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Name of Christ



Dear Friends,

Easter is the season for miracles. From the miracle of the resurrection, sprouts the millions of small resurrections through individual lives touched by Jesus' love. So, it's fitting that this newsletter shares a couple of those little resurrections that have happened at Fort Collins Rescue Mission.

Life transformation happens here. Resurrection happens only after great sacrifices have been made. First, the sacrifices that the men we serve courageously give themselves over to in allowing God to resurrect what was broken. Also, the sacrifices that our dedicated staff make every day to walk alongside these men and support them through encouragement, telling the truth with love and being present with them in their struggle. And lastly, the sacrifices that our donors make to support our programs and services, which touch the lives of those who feel they are on the brink of surrendering to the darkness.

For those of you who have sacrificed for FCRM to be a place where resurrections happen, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. During this Easter season we also ask you, if you feel called, to give even *More Than...* you have before so that God can do even *More Than...* we ever thought possible through our capital campaign for a new homeless resolution center. This will be a place where we can almost triple the number of men we serve now and where God's love can spread to those who need it even more.

Gratefully,

Seth Forwood
Vice President of Programs



Small but Mighty

This Easter, as we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection with our guests at the Mission, we are reminded that Jesus, too, suffered. Every one of our guests has a story that includes hardship, and yet, Jesus is the reminder that they are not alone. Meet a few of the men who came to the Mission in their hardships and have now found hope.



This Easter, you can provide more hope than ever before.

Donate to the *More Than...* campaign at FortCollinsRescueMission.org/MoreThan



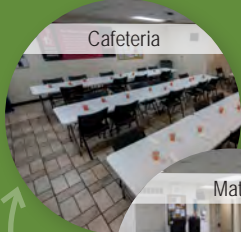
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More Than... *a bed*

FCRM currently has room for 89 beds and every night turns the cafeteria into an emergency overnight sleeping space by adding 21 mats on the floor. Our new homeless resolution center will have 250 beds and need-based dorms for:

- Veterans
- Those in recovery
- Those who work a night shift and need to sleep during the day

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."
- Ephesians 3:20



Deed

was in the Navy for 10 years. When the pandemic hit, he was out of workman's compensation, lost his part-time job and had to move out of his home due to a remodel, leading him to Fort Collins Rescue Mission.

"They pointed me in directions for assistance that I would have never thought of, like the Veterans Employment Services, and that's where it kicked off everything for housing. I would not have known about it at all."

This place gave me stability. It gave me direction. I have clothes on my back, and a chance to get back on my feet. It has given me the time and support to do that. It's the most important thing, because I want to be back on my feet, and I couldn't do it on my own."

Deed is now in housing.

More Than... *a shelter*

FCRM currently only has one and a half rooms to serve as a space for intake, case management, staff meetings, offices, volunteers, donation storage, and outside providers. Our new homeless resolution center will have several spaces dedicated for these resources, which will offer more:

- Privacy
- Safety
- Access to services



Devin

was on the streets for 15 years, in and out of prison or jail and struggling with addiction and several mental health diagnoses. When he got robbed, he came to the Mission, which has offered him the most stability he has ever had in his life.

"This is the first time I've ever had a permanent bed. I've been getting myself back into community and I attend church. I got a case manager, and I go to counseling sessions. This place has offered me clothes, a shower, they've helped me set goals and get Medicaid and dental. I'm clean. I'm working to get an income-based apartment. The security is the biggest thing I see around here, and they are really good about that."

If any donor was out there to help, this would be a place to help because I see a lot of encouragement from people who want to change their life. I appreciate everything they donate, and what they've done for me. Of all the homeless shelters I've been at, this one's the best one."

More Than... *a path to walk alone*

We offer love to our guests unconditionally, as Jesus taught us to do. Our calling is to meet every guest exactly where they are and walk with them out of addiction and homelessness. This is something that won't change with our new homeless resolution center, but will be amplified through:

- A trauma-informed building design and approach
- ADA accessibility
- Day center for men and women
- And more!



Eric

turned to drugs and alcohol when he was 14. Despite his addiction, he was able to hold a job, but when he lost his mom and best friend within three months, he had no hope and was living on the streets, eventually leading him to the Mission.

"This place saved my life. I have hope. They let me have a roof over my head and food in my stomach. I'm starting to have responsibilities, to save money, I'm working, I am in counseling, I'm getting my license back, I'm planning on moving out at the end of the winter, and I'm getting ready to go back to school to be a CNA."

I love the structure of it. The people are so dedicated to what they do, and they're willing to go above and beyond for you, which is unbelievable. It's been years since I felt loved. I got friends now. I got people I can rely on."

THE MISSION in my words




Rob Dunn

Rob has been supporting the Mission as a donor for about a decade and is now the Steering Committee Chair for the *More Than...* capital campaign for our new homeless resolution center.

What inspired you to first get involved with the Mission?

In my last year of college, I got involved with the rescue mission in Colorado Springs and I saw it wasn't just, you're getting fed or getting some shelter, but you start building relationships that are actually very helpful. Then I moved to Fort Collins and ran into the Mission and saw Harvest Farm. I felt like I needed to challenge myself to give more, and so the Mission was one that I was going to give to.

What prompted you to support the *More Than...* campaign?

There are so many challenging and complex things that to me, supporting it fits with a life that honors God, and the building fits with serving the men more. I really believe, not only do we have to keep doing what we're doing well, we need to challenge ourselves to set it up to do better, and I feel that the campaign completely fits into that.

Do you have any favorite memories from your time supporting the Mission?

Every time I hear one of the testimonies, it reminds me how bad things can get, how alone you can feel and how getting this kind of help, and feeling loved and encouraged, turns the guys' lives around. That is why helping 250 people is important compared to 89, because it's 161 more of these possible testimonies of individuals.

What would you say to encourage someone else to get involved?

Whatever your gift is, is still part of helping people and it starts to orientate your own heart and mind. God is calling us to participate and to give. I think we're actually missing an opportunity to lay hold of more joy and goodness in our own lives by failing to do this.

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and we are grateful for YOU!

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Meeting the needs of the most vulnerable

REHABILITATION

Equipping men through a life-changing program

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Transitioning people into stability

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Providing essential needs for daily life



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