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Butte Rescue Mission
Years of Investing In Lives To Make A Difference

The Director's Take



Rocky Lyons

It looks like old man winter is arriving early to southwest Montana!

I am happy to let you all know that the Butte Rescue Mission has found a piece of property that we think will be a perfect location for the new Mission! We are under contract for a 1.59-acre parcel at 610 E. Platinum Street. It is centrally located to services and close to the bus route and there is room for our portable units we have purchased. A 9600 sq. ft. warehouse is currently on the property we will be proposing that it be used for offices and a day room. The day room would include a computer lab, classrooms, a chapel and shower and laundry facilities. We will also run a day labor program out of the day room that would allow the community to post day labor jobs or stop by for men and women that are looking for day labor work. The new mission would allow us to sleep at least 56 very comfortably.

We have submitted our application for a special use permit to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Zoning Board will meet November 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the third floor of the courthouse. I would encourage anyone that would like to show support for the Mission to please attend the meeting.

I have included in this newsletter on the next page an artist rendition of what our portable units will look like once they are delivered and in place. I hope you are as hopeful as we are that this location "is the one"! **Galatians 6:9** And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

That is the update on what has been going on at the Mission now, I would like to share just a little piece of my heart with you. As we are entering into this holiday season, I would like to encourage you to slow down! We get so busy thinking about non-important things like if the house is clean enough to entertain, have I bought enough gifts for everyone on my list? Is our house decorated better than our neighbors? Oh my all the anxious energy we spend! Can I tell you something? None of that is going to matter or last two weeks after the holidays are over, but what will matter and will last are the relationship that we invest in. So, this holiday season, spend your energy on making memories with loved ones, inviting friends over to enjoy a casual evening, and "investing in a life to make a difference"! Many Blessings to you and your family!

Only by His Grace,

Rocky



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P.O. Box 3046
Butte MT 59701



Butte Rescue Mission Thrift Store

A new season is upon us.

We are proud to announce that things are looking up here at the Butte Rescue Mission Thrift Store, and so are we. Each morning we start our day by taking time to thank God for allowing us to be part of something much larger than ourselves.

Many changes are happening at the store and we are working hard to meet the needs of our customers as well as the community. Please come in and see what is new each day, and we hope you will find a bit of happiness before you leave. Our friendly staff is ready to assist all who come through our doors, and happy to help in any way we can.

The holidays are upon us and we are excited to offer quality items at a reasonable price. New items are hitting the sales floor each day and if we do not have what you are looking for, just leave your name and number with us and we will call when it comes in.

We are very thankful! We are showing our appreciation by offering weekly sales as well as our monthly "Half Off" deals. Warm clothing are in high demand as the cold weather approaches. Children's sizes to adults we truly appreciate any donations offered.

May your holidays be filled, with peace and your hearts filled with joy, as we wrap up yet another wonderful year!

Hope to see you shopping with us soon!
Chad Hemphill

Monday BOGO Housewares & Knick Knacks

Thursday 25% off Holiday Items

Tuesday 25% off Furniture

Friday 25% Off Winter Sports

Wednesday 25% off Appliances & bed Items

Saturday Bag Sale 1/\$3.00 or 2/\$5.00

Everyday 10% Off For Seniors And Veterans

Butte Rescue Mission Thrift Store

**Support the hurting and homeless in our community by shopping at
the Butte Rescue Mission Thrift Store!**

123 E. Park Street, Butte Mt

Open Monday—Saturday 10:00—5:30

For donation pickups please call 782-0233



Paul Buckley

A Message From The President



Is Nothing Sacred Anymore

This may seem like an odd way to title a Christmas message. However, in our society Christmas has become only a time to get and give gifts and have time off work. We tend to judge how much we are loved by how expensive or how many gifts we get. The world we live in has moved away from even using the word Christmas and instead has substituting Holiday Season.

"Is Nothing Sacred Anymore" is also one of the lines from the song "Is Nothing Sacred" by Don Black and Jim Steinman and sung by Michael Lee Aday (stage name Meat Loaf). This isn't a spiritual song, but rather a song of love lost and as such, for me, it spoke of our society's lost love for Jesus Christ, particularly at Christmas.

Two lines in this song have a special significance for me. Both lines pose questions for our contemplation.

The first line is: "Is forever just a word?" This doesn't need any explanation. The word eternity could be substituted for "forever".

The second line is: "Is a promise something people used to keep when love was worth the fighting for?" As Christians we have all promised to love Christ. But now, has this love just become something we use to keep?

In closing I want to wish you a joyful, holy and sacred Christmas. May this Christmas be for you a time for renewing your love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His Service,
Paul

A Holiday for the Homeless

We are entering the time of year when the issue of homelessness, which is important all year long, reaches its most critical point. When the temperature drops, homelessness literally becomes a matter of life and death, especially for those who are older or who are sick. Beyond the physical needs to survive winter, many homeless individuals are emotionally and mentally in need of a hopeful holiday season. The holidays are a time that we spend with family but many of the homeless are completely alone, sometimes because they have been estranged from their family.

To a homeless person the holidays are just another day of survival. Days go by slowly and one day drags into the next. One week drags into the next. One month drags into the next month. The longer a person lives on the street, the harder it is to get off the streets. So, if you see someone this holiday who is homeless, do not turn the other way. Say hello. Talk to them for a moment. Make them feel like a person. Say a little Holiday Prayer with them.

The Holiday Prayer

The sidewalks and the roadways have now become my home
Since misfortune somehow found me, I've been wandering alone
The coldness and the darkness of every passing night
Leads me to a shelter that for tonight feels alright
You would not think it's perfect it's loud and space is tight
But if they have a bed for me, it's perfect for this night
I'm tired, cold and hungry my body's wracked with pain
But I am just a broken spirit not a person gone insane
So look at me this Christmas and thank your lucky stars
That you have what you do have and don't bare all these scars
And if the moment strikes you that to give is to receive
Then you are that one person that helps me to believe
I believe that I will conquer all that fate has dealt to me
And I'll never give up trying I believe in humanity
So while you sit with family gathered round your Christmas tree
And open Santa's presents I hope you'll think of me
If there's one gift, you can give me I will tell you what I'd like
It's not a giant castle it's not a brand new bike
A prayer is all I ask for a prayer that asks the Lord
To bless those here beside me the broken, beat, the poor
Ask that He please hear you in your Christmas prayer
And bless all souls who suffer so lost and in despair
For myself, I ask you nothing except for this one small prayer
So won't you take a moment bow your head and show you care

Meet One Of The Staff



Katrina Garvey

Hello! My name is Katrina, and I am an employee here at the Thrift Store. Most days you will find me at the cash register. I was born and raised in the Flathead Valley, and although I miss it very much, I am now proud to call Butte my home.

I have always felt like my life has been full of wrong turns, lost opportunities, bad choices and mistakes. With God in my life, I know that he has been steering me to where I am supposed to be. Right now that is living in this beautiful town and working with the team at the Butte Rescue Mission. There are so many wonderful people I get to interact with every day. Some are the ones in need who need that little bit of extra help, and some are the ones coming in to help. It's a blessing to be a part of it all.



Did You Know?

- ◆ Approximately 643,067 people experiencing homelessness in the U.S.
- ◆ 17% are considered chronically homeless
- ◆ 238,110 of those people are in families
- ◆ 13% are fleeing domestic violence
- ◆ 25% suffer from mental illness
- ◆ 12% are veterans

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SERVICES WE ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING

Hot Showers @ the YMCA
Hygiene Products
Laundry Facilities
Clothing
Community Bread Room

Future Home of Butte's Rescue Mission



Be Part of the Solution!

Direct Contributions can be made at 1st Montana Bank
 1940 Dewey Blvd Butte, Mt
 Mailed to Butte Rescue Mission
 P.O. Box 3046
 Butte, Mt 59759
 To donate your time and skills contact Rocky at
 406-490-0509 or brm@bresnan.net

<p>NEEDS</p> <p>Financial Contributions Volunteer Your Time Or Services at the Mission Thrift Store Pray for the Mission</p>	<p>Nov/Dec STATISTICS</p> <p>Community Bread Room # of Signatures utilizing the Bread Room 3269</p> <p>Thrift Store # of Clothing Vouchers Given to Individuals 121</p>
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Up Coming Events

ZONING BOARD MEETING

Thursday November 16, 2017 5:30 p.m.

Third Floor of the Court House

Please come show your support for the Butte Rescue Mission and the
 need for a homeless shelter in our community.



Once we have secured property for our new shelter we will be looking for contactors and skilled workmen to help with many different projects. We will need to work fast to in order to beat the cold Montana winter weather! If you feel you would like to be part of this project or offer your services please give me a call. Rocky 490-0509



Thank you for your generosity and continued support through
 these trying times for the Butte Rescue Mission.

As the Butte Rescue Mission is moving ahead to get an emergency
 shelter in place, it is critical that our supporters are diligent in keeping the
 Mission covered in prayer and your financial support steadfast.

TICKET OF

**YES! I want to provide a
 Ticket of Hope, and Invest
 in the Lives of Others!**

Enclosed is my gift of:

- _____ \$25
- _____ \$50
- _____ \$75
- _____ \$100
- _____ \$250

Butte Rescue Mission
 P.O. Box 3046

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