

Hundreds enjoy the Thanksgiving Banquet



It is never good to spend Thanksgiving alone. Lighthouse Mission served about 500 meals to the homeless and hurting of Whatcom County on Friday, November 26th.

For years the Church of the Assumption has generously donated the use of their gymnasium for our holiday dinners.

The chef this year was Jim McClure. Jim is a Mission board

member as well as a chef for Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Center.

Another 500 food baskets were available earlier for families wishing to cook their holiday meal.

This year, as in years past, Sunset Cost Cutter has helped us to get the best buys for the dollars when it comes to purchasing food for the holiday programs.

Countless people have donated money, time and effort to make the

meals and assistance possible. We can't thank them enough.

The Mission's doors are open to anyone and everyone is welcome to come in for meals. In fact, we serve thousands of meals every month to people who do not live at the Mission or Agape Home.

We had a record number of volunteers this year. They are such a blessing to the Mission and everyone who comes to the meal.

A warm meal in a loving atmosphere is often the first step a homeless person takes on the road to turning their life around.

Lighthouse Mission provides housing, meals, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and the New Life program to help make major changes in the lives of our guests.

On Christmas Day, the Mission will again be serving a meal at the Church of the Assumption gymnasium at 2116 Cornwall Avenue, from 1 to 4 PM.

Christmas food baskets will be available for families. Anyone needing one should contact the Mission at 733-5120.



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Just a thought.....

Thanks for Helping us “keep the light on”

When a newsletter comes out, some of the first people to want to read it are those who were highlighted in the issue. With that understood, I am going to share about a few people who have been a blessing to me this past month and offer thanksgiving for them and hope this article encourages them as well as you.

Mike (name changed) has been here for some time now. He is gentle and helpful around the Mission. Some years ago he suffered a head injury and it has affected his life. He'll have to work through some issues minute by minute for the rest of his life that none of us can appreciate. There are cruel people in this world and I am sure some others will criticize or judge him for limitations that are not his fault.

Mike has made some important steps forward with the help of David Procter -- another person I am thankful for here, our new Program Manager. Mike walked into the building this week with a big smile and told me two important things had happened: he was able to get his Driver's License; and through a counselor we got him in contact with, Mike received a preliminary diagnosis for his condition.

I have been at this vocation for a long time now and can be hardened at times, but I was genuinely moved as I talked with Mike. I am so happy for him that he's moving towards

a new life next year after years of struggle.

As we enter the Holiday Season, I don't think that any of us with critical spirits can positively impact the lives of others, much less have a season of joy, reverent apprehension or thankfulness. Maybe that is why the Lord has allowed this ministry to continue for over 80 years. Thank you for helping us to help others, thank you for allowing us to “share the joy;” and it is a joy to be able to minister here.

Ron Buchinski
Executive Director

Mission meal time and location cards available

Have you ever encountered a person in need and weren't sure how to help?

One way you can help is to give that person a Mission Meal Card. One side of the card lists when the meals are served, the other side has a map of the Mission's location.

Your Prayerful Support Has Provided These Services

January - October 2004

RESIDENT & FAMILY ASSISTANCE

\$14,800.00

BEDS

The Mission	22,348
Agape Women's Home	4,433
Total Beds	26,781

MEALS

The Mission	48,754
Agape Women's Home	13,299
Community Meals	28,406
Total Meals	90,459

Lighthouse Mission Ministries

910 West Holly St.
Bellingham, WA

VISITORS MEAL TIMES:

Breakfast, 6:15 to 6:30 A.M. Weekdays

7:15 to 7:30 A.M. Sundays

Lunch, 12:00 to 12:30 P.M. Weekdays

1:00 to 1:30 P.M. Sundays and Holidays

Dinner, 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. Daily

(See back for directions)

To receive some of these cards you can stop by the Mission at 910 W Holly St, Bellingham; mail your request to Lighthouse Mission Ministries, PO Box 548, Bellingham WA 98227; or call us at 671-1562. We will be glad to send some to you.

These cards are an effective way of helping those in Whatcom County who don't know where else to turn during their time of desperate need.

MY HOLIDAY GIFT FOR THE NEEDY AND HOMELESS!

Yes, Ron, here is my gift of \$_____ to help the poor this holiday season.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please accept my credit card donation: (please print)

Card type _____ Card number _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____

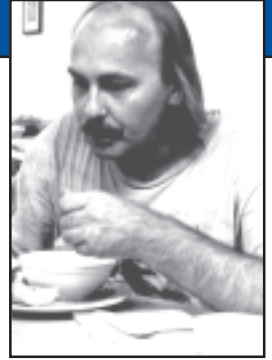
Send me some information about donating via Electronic Funds Transfer.

I am interested in learning more about including the Mission in my will. Please send me some information.

Your gifts will make a difference in changing people's lives.

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New law changes tax deductions for vehicle donations

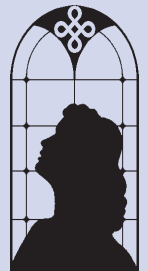
Considering donating a car to Lighthouse Mission Ministries? According to a recent **USA Today** article, you had better "step on the gas" if you want to receive the greatest tax deduction.

Currently, you are allowed to deduct the fair market value of your donated vehicle. As of January 1, 2005, a new bill passed by Congress will limit this amount to whatever the Mission receives from selling the vehicle. This new law will not affect cars valued at \$500 or less.

For more information on donating a vehicle, contact John Euen at 733-5120.

Thank you!
Since 1923, The Lighthouse Mission has been an entirely privately funded Christian ministry. It receives no Government funding.

A letter from a Mission guest



Thank-you,
It is hard for me to say good-bye, it is easier to write it.
I thank you All for every thing you have done for me, and for helping me when I needed it the most. special thanks to Sue + everyone at the desk, and All who made those wonderful meals. you will always be in my prayers, and always in my best thoughts. Thank-you, again, and Never stop what you are doing.
always in your Debt.
Marie
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When the time comes to honor a loved one, why not remember those who are in need. A monetary gift to the Lighthouse Mission in memory of your loved one is an appropriate way to do this. We will send a card of notification to the family if requested.

August - October Memorials

Mollie L. Blonden
 Kitty Brennan
 Edward Francis Donaghy
 Jacob (Jake) William Dykstra
 Marven K. Eggert
 Gladys Erickson
 Rollin Lester Gray
 Dudley Key
 Daryl Joseph McClelland
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 Jessica Silver
 Tom Springer

Henry Stremmer
 Roger A. Swanson
 Anna Mae Succa
 Lisa Lynn VanderVeen
 Michael & Eugenia Wolf

Honors

Al & Ruth Archer

Mission & Agape Needs

- All gifts are tax deductible-
- * Socks & underwear
- * Men's winter clothes
- * Semi-gloss white wall paint
- * Painting supplies
- * First aid ointment
- * Bandages
- * Non-alcohololic cold medications



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