** “WRM saves lives, and it’s just a wonderful place to be.”

## You share the gifts of peace and hope at Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner! We're busy with our preparations – and I know you are too. I invite you to remember our guests in need for a moment... and consider what Christmas means to them.

For people experiencing homelessness, there is no moment of peace or joy. They endure constant stress... uncertain of where they can sleep safely... how they'll stay warm... and when they'll get their next meal.

I know your heart breaks for so many of our guests who feel they have little to celebrate this Christmas.

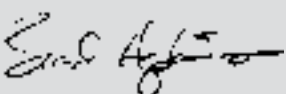
That's why your support means so much.

**You can share the gifts of peace and hope with hurting people – this holiday season and beyond.** When you give a meal for just \$2.58, you open the doors to healing and transformation. People like Lisa (whose story is on page 3) will experience the blessings of God's love that restores hearts and lives.

You can join us in reflecting God's love this Christmas through your compassion toward men, women and children who are hungry, hurting and homeless.

Thank you for filling hearts with peace and hope this season... and every day of the year.

Thank you,



Brad Hopkins  
Executive Director



## Give a meal. Share *peace* and *hope*!

For those experiencing homelessness or hunger, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gifts of PEACE and HOPE.** Just \$2.58 provides a nourishing Christmas meal – and opens the door to recovery and a fresh start this holiday season.



**\$2.58**  
for 1 hot meal



**SHARES  
PEACE & HOPE**



**That leads  
to new life!**

**Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!**



## \$50,000 Year-End Matching Challenge **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**

**1 = 2x**  
 **YOUR DOLLAR**  **YOUR IMPACT!**

The year is almost over, and we've got exciting news! **When you give between now and December 31, your gift doubles in impact, going 2x as far** to provide food, shelter and life-changing care for struggling people!

**DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31**

- ✓ Return your special year-end gift in the reply card today.
- 📄 Give online at [wyomission.org](http://wyomission.org).

**THANK YOU  
for doubling your  
impact during  
our Matching  
Challenge!**



# Give Relief from the Bitter Cold

## Falling temperatures will put lives at risk this holiday season.

With average lows of 13° in Wyoming – and elements like snow and piercing cold winds – unsheltered people are at risk of hypothermia and life-threatening illnesses this winter.

You can give them relief from the cold at Wyoming Rescue Mission:

- **Safe shelter** includes a warm bed and a roof over their heads
- **Hot food** offers comfort and nourishment to cold, weary people
- **Winter clothes** like coats, clothing and shoes are in high demand

To see our most urgently needed items, visit [wyomission.org/Needs](http://wyomission.org/Needs)

# A Christmas they look forward to, thanks to YOU!

**Christmas Morning:** Thanks to local toy & donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our ministry guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



**Holiday Feast:** Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our guests – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

**The Miracle of Jesus:** Worship, prayer, fellowship and an uplifting message of God's love. Our guests gather

in the chapel to celebrate the peace and hope of Christmas together.

*Thanks to you, local individuals don't have to spend this Christmas alone and on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals, fellowship and a reminder of the true reason for the season!*

