



Thank you for your past support! Can we count on you in 2017?

January 24, 2017

Dear Mary,

“Thank you,” he said.

John was just one of the hundreds of people in line for dinner at our Burnside Shelter. Bundled in all the clothes he owned, a drenched coat, and a ripped backpack with his few belongings, he shuffled through the meal line, clearly exhausted.

How long had it been since John had slept? Or showered? Or talked to anyone? He seemed... empty. Alone. Just trying to get through another difficult day.

But rather than just take his tray of food and walk on, John stopped. He made a point to look our volunteer meal server in the eye and say, with all of his heart, “Thank you.” It was no meaningless phrase. Something in his eyes, the waver of his voice, proved that his gratitude came from a place very real, as only someone so desperately hungry could express.

**His words were simple,
but sincere and deep:
“Thank you.”**

I echo John’s gratitude. **Your support is what makes Portland Rescue Mission possible.** Your giving – more than \$1500 since 2012 – has made such a difference in the lives of people like John. Truly, you’ve been a generous partner in giving hope and restoring life!

And though it’s been some time since I’ve heard from you*, I want you to know how grateful I am. Because of you, so many people have been embraced by God’s love in their time of need.

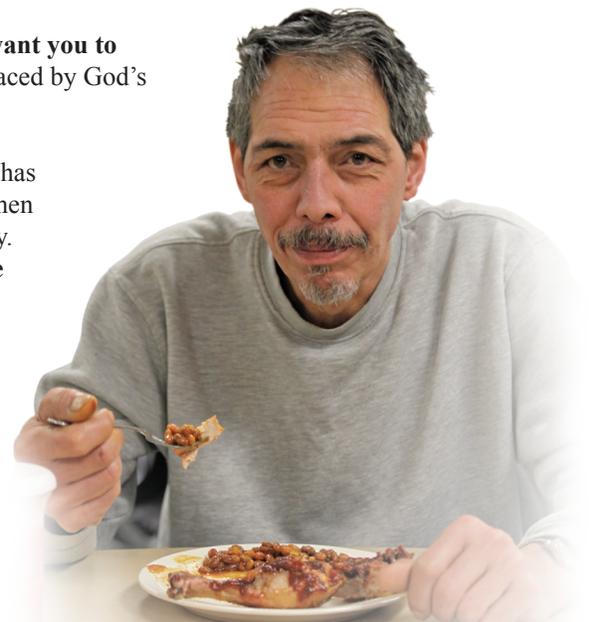
Thanks to compassionate public support, Portland Rescue Mission has stood as a beacon of hope to people like John for nearly 70 years. Men, women and children with nowhere else to turn have relied on us as a refuge of safety. **No matter what trauma, heartache, addiction or crisis they face, they’re relieved to find comfort and kindness inside our doors.**

Without question, without prejudice, their urgent needs are met – hearty meals, hot showers, safe shelter, clothing and restrooms restore their dignity. Our wide variety of programs meet each person at their point of need and walk them on their journey of healing.

Hundreds of people every year are touched by our short-term and long-term programs that provide **stability, accountability, addiction recovery, life skills training, spiritual growth, assistance toward housing, employment and successful independent living.**

Still, the need is so very great.

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“Thank you,” says John.
Your compassionate support gives people like John a new start in life.



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*Thank you
for your support!*

Yes, Eric, I’m glad to renew my support in 2017 to help men, women and children out of crisis and heartache.

To provide meals, shelter, recovery care and other life-restoring services, I’m enclosing my gift:

\$ _____
today to help as many people as I can through this difficult winter season

\$ _____
a month to sustain the Mission’s outreach to hurting people all year long

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Last August, as hundreds of people were displaced from camping in areas around our community, Portland Rescue Mission stepped in to help. Rather than have these men and women simply relocate to another part of the city, we opened our winter shelter program three months early to provide more than 8,000 additional shelter nights.

Already, we're annually providing more than 330,000 nutritious meals to hungry people. We're stepping up with 82,000 nights of safe shelter. The need for addiction recovery services has never been greater. **And this year, we expect the need for all of our services to rise even higher.** We're ready to help through your support. We receive no government funding. That means every gift from generous people like you is vital as we extend hope and pathways to a new life to people in need.

Mary, would you renew your support with a generous gift today? A gift of \$200 would be a great help. Perhaps you can join us with monthly support that will sustain our programs consistently throughout the year. Whatever you can give, it would be a tremendous help.

Please don't delay. Our support drops at the beginning of the year, even as winter weather still hits hard for people without a home. So your renewed partnership couldn't come at a better time. Simply return the enclosed form with your gift or monthly support, or give conveniently online at www.PortlandRescueMission.org/Renew.

On behalf of John and the thousands of people given hope though Portland Rescue Mission every year –
THANK YOU!

In grateful partnership,



Eric Bauer
Executive Director

P.S. Your past giving and most recent support in 2012* has been such a blessing to men, women and children in desperate need. Would you join us again in 2017 as we provide meals, shelter and life-restoring programs to lift our neighbors out of addiction and homelessness?

*As a valued past partner with Portland Rescue Mission, you're receiving this letter because it's been awhile since we've heard from you. If you have given in 2016 or 2017 and our records are in error, please accept my apology. Our gift processing team would love to hear from you to update your giving record. Call 503-MISSION (503-647-7466) or donations@pdxmission.org.



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