

The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Summer 2023

**THANK YOU
FOR LOVING
YOUR
NEIGHBOR,
BILL,**

and giving him
hope for the
future!



Bread of Life

The Mission in Pioneer Square

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Don't miss...

2 Your love will transform lives this summer!

3 "With God's help, I've found healing."

4 Help your neighbors this summer!

Bill doesn't understand the word retirement. "Sitting around? No thank you!" he laughs. As one of our Resident Volunteers, staying active and helping others has brought him a hard-fought peace in life.

Raised in the farmlands of California's Central Valley, Bill came from a hardworking family. For teenagers at the time, though, the environment was rife with drugs. "They were everywhere," he admits. When he was 17, his mother became ill, and her dying wish was for Bill to finish high school, which he did. As he grew into adulthood and married, however, he struggled to stay sober.

After trouble with the law,

Bill made the decision to give up drugs and alcohol, but his wife wasn't willing to join him – and it tore them apart. As they went their separate ways, Bill's pain and anger only grew, and a macular degeneration diagnosis made it impossible for him to work as a truck driver any longer. When a friend asked him to go to Seattle, he hoped the move would be a chance for a fresh start.

The day he found Bread of Life, everything changed for Bill.

"God was talking to me. I know He led me here," he says with a smile.

With over 40 years of sobriety under his belt, Bill thrives on his work at the Mission. "Helping others has helped me, and through

the counseling I've received, I've learned to let go of my anger and hurtful memories of my life's worst moments."

Bill is up by 4:30 a.m. each day so that he can prepare the kitchen and dining room for breakfast. "I love being a Resident Volunteer. I also value my visits to the chapel – with Pastor Willie or other staff members – or just quiet time alone with the Bible," he shares.

Bill is thankful for the way you have answered God's calling to love your neighbor as yourself – and have helped him learn how to love himself. "The Mission is a worthy and wonderful place – the world needs more places like it."

"With God's help, *I've found healing.*"



"The Mission has taught me *to live by a new standard.*"



"Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" - Galatians 5:13b-14

A meal for \$2.33 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from **WILLIE PARISH JR.**

Thank you for **loving your neighbors as yourself**

We all need a helping hand from time to time. No one makes it through life without a little care and compassion along the way. That's what loving your neighbors is all about, right?

And yet, you and I know that God's Word has a way of challenging us to go further... of stretching our faithfulness beyond what we thought possible. The Lord makes the impossible POSSIBLE at the Mission, thanks to the generosity of friends like YOU.

Now, as the summer months approach, I hope we can count on you during our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.

Time and time again in Scripture, we're told not just to "love your neighbor" but to "love your neighbor as yourself." That's a big difference! It's making the needs of others a priority equal with your own from the beginning.

I'm so grateful for friends like you who give in this way to help individuals in Seattle who are hurting and homeless. And I ask for your continued support through the summer, when the weather can be dangerous for people who live outside.

Thank you for offering a helping hand to your neighbors most in need - and for continuing to love them **as yourself.**



Willie Parish Jr.
President

YOUR LOVE will transform lives this summer!

Your gift today provides:



32,213 meals



7,742 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of counseling & education



life-transforming decisions for Christ

DON'T FORGET OUR NEIGHBORS THIS SUMMER... SHOW YOU CARE WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Give now!
BreadofLifeMission.org



Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild lives!

Stay date and in touch!

Follow the Mission on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and you can always visit our website at **BreadofLifeMission.org**.





Help your neighbors **THIS SUMMER!**

The summer season can be an uncomfortable time for the individuals in our community who are experiencing hunger or homelessness.

You can make a huge difference! Show our hurting neighbors that they haven't been forgotten by helping provide them with essentials, such as:



**Cool water to drink
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers
& safe shelter**



Clean clothes & socks
(Socks are our most requested item!)



**Sunscreen &
hygiene items**

In addition to these basics, your contributions allow us to welcome guests into the Mission where they can recover and rebuild their lives. You are the reason we can provide medical care, faith-based counseling, classes and job training – everything they need in order to regain their independence.

See the love of Christ come to life in our community by helping meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs. Visit [BreadofLifeMission.org/needslist!](https://breadoflifemission.org/needslist)



An Enduring Gift

If you've already established a legacy gift to benefit the Mission or have named the Mission in your will, please let us know – we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts! This type of support is a lifeline for hungry and homeless individuals in our community.

Are you still considering your estate as a way to help those in need? Our Office Administrator, Julie Quinsay, can explain the process to you.

Please call or email her at

(206) 682-3579 or
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Thank you!