

## In Loving Memory - 2023

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# Changed Lives

From the Desk of the Director

### 'Tis the Season of Giving

"Once again, we celebrated the holiday season by hosting our annual holiday meals at the shelter, serving a total of 563 meals from Thanksgiving through Christmas. In addition, we distributed 252 holiday food boxes to families in need, extending the holiday spirit of giving beyond our immediate community.

Our holiday meals are more than just a provision of food; they are a celebration of fellowship and gratitude reaching individuals from diverse backgrounds. Our cherished homeless brothers and sisters, families, and members of the wider community gathered to share in family-style meals, providing a sense of fellowship and genuine appreciation. The dedication of our staff, program members, and volunteers in organizing these events brought huge rewards as we witnessed the joy of giving back. Our shelter staff members pitched in through each meal service and filled containers full of delicious food for community volunteers to take to each table. Not only did the holiday meals satisfy hungry people; they nourished spirits, highlighting the significance of compassion and generosity during the holiday season.

We are so very grateful for our faithful donors and volunteers; you make it possible for us to be a blessing to others in need! Your support is the cornerstone of our ability to spread joy and comfort during this special time of year."

*Bryan Hall Sr*  
 Executive Director



## Changes you helped provide in 2023

It is hard to express how much is going on at the Shelters. The statistics below are from our Men's Shelter as well as our Women and Children's Shelter for the year of 2023. We offer many additional services beyond what is listed below.

We Lodged	We Served	We Provided	We Provided
<b>45,708</b>	<b>146,819</b>	<b>46,576</b>	<b>35,225</b>
people in our Shelters	meals in our facilities	showers to those in need	pieces of clothing to those in need

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Eureka Rescue Mission

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*"Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." Psalms 40:5 NKJV*



Jeffrey Huntington was born and raised in Crescent City, CA, and had a mostly good childhood, although his parents didn't get along well. His dad held various jobs as a fisherman, garbage truck driver, and worked various other positions over the years. Meanwhile, his mother was a stay-at-home mom. Jeffrey obtained his GED and began working as a dishwasher at a local restaurant. He later transitioned through several roles: caregiver, landscaper, movie rental attendant, housekeeper at a local motel, and furniture mover at a moving company. Despite dreaming of becoming a police officer, his life took a different path. At the age of 16, Jeffrey started experimenting with marijuana with family members, eventually progressing to heavier drugs as he grew into adulthood. In 2023, due to irresponsible behavior, poor money management, and a careless attitude, he became homeless. Desperate for help in overcoming his addiction and becoming clean and sober, he sought structure for his unstructured life. Instead of continuing to live on the streets of Crescent City, he decided to approach the Mission and inquire about joining our program. On August 29, 2023, Jeffrey entered our program and found a place that provided his needs while challenging him to become a better person. His life took a turn for the better after embracing Jesus Christ, and is now building his life on his newfound faith. Jeffrey credits the discipleship classes in the program for strengthening his faith in the Lord, providing him with a renewed sense of hope for eternal life. Overflowing with love and gratitude, Jeffrey expressed his appreciation for the Mission and its supporters. He said, "Thank you so much for your generosity and compassionate hearts. Life is incredibly tough, and finding a place like the Eureka Rescue Mission is truly a blessing from the Lord. I am genuinely happy now."

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Katy Richardson was born in Fortuna, California, and was raised by her mother alongside various aunts and uncles. Katy experienced frequent changes within the family structure due to her mother's intermittent incarcerations. From a young age, Katy knew her passion lay in working with children. She is currently completing her final 3 credits to obtain her High School Diploma through our local Adult Education Program. Katy's work experience includes roles as a cake decorator, cashier, Subway employee, wood yard laborer specializing in splitting and stacking wood, and caregiving. During her teenage years, starting at the age of 14, Katy began experimenting with marijuana and alcohol due to peer pressure from her social circle. Unfortunately, this marked the beginning of her struggle with substance abuse, a battle that persisted into her adulthood and significantly impacted her life. Following a breakup with her fiancé of 13 years, Katy faced homelessness, moving from one place to another until finding temporary shelter at her current boyfriend's house during the onset of the COVID pandemic. Due to eviction issues they became homeless and navigated between campsites ranging from a tent at the Ferndale Fairgrounds to regular stays at the Stafford Campground south of Rio Dell. Eventually, weary of this lifestyle, Katy's boyfriend sought shelter with a friend, while Katy found residence in a sober living environment. Regrettably, her alcohol consumption led to her dismissal from the sober living facility. Faced with nowhere to go and recognizing her need for accountability and structure, Katy asked for help from our Women and Children's Shelter. Since arriving at the Shelter, Katy testifies that her life has shown tremendous improvement and she has recommitted her life to Christ! She expresses feeling happier and healthier, attributing her progress to the Lord providing a structured environment and rules that aid her in staying focused and accomplishing her objectives. Katy now holds hope, love, faith, and most importantly, sobriety, claiming that her life finally feels manageable without the overwhelming burden she once carried. When asked what she would like to say to the Mission's supporters, Katy remarked, "The staff skillfully and patiently directs us toward meeting our goals. Thank you for supporting this Ministry. Without your assistance, people like me would still be lost."

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Zechariah Simpson has been married since April 2015. Both he and his wife were active members of their church outside the area until 2018 when they relocated to Eureka. Zechariah had a prescription for medical marijuana and at the same time was also consuming alcohol. However, he desired to quit, so he began attending Celebrate Recovery. While successfully quitting marijuana, he continued drinking, prompting him to participate in online Zoom meetings for outpatient alcohol abuse treatment. Unfortunately, the outpatient rehabilitation proved ineffective, and his wife insisted that he enter a residential treatment program or their marriage would end. Realizing and admitting his serious alcohol problem, Zechariah said to himself, "I have got to stop drinking entirely." He wanted a Christian program and, together with his wife, discovered the New Life Program at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Zechariah committed to a year in the program, aiming for complete deliverance from his alcoholism and the restoration of his marriage. Upon entering the program, Zechariah received a warm welcome from fellow program members, feeling immediately at home. He sensed that this was where God wanted him to be and has since thrived in his studies and responsibilities. His time here prompted a reevaluation of his relationship with the Lord, fostering a deeper connection. He reflected, "I've become more patient and less prone to anger by prioritizing others before myself. I now make daily efforts to read and apply God's word in my life, thanks to the Mission's support in getting me back on track with Jesus Christ, I know that I am going to be ok. Thank you to all who support this great ministry, it has saved my life and marriage."

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Jaymi Lucero was born in Fortuna, California, to two loving parents and was raised in a Christian home where strong morals and values were instilled in her from a very young age. Growing up alongside an older brother and sister, her father served as a local Police Officer while her mother worked as a school bus driver. Both her parents were hardworking and dedicated. At the age of 15, Jaymi began using alcohol and drugs after experiencing a personal trauma. Seeking relief from her pain, she quickly found herself deep in addiction. This struggle with addiction has persisted into her adulthood and has continued to be a serious challenge. Recently, Jaymi found herself in a critical state due to her addiction, leading to a hospitalization where her life hung in the balance. Her body was overwhelmed with alcohol to the extent that her organs, including her liver, began to shut down. Medical professionals prepared her family for the worst, expecting her not to survive. Miraculously, Jaymi defied the odds, and against all expectations, she recovered. Her recovery was attributed to what she believes is God's grace and healing power of Jesus. Following her recovery, Jaymi underwent rehabilitation treatment at a local center to regain her strength. Determined to turn her life around, she sought guidance, leading her to reach out to the Director of our Women and Children's Shelter and enroll in our Women's New Life Discipleship Program. Welcomed with open arms, Jaymi embarked on a new chapter in her life. She is now active in daily classes and chapel services, attends weekly church services, and is focusing on rebuilding relationships damaged by her addiction. Jaymi, a proud mother of three beautiful children and a devoted wife, is committed to correcting her past behaviors. Embracing transparency, she remains dedicated to her sobriety, holding herself accountable—a stark contrast to her behavior during her struggles with addiction. Looking ahead to November 20, 2024, Jaymi eagerly anticipates graduating from the program, securing permanent housing, gaining meaningful employment, and eventually reuniting with her children. Grateful for her parents' unwavering support in caring for her children while she focuses on healing, Jaymi hopes for a future where the family can be reunited. She expresses heartfelt gratitude to the supporters of the Eureka Rescue Mission and looks forward to returning after she graduates to sharing her inspiring story as a testament of hope for others grappling with similar challenges.



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Born in Tyler, Texas, Kyle Turley moved to Oregon at the age of five. Growing up on a piece of property with a pond and horses, Kyle developed a deep love for nature, often spending his days fishing, hunting, and being in the great outdoors. His father worked in roofing materials sales while his mother managed an apartment complex, instilling in Kyle a sense of hard work and responsibility. Dreaming of becoming a veterinarian or biologist, his goal was high but his educational journey paused at a 12th-grade high school diploma. Life's twists and turns led Kyle through various occupations, from working in a lumber mill to detailing RVs and automobiles. He also worked in landscaping and even manufacturing black powder rifles. Unfortunately, at 16, influenced by peers Kyle began experimenting with drugs and alcohol. This decision eventually led to a pivotal moment in 2014 when he found himself without a home, caught in the grip of a serious methamphetamine addiction. For three years, Kyle was homeless in Oregon with periods of incarceration. Kyle's realization that his life had spun out of control due to drug use caused him to seek help. On 10/3/2023 Kyle came to the Eureka Rescue Mission and entered into our New Life Program! The transformation since then has been profound. Through the Mission, Kyle found a newfound sense of hope, love, and faith, shedding the worries and fears that once plagued him. His focus shifted from being regretful and hopeless into a life filled with hope, due to his newfound relationship with Jesus Christ. Grateful for the safety and structure at the Mission, Kyle also extends his heartfelt gratitude to the supporters whose generosity paves the way for second chances. To those who lend their support, Kyle's message is one of deep appreciation and acknowledgment of the life-changing work made possible by your support.



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Melanie was born in Fortuna, California, and grew up in the hills of Ruth Lake. She mentioned that her upbringing was financially modest, as her parents divorced when she was just 11 years old. Her mother remarried a few years later. While her mother worked as a bartender, both her father and stepfather were employed as tree fallers in the logging industry. When she was young she had dreams of becoming a defense lawyer. Although she completed high school and attended some college, she didn't obtain a degree. Throughout the years, she held various entry-level positions in production, caregiving, and customer service. At the age of 14, Melanie had a falling-out with her mother, prompting her to live with her aunt. It was during this time that she was introduced to drugs, marking the onset of her addiction and admitted to continuing her drug use due to peer pressure. By 2019, Melanie found herself homeless, spending many nights camping or relying on couch surfing with her boyfriend. After breaking up with her boyfriend she sought refuge at a shelter in Ft. Bragg, California, where she stayed for 7 months before relocating to Eureka to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter. Upon hearing about the Eureka Rescue Mission, Melanie decided to seek help. Since arriving, she expressed that she senses the Spirit of God in the shelter and feels she's finally reached the place she longed to be with Jesus. Grateful to have been sober for nearly 9 months, she stated she now possesses a clear and stable state of mind. This newfound hope for her future contrasts starkly with her feelings before arriving at the Mission. Melanie is thankful for the opportunity to set and achieve goals and to mend broken relationships. Reflecting on her experience, Melanie remarked, "I am appreciative of the way the Mission operates. It has enabled me to address not only the issues I arrived with but also the challenges that arise in everyday life. Participating in the Women's New Life Discipleship Program has been such a blessing to me and I genuinely look forward to class every day. The Mission provides all the necessary tools for success. It's like having a complete toolbox for life. I am so grateful for your support. It's transforming my life for the better, guiding me to understand who Christ intends me to be."



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