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Holiday 2020

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**GREAT JOY**  
TO HURTING PEOPLE

*You changed Shawn's life*

 **Bread of Life**  
The Mission in Pioneer Square

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# “THE MISSION GAVE ME A FRESH START. NOW I’M BUILDING MY HOUSE ON THE ROCK.”



Shawn was just 19 when his beloved mother died, leaving him devastated. “Losing her altered my life in a way that could never be fixed,” he says.

He thought he and his dad would process their grief together, but it wasn’t that way. “He got into another relationship and I didn’t fit in,” Shawn says. “He left me.”

Shawn dropped out of college and joined the Navy, never processing his grief or his feelings of rejection. After an honorable discharge, he finished college and became a CPA, but he always felt like an outsider.

Then his father fell ill, and Shawn dedicated himself to providing

full-time care. “I did everything I could, but he passed away.”

Shawn was overwhelmed with grief and struggled to make sense of his life. Before long, he was broke and homeless, so he came to the Mission to stay in one of our beds designated for veterans. And, for the first time in his life, he went through grief counseling. **“I got those emotions out and put them behind me,”** he says.

Then he joined our Resident Volunteer Program, where he’s been healing from his feelings of rejection. “I volunteer at the front desk and I’ve learned to manage relationships and not take things personally,” he says. **“My self-esteem**

**has grown a lot.”**

Through church attendance, prayer and fellowship with other Resident Volunteers, Shawn has also grown strong in his faith.

With his new outlook on life, he’s looking forward to finding a job, getting his own place and continuing to walk with the Lord. “The Mission has given me a fresh start,” he says.

**This year, Shawn will be celebrating Christmas with a renewed spirit and the great joy that comes from a new life.** “My self-esteem has gone up a lot. I know who I am, and what I’m about,” Shawn says. “Now I’m moving forward, building my house on the rock.”

*“Now I have  
the courage  
to live out my  
beliefs.”*

A Message from  
WILLIE PARISH JR.

## Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of Bread of Life Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.**

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these individuals the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



Willie Parish Jr.  
President

## *It Starts With You...* You make transformation possible!



This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in Seattle who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance for men in our recovery program
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$2.33 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

**Please Send Your Gift Today!**



**\$2.33**  
for 1 hot meal



**\$5.00**  
for 1 night of  
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed  
by God's LOVE**

**READ SHAWN'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!**

## Give Hope Before the Year Ends!



This has been a trying year for so many of your neighbors who experienced significant losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. **But your year-end gift will give them help... and hope.**

Your donation before December 31 may be tax deductible for 2020 – and it will certainly change lives in 2021!

Give online at [BreadofLifeMission.org](https://BreadofLifeMission.org).

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

# We need your help!

Every year at our Face of Hope Banquet, we celebrate the transformed lives of our program graduates, and we raise money to continue saving and transforming lives.

Unfortunately, our 2021 banquet has been canceled due to COVID-19, leaving us short \$100,000.

We need your help! Whether you began partnering with us six months or 10 years ago, your support has been a powerful testimony of God's grace to the least, the last and the lost. Will you continue that support and help make up the shortfall? Those funds have been designated for the following:

- New security camera system
- New chairs for our chapel
- 1st floor women's bathroom remodel
- 2nd floor men's bathroom renovation
- New flooring in Robblee Chapel, hallway, lobby, locker room and entry
- LifeChange Recovery Program sponsorship for counseling and classes

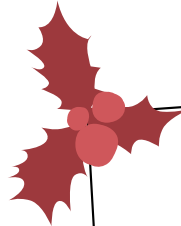
Your generosity will help us continue to break the cycle of substance abuse by providing our LifeChange Program participants with connection, individualized counseling, job readiness training, housing, mentorship and much more!

*Thank you for your prayers and compassion.*

Together, we can respond to the people in greatest need during these difficult times and beyond.

## Urgent Needs

As the weather turns cold, more people are coming to the Mission seeking warmth and assistance. We're running low on clothing and hygiene supplies, but you can help by donating one or more of these urgently needed items:



Socks & shoes  
Warm coats  
Shirts  
Underwear  
Deodorant  
Shampoo & conditioner  
Body wash & lotion  
Toothbrush & toothpaste



Drop off your donations at the Mission at 97 S Main Street in Seattle. *Thank you!*

Thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.

**Willie, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:**

- \$20.97 to feed & care for 9 people
- \$51.26 to feed & care for 22 people
- \$74.56 to feed & care for 32 people
- \$90.87 to feed & care for 39 people
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible
- Plus, \$\_\_\_\_\_ to provide a special Christmas gift

*This really helps!*

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