



# NEWS

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## Holidays at the Mission



Thanksgiving dinner volunteers enjoy a piece of pie



We expect to distribute 500 Thanksgiving food boxes, including turkeys, to needy families so they can enjoy their Thanksgiving meal at home.

*It's beginning  
to look a lot  
like . . .*



Pumpkin pie - yum!

It's never good to spend Thanksgiving alone. Lighthouse Mission Ministries is inviting anyone, but especially the homeless, poor and lonely to a traditional holiday dinner on Friday, November 23rd, from 12-2 p.m., at the Assumption gym.

We expect to serve 500 meals to local homeless and needy men, women and children that day. Thanksgiving food baskets will be

handed out for these families to have a holiday feast in their own home.

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

Our Christmas meal will be on December 25th, Christmas Day, also at Assumption gym, from 12-2pm.

Call Marky at 733-5120 ext 107 for volunteer opportunities.

*Pick up an extra  
for LMM*

**Men's Wear**  
belts  
dress shirts  
shoes & socks  
light jackets  
underwear

**Women's Wear**  
shoes & socks  
light jackets  
gloves  
umbrellas  
underwear

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*Just a thought . . .*

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## T e a m m a t e s

This article is dedicated to my grandson, **Seth Gabriel Harris**, who died July 30<sup>th</sup> after a courageous 19-day struggle for life. Seth reminded me of how much it hurts when we see our children suffer; how precious and delicate life is; and how even small acts of kindness by others can mean so much.

I want to thank you all for being on our team. The bottom-line truth of any team is that having good teammates makes managing a lot easier and winning possible.

This past month our team has seen a number of wins. The **Bellingham Central Lions Club** sponsored a room (\$25,000) for our new Agape Shelter for Women and Children; **Aluminum Chambered Boats** and an anonymous donor co-sponsored another room. These rooms will have permanent plaques commemorating these generous gifts. Our **Agape Walk 2007** raised enough money to sponsor a bed (\$6500) in the new shelter; two young women (**Kasey and Grace**) with a heart for homeless children raised the bulk of this money.

Additionally, I want to thank the **Bellingham Herald** editors and staff for a wonderful article about the Mission's expansion; and then editorial remarks as well on August 25<sup>th</sup> calling the expansion "a worthy and much needed service in our community." **Debbie Chavez** of **KGMI** and the **Praise 106.5** staff has supported this project personally and professionally as well – our kids thank them all. We need your help to make this new shelter a reality.

Another of our teammates graciously goes to the trouble of picking up, sorting and delivering food to us at least twice a week. Our guests really like what she brings to our tables – thank you, **Tutu**. Volunteers from **Redeemer Lutheran Church** recently landscaped the Mission. Others have stuffed envelopes; cleaned; and done other thankless jobs that honored their motive and faith. I appreciate our recent **Advisory Committee** that spent time with me offering wise counsel and encouragement. God bless you, **Mauri, Dave** and **Larry**.

**Salt On The Streets** now helps us by offering a weekly meal and program designed to get men off the streets and into a Mission shelter. Thanks, **Ken** and **Cornwall Church**. **Summit Park Bible Church**

in Anacortes donated our new Single Women's Lounge, Thanks, **Monte** et al.

A Fairhaven business recently talked with us about a fundraising event. In the course of the discussion, our new teammate was energized by the fact that the Mission is also in the "recycling business." Broken, shattered lives left on the streets are finding hope and help. Add "green" (recycling) to the list of things we've been doing as we continue to provide compassionate services in Christ's name.

I am often reluctant to share names of Mission friends and supporters publicly. We are committed to protecting donor anonymity and keeping them from getting more unwanted solicitations. Truthfully, most of you want no credit; just the satisfaction of knowing your part on this team makes a difference.

I want to know our team better and how I can be a better leader. If you'd like to connect personally sometime, give me a call. I'll look forward to it.

### Your Prayerful Support Has Provided These Services

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#### BEDS PROVIDED

<u>The Mission</u>	17,080
<u>New Life Center</u>	1,901
<u>Agape Women's Home</u>	2,991
<b>Total Beds</b>	<b>21,972</b>

#### MEALS PROVIDED

<u>The Mission</u>	26,057
<u>Agape Women's Home</u>	8,973
<u>Community Meals</u>	21,582
<b>Total Meals</b>	<b>56,612</b>

# MY FALL GIFT

**Yes, Ron,** I want to help provide food and shelter during these colder Fall days and throughout the year. **Here is my gift of:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please accept my credit card donation: (please print)**

Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_



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I am interested in learning about including Lighthouse Mission Foundation in my estate planning.

**Fed. Tax ID # 91-0659437 Lighthouse Mission Ministries ~ PO Box 548, Bellingham, WA 98227 ~ (360) 733-5120**

All donor information is confidential. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

## Look who's "on board" for Agape 2007



- **Bellingham Central Lions**
- **Fred Meyer Employees**
- **Peoples Bank**
- **Lynden Sheet Metal, Inc.**
- **Colacurcio Brothers, Inc.**
- **Aluminum Chambered Boats**
- **Kiwanis Club of Bellingham**



**Would your business, church, family or group sponsor or memorialize a room (\$25,000); or a bed (\$6,500)?**

*We encourage other organizations and individuals to follow the Lions Club example.*  
Bellingham Herald, August 25, 2007



**Walking for Homeless Moms**



Based on actual requests for shelter, Lighthouse Mission has seen alarming increase in the number of homeless women and children over the past two years. An average of six families have to be turned away each week due to the lack of space.

Get on board with Agape 2007 and provide children a stable, nurturing environment for their growth.

**Prize Sponsors**

- Fairhaven Fitness
- Johnson's Floral
- Mallard's Ice Cream
- Starbucks

**Agape Walk 2007**



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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 who has passed away, or in honor of a loved one, is an appropriate way to do this. We will send a card of notification to the family, or individual, if requested.

**January - August 2007**

**In Memory Of:**

- David Ashton, Sr.
- Elisa Ann Bennett
- Alf Berg
- Rachel Bergsma
- JoAnn Florence Bongartz
- Norma Wiersma Bosman
- Jim Boyer
- Lorraine Brandt
- Raynard John "Ray" Dykstra
- Lyle M. Elsbree
- Cap Galloway
- Barbara Garcia
- Shirley Gee
- William Groen
- Art Hanson
- Seth Gabriel Harris
- E. Louise Hatcher
- Betty Herrin
- Elinor M. Ingram
- Leo Junkersfeld
- Alice J. Larsen
- Mae Susan McGregor
- Egbert M. Mersereau, Jr.

(cont.)

- Della Owens
- Robert H. Pattee
- Anita M. Pederson
- John Price
- Jane Raney
- Doug Sanders
- Ellen M. Siegwarth
- Bob Weme
- Bill York
- Robert C. Ecalbarger
- Evelyn Hunter

**A Tribute To:**

- Savilia Junkersfeld
- Edward Sparling
- Gunhilde Tucker



**WESTERN FAMILY REBATE**

The Western Family Rebate program continues to bring needed revenue to the Lighthouse Mission and Agape Women's and Children's Home.

For each Western Family label donated, the Mission receives one cent. That may not sound like much, but it adds up.

There is a wonderful volunteer who processes the labels that are sent in. So keep those labels coming.

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*For the glory of God,  
 Lighthouse Mission Ministries  
 desires to minister to needy  
 men, women and children  
 through the provision of  
 compassionate resources  
 and services  
 in the Name of Jesus Christ.*