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GRATEFUL THROUGH IT ALL:
Barbara is especially thankful for YOU!
Your compassion & support change lives.

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SO MUCH LOVE.”



From all outward appearances, Barbara’s adoptive family seemed an ideal environment for a little girl. Yet unbeknownst to those outside her home – and ignored by the adults within it – she was being abused by an older sibling.

As she grew older, the pain and humiliation of what she’d endured drove her deep into despair. “I had so much anger and hatred and sadness and denial that I didn’t know how to handle it,” she says. “So, I turned to drugs to help me cope.”

Instead, her life spiraled even further downhill.

Her marriage ended... she lost her job... she was evicted from her home. After living for months in a tent in the woods, she fell to her knees and prayed. God’s answer came in the form of a friend who encouraged her to come to the Mission.

“The moment I walked in the door, there was **so much joy and love that was given to me,** and I’d never felt that before.”

Now in our Gateway Discipleship Program, Barbara is healing from the wounds of her past and overcoming self-destructive behaviors. “I’m taking it a day at a time, but God will get me through it.”

She’s also embracing the life skills, education and job-readiness training that will empower her to regain her independence and self-esteem. “They prepare you mentally and emotionally,” she says. “They teach you daily life.”

Just as important to her recovery has been the kindness and compassion of our counselors, staff

and fellow students who have shown her God’s unconditional love. She prays her future holds opportunities to share His Word with others, in the role of a volunteer. “I feel God working through me to do that,” she says.

As Barbara celebrates this Thanksgiving, she feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it’s given her a fresh start.

“I have so much joy in my heart I don’t even want to sleep at night. I’ve never been so happy in my life.”

OUR VISION IS THE SAME, BUT OUR NAME IS CHANGING!

You might have heard that we are changing our name from Holland Rescue Mission to Gateway Mission. The term Gateway better captures what we hope to inspire within the hearts and lives of everyone who comes to the Mission, serving as a gateway to...

- ... a healthier life, through counseling and Bible study.
- ... a more stable future, through education and job training.
- ... a relationship with Jesus and the gift of eternal life.

In a more literal sense, our Gateway Campus – located on Highway 31 – is a gateway to the entire community. As we pursue plans to expand this campus and our programs, it will serve as a gateway to transformation for even more people in need.

Even though we're moving away from the term Rescue in our name, we will always offer an emergency response to those who are most vulnerable – providing food, shelter and basic needs. But Gateway and our vision toward the future is to do much more with freedom from addiction, training and moving people toward independent living.

As we count our blessings and celebrate Thanksgiving, I am so thankful for your prayers and support during this time of transition. You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors. Your love makes a gateway for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt.

I thank God for your friendship, and hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving!



Darryl Bartlett

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Executive Director

2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

It's been another challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

Thousands of Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

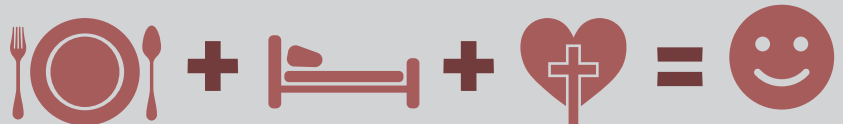
Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them!

For just \$2.05, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes
- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love that changes lives



YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our homeless and hurting neighbors during the busy holiday season!

Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🖥 Give online anytime at hollandrescue.org/give.

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





Introducing our new name...

We will soon be
GATEWAY MISSION!

As we transition from Holland Rescue Mission to Gateway Mission, we want you to know that it's still us. You'll see new signage on our buildings, a new logo and look on our website, and a new name on all our communications... but we will still be the same Mission you have come to know and love!

Gateway Mission represents our calling from God to be a gateway to new life – both here on earth and eternally. As part of our vision to serve as a gateway of grace, we will expand our recovery and training programs and build out our Gateway Campus to help more people in our community.

Thank you for partnering with us to be a gateway to better life for our homeless, hurting neighbors. We look forward to serving with you as Gateway Mission, and continuing to reach hurting people with God's love!

OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

There's still so much to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season! Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these critically-needed items.

Turkeys

Hams

Stuffing mix

Cream of mushroom
soup

Milk

Dinner rolls

Recyclable cups and
napkins

Canned vegetables

Drop off your donations at **166 S. River Avenue,**
seven days a week.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!



Leave a Legacy & Make an Eternal Impact

As you plan for your future, it's important to create a will or trust to care for your loved ones. But have you considered including your favorite nonprofit organizations as well?

Leaving a legacy gift provides you with an extraordinary

opportunity to support the work of Holland Rescue Mission both now and for generations to come. Your gift will create a lasting legacy of support to share God's love and mercy with hurting and homeless people in our community.

For more information about the options available to you, please contact Rachael Neal, our Development Director, at **(616) 396-2200**. If you have already included the Mission in your will, please call so we can say "thank you."