

The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Fall 2022

RANDOLF IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!



 Bread of Life
The Mission in Pioneer Square

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Don't miss... **2** Our Thanksgiving Campaign has begun!

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“I’M SO GRATEFUL FOR MY NEW LIFE AND FOR THE HEALING I’VE RECEIVED.”

Randolf came from a happy childhood with tight-knit family values instilled by his parents.

But as a young man, he fell prey to the sickness of addiction. “I don’t even remember how it started, but drug and alcohol use took over my attitude, my mind and even my body.”

One by one, he lost the trust of the ones he loved the most: his parents, siblings, friends, and his girlfriend, who cared deeply for him but couldn’t stand by and watch him destroy his life.

After losing his job, he found himself homeless – oftentimes in a tent that had to be constantly moved. “I felt like I was just... nothing.”

Finally, after 13 unmanageable years, he was ready for change.

The day Randolph learned about our LifeChange Program, he knew that there was hope for recovery.

“At first, I couldn’t move past my embarrassment and guilt, but I learned to live without shame by focusing on gratitude.”

With nourishing food and a safe place to sleep, Randolph is amazed and grateful. He participates in the Mission’s life-changing classes, work therapy and – through lots of prayer – he’s on track to become whole again.

“I’m working toward getting my mind right as I learn more about the Lord.”

He lost his mother before she was able to see how far he’d come, but day by day, he’s regaining the trust of his brothers and sister through phone calls, visits and meals together.

At the Mission, he gives back by working in the kitchen and helping to keep the common areas neat and clean. “Things are so much better. With God’s help, I’ll never go back to that old life again.”

Randolf’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence to rebuild. “Here at the Mission, I’m never lonely. And I know that with Jesus in my heart, I can stay healthy and happy.”

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The pastors and staff have supported my healing – I’m becoming healthy while growing closer to God.
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Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from WILLIE PARISH JR.

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Willie Parish Jr.
President

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

19,906

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.33 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at BreadofLifeMission.org.**

Read Randolph's story – a life you helped change!





Many people plan ahead to provide a lifetime of generous gifts for family, friends and organizations they care about. **But did you know that over half of U.S. adults have no will or estate plan?** Without a will, your estate will be divided by the courts according to the laws of your state. The result could be very different from what you had wished, especially if you had a strong desire to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

The Mission can help you make sure your wishes are actually followed, and that your generosity lives on to transform hearts and lives for years to come.

For information on planned giving opportunities, please call our Office Administrator, Julie Quinsay, at **(206) 682-3579, ext. 106.**

If you have already included the Mission in your will, please let us know so we can thank you.

God bless you!

Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at Bread of Life Mission at **97 S Main Street, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday – Friday.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.



*Turkeys
Hams
Stuffing mix
Cream of mushroom soup
Milk
Dinner rolls
Recyclable cups and napkins*

*Fresh vegetables:
carrots, celery,
onions, potatoes
Hamburger patties
Apple, sweet potato & pecan pies
Hot cocoa
Apple & orange juice*



Thank you for making these meals extra special!



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