

The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Holiday 2021

Thanks to you...

Manuel

has been given a
life-changing gift
this Christmas.



 Bread of Life
The Mission in Pioneer Square

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Don't miss... **2** Celebrating rebirth
this Christmas.

2 You can
transform lives!

3 "I'm back on
my feet."



“The Mission helped me get back on my feet and NEVER LOSE HOPE.”




“I was so thankful I didn’t have to sleep on the streets.”


Manuel is a hardworking man and a devoted father so, when he could no longer earn enough to cover his child support, he knew he needed to make a change. “I came to Seattle looking for a better-paying job to provide for my children. They’re my main concern,” he says.

Instead, he found himself in a strange city with no job and no place to call home. “When I got here, I found that employers were prejudiced when it comes to age. When you’re over 50, they don’t want to employ you. They push you aside,” he says. “And I found that a decent place to live was too expensive, so I wound up homeless.”

It was then Manuel came to the Mission as an Overnight Guest. “They provided me a place to sleep, a place to shower, meals, everything I needed,” he says.

With his physical needs met, Manuel was able to focus on getting back on his feet. “I knew I had a place to go every night so I didn’t have to worry. It was such a relief,” he says. “I finally found work and I’ve been able to pay my child support.”

Along the way, he’s also found spiritual and emotional support from our loving staff. **“They’re good people you can always rely on. They have big hearts.”**

Manuel plans to save money, find affordable housing and continue to provide for his beloved children. His future looks bright because of the Mission. “I thank the good Lord for this place,” he says.

It’s going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Manuel – and he is so grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new life. “The Mission helped me get back on my feet and never lose hope.”

A Message from
WILLIE PARISH JR.

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 individuals that have come to Bread of Life 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 neighbors who are hurting. As Manuel'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.



Willie Parish Jr.
President

A delicious Christmas meal for our homeless neighbors...

... STARTS WITH YOU!

As you prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, please remember our hurting neighbors. 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 \$2.33 provides a meal and care for one person.

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



\$2.33

for 1 hot meal



\$5.00

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 MANUEL'S LIFE!

You Can *Transform Lives* Before the Year Ends!

This year has been tough for so many of our neighbors. They're trying to rebuild their lives after losing their jobs... their homes... or even their hope. **But your year-end gift will give them a chance to transform their lives completely.**

Your tax-deductible donation before December 31 will help so many people start over now and in the new year!

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

📄 Give online at BreadofLifeMission.org





The Christmas season can be an especially difficult time for our guests. They're often separated from their families, and the holidays can leave them feeling lonely and forgotten.

You can help brighten their Christmas this year by sending a gift from our Amazon Wishlist. No matter what you give – bedding, winter wear, socks, backpacks – you'll be letting our guests know they're loved.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/bolm-wishlist> to view our Wishlist and send a gift that will remind our guests they're not forgotten this Christmas season. You'll be sharing the love of Christ in a tangible way.

Thank you for your generosity!

Give someone in need a
REASON to HOPE

Imagine how it would feel to have no safe place to rest your head. To be hungry and alone and desperate. To have no one to turn to for help. These are the realities for many of our homeless and hurting neighbors here in Seattle.

We're called to take them in, to feed and shelter and clothe them in Jesus' name.

And thanks to the members of our monthly giving club – **Hope Partners** – we have the resources to do just that!

Will you prayerfully consider becoming a member of this extraordinary group? Your monthly gift will provide a reliable, steady source of support that ensures we can care for our neighbors in need all year long.

To learn more about becoming a Hope Partner, visit our website and click on "What You Can Do," then "Hope Partner Program." Or contact Julie Quinsay at

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