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Thanks to you...

Allison

has been given a
life-changing gift
this holiday season.

Don't miss...

2 Celebrating rebirth
this Christmas.

3 "I'm fully restored..."

4 Bring Christmas to
those in our care

restoring hope, transforming lives

Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says,
*"Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all
people."*

During the Christmas season,
we hear a lot about joy. It has me
thinking about how joy is something
all people can have in their hearts.
This time of year, our greatest joy is
celebrating the birth of our Savior
and the eternal life we have been
freely given.

That joy is what fills our hearts
Christmas morning... and, hopefully,
every day of the year. It's the same
joy I see on the faces of the children,
women and men that have come
to Wyoming Rescue Mission and
experienced God's life-changing love
up close and personal. The joy YOU
help them experience through your
heartfelt prayers and support.

This Christmas, as you reflect on
the "reason for the season," I hope
you will remember our guests who
are hurting. As Allison's story shows,
your generosity offers help. Healing.
And a chance to be held in the arms
of a loving God.

I am continually humbled by the
faithfulness of friends like you who
joyfully bless others. Thank you, and
may God fill your heart with peace
and love.



Thank you,

Brad Hopkins
Executive Director

A delicious Christmas meal for our homeless neighbors...

... STARTS WITH YOU!

As you prepare to celebrate the joy
of Christmas, please remember our
hurting guests. It's been another
really tough year for so many in our
community – and the very best gift
you can give them is the help they
need right now!

Just \$2.15 provides a meal and care for
one person.

That meal is often the first step
toward a new life through God's love.



\$2.15
for 1 hot meal



\$10.40
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing
Hope
And a Second
Chance!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE ALLISON'S LIFE!


*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

-Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

*Wishing you and your loved ones
a Merry Christmas!*

During this joyous holiday season, our prayer is that God will
richly bless you just as you have blessed our hurting guests.
Your incredible generosity has helped to restore hope and
transform lives through God's unending love by providing
58,929 meals and 38,766 nights of safe shelter this year.

May His face shine upon you and bring you peace, comfort and
joy... today and all throughout the new year. Thank you, and
Merry Christmas!



**“I’m fully
restored
because of
God.”**

Not long after she was married, Allison learned the husband she’d met online – and grown to love deeply – wasn’t the man she believed him to be.


“He turned controlling and abusive, mentally, physically, emotionally,” she explains. He took away her cell phone... isolated her from loved ones... and repeatedly threatened to kill her.

Finally, in a crime too horrific for words, he took her mother’s life and forced Allison to flee with him. The couple was apprehended and held in jail. Although Allison was innocent, it was the situation she needed to be freed from her captor. When authorities released her, she came to our doors, grief-stricken, traumatized and longing to build a new life.


Allison joined our Discipleship Recovery Program, where through faith-based classes and the compassion of our counselors, she’s embracing God’s love, living by His Word and allowing Him to heal her heart. “I take personal time for myself every day to pray,” she says. Most important to her recovery is understanding her mother is in God’s hands. “I would do anything to have her back with me, but I know she’s with the Lord and she’s happy. She was a very godly woman.”

As Allison regains her confidence and peace of mind, she feels God calling her to help other women who have experienced abusive relationships. “I want to share my story to inspire them if they feel lost or hopeless. God is there for them and they will prosper from a relationship with Him. That’s what happened to me.”

While the holidays are difficult without her mother by her side, Allison is so grateful to you for the wonderful gift of a new life. “I’m very blessed and thankful because I have her spirit in me and I know God has a plan for me.”



**“I’m so blessed to be part of this
program and I know my mom is
proud of me.”**



Year-End Matching Challenge

DOUBLE YOUR HELP!



Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous friend, **any gift you make until December 31 will be matched through our \$10,000 challenge grant!**

That's right... your gift today doubles to provide twice the food, shelter and care. And that means twice the hope for many of our neighbors who are still struggling to get back on their feet.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

✓ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.

📄 Give online at
wyomission.org.

THANK YOU
for doubling your impact during
our matching challenge!



Bring Christmas to those in our care

“ADOPT-A-GUEST”

by purchasing practical presents, wrapped and ready to open at Christmas, for the men and women in our recovery programs. Call the Administration Office at **(307) 265-3002** for all the details.



FILL “WE CARE KITS”

(large gift or freezer bags) with **full-size personal hygiene items** to help our guests feel comfortable and cared for.

shampoo • conditioner • soap • shaving cream • razors • washcloths •
deodorant • toothbrush/toothpaste • winter hats/gloves •
underwear (men's sizes 32-52; women's sizes 7-12) •
hair products • brushes • feminine products



SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAY FOODS

we need for the hundreds of meals we'll serve to homeless guests and hungry individuals from the community:

turkeys • hams • boxes of stuffing • bags of potatoes •
sweet potatoes • pie filling or frozen fruit • dinner rolls • breakfast pastries •
large cans of coffee

Please bring “We Care Kit” items to our Park Street Center, 230 North Park Street (open all day, every day) by December 15. Call the front desk at **(307) 265-2251** for grocery delivery instructions.