

The BREAD

RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE

Summer 2021

**YOUR
SUPPORT
IS GIVING
KENNETH
A SECOND
CHANCE**

and he can't
thank you
enough!



Bread of Life

The Mission in Pioneer Square

For more information: (206) 682-3579 BreadofLifeMission.org

Don't miss... **2** Love Your Neighbor!

3 "The Mission gave me another chance."

4 Staying safe so we can serve others



“The Mission gave me another chance to **TO FIND MY WAY.**”

Kenneth walked down the Seattle street, cold and tired and hungry, wondering if he'd ever have a home again. “I was wandering from place to place, trying to find work,” he says.

He'd always been a hardworking man, but he'd lost his job and wound up homeless. The many months on the street had taken a heavy toll on his mental clarity, making it even more difficult to find a job. “I had nowhere to sleep, no food in my stomach and I was so depressed.”

Then, one day, he happened upon the Mission and, when he discovered our Resident Volunteer Program, he knew it was a gift from God. “The Mission gave me three hot meals a day, access

to showers and somewhere to sleep.”

With his physical needs met, Kenneth was able to focus on getting back on his feet.

“They gave me a stable place to stay and grow stronger so I could find employment.”

Kenneth also volunteers here at the Mission, checking in overnight guests. “I get to help other people who need stability like I did.”

In between his paid employment and his volunteer work, Kenneth has been focusing on his spiritual growth and emotional healing. He meets regularly with other program men and, together, they worship and fellowship, encouraging each other on their journeys. “God is always on my mind now,” he says. “I've gotten more confidence and I'm happier.”

He's saving his money and looking forward to getting his own place. “I just want to continue to work and be stable and productive,” he says.

Kenneth is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it's thanks to the love you've shown for a neighbor like him. “Before I came to the Mission, I was lost out there in the streets. They gave me another chance to find my way in this world.”

“My mind was fresh again and I was able to get a job.”

**Photo is changed to protect the privacy of our guest.*

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.33!

A Message from
WILLIE PARISH JR.

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$75,056 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Willie Parish Jr.
President

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community's needs!

Your gift today provides:



32,213 meals



7,742 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! BreadofLifeMission.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

Why your monthly gift is

LIFE-CHANGING!

Your monthly gift as a Hope Partner ensures that whenever local people are in need, Bread of Life Mission will be ready to help them rebuild their lives. That's because your partnership provides the reliable, steady source of support that ensures the Mission can care for our homeless and hungry neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Kenneth, that ongoing support made a real difference!

“The Mission gave me a stable place to stay and grow stronger, so I could find employment.”

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Hope Partner today! To join this important group, visit **BreadofLifeMission.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.



LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Did you know that more than half of U.S. adults do not have a will or other estate plan?

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live – and the result may be very different from what you had wished.

The Mission can help make sure your wishes are followed, to care for those you leave behind and leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart. To learn more, please contact our Office Administrator, Julie Quinsay, ☎ **(206) 682-3579, ext. 106** or ✉ julieq@breadoflifemission.org.

If you have already included the Mission in your will, please call so we can say, "Thank you!"

Staying safe so we can serve others

Thank you to the team from UW Medical Center & Harborview Medical Center, who came to the Mission in April with 50+ vaccines for our residents, staff and guests. They set up outside the Mission and administered all 50 vaccines, plus they secured 35 more to distribute to the public as well! They returned again in early May to provide a second round of shots to complete the vaccination process.

The safety of everyone staying – and working – at the Mission is our top priority. We're grateful for all the staff from UW & Harborview who came out to help us, as well as those who continue to serve on the front lines. Thank you for your hard work to protect the health and safety of our wonderful community!

