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Edward has
**HOPE FOR THE
NEW YEAR**

Thanks to you!

Hope starts here... thanks to you!

With the new year comes HOPE... hope for new ministry opportunities, and hope for the individuals who will find a fresh start in 2026, thanks to your support.

Every day at Wheeler Mission, we meet people who arrive here feeling broken, burdened, and lost. But because of friends like you, they discover the power of a fresh start. Through a warm meal, a safe place to sleep, and guidance in our residential program, they begin to have hope that a new life is possible.

I'm reminded of the truth of 2 Corinthians 5:17... "the old has gone, the new has come!" Thank you for helping share this message of renewal with people like Edward (whose story is on the right).

I'm grateful for another year of ministry together—and I'm grateful to you for helping make fresh starts possible.



Perry

Perry Hines
President & CEO

Help Meet Urgent Needs!

When you donate these much-needed items, you'll help Wheeler Mission save money to provide other critical services for our neighbors in need. **THANK YOU!**

- Socks
- Underwear
- Towels
- Twin-size sheet sets
- Blankets
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Over-the-counter medical items: pain relievers, cold medicine (non-alcoholic), bandages, rubbing alcohol, and anti-bacterial ointment

You'll find complete lists of our urgently-needed items—including links to our Amazon wish lists so you can shop directly online—at

[WheelerMission.org/currentneeds](https://www.wheelermission.org/currentneeds)

Locations for our donation drop-off barns on our website at

[WheelerMission.org/dropoff](https://www.wheelermission.org/dropoff)

A Year OF Hope



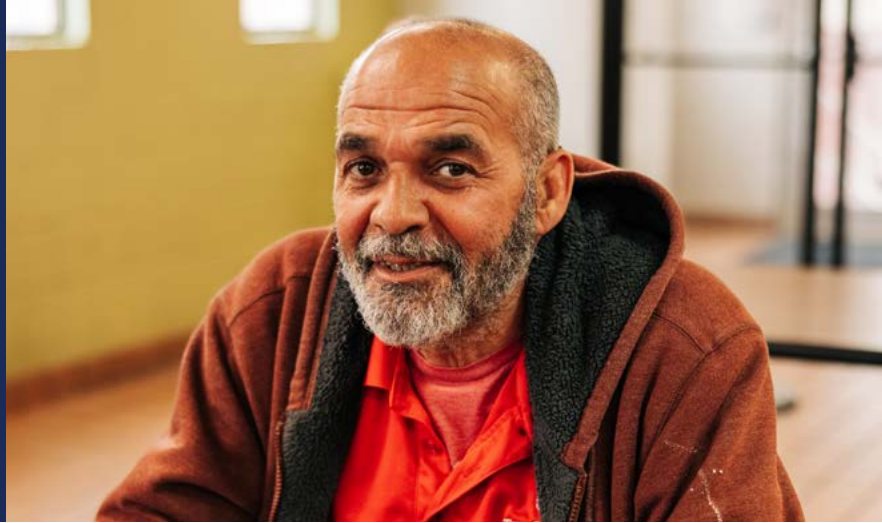
"I want to get my own place. I'm learning how to manage money."

– Zina



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Our staff found Edward on the sidewalk outside our doors. He was disoriented, and his body was starting to shut down. Without help, he likely had just days left to live. **Edward’s life had been a downhill spiral of substance abuse and homelessness for nearly 60 years.**

As a child, things came easy for Edward. He excelled in sports and was well-liked. “I used to be the best at everything,” he says. His mother raised him in their local church. But everything changed after his father introduced him to marijuana, which led to harder drugs, addiction, and incarceration.

By the time he found himself in front of Wheeler Mission, Edward was at rock bottom—physically, mentally, and emotionally. He spent 30 days regaining his strength in the hospital before joining our Shelter for Men.

With the encouragement and support of our staff, Edward began to find himself again. He left his past of addiction and found a new purpose for his future. **Now he is an example of a Christian servant to our other male guests.**

“I lived a life of sin... money, drugs, and violence.”

“When I see somebody hurting, I just give them some good words, and I can see a bit of hope in their eyes. That really touches my heart... that it’s the Lord working through me,” he says. “I know all things are possible with God.”

He even finds joy in cleaning the bathrooms. “It’s a terrible job, but I don’t mind doing it—because I know I’m doing it for a bigger purpose,” he says.

Edward’s fresh start is possible because of you! Thank you for your prayers and support that are filling him with hope for the new year. “Wheeler Mission saved my life. Before, I didn’t care about anyone. Now my desire is to help bring as many people to God as I can,” he says. “I’m proud of myself.”

“I want to be involved in ministry. I’m taking steps of faith.” – James



**to reconnect
my family. God is
giving in my life.”**

– Justin



“I want to grow my faith and live in a way that pleases God.”

– Daren

How **YOU** Helped

Thank you for your impact in 2025!



Over 400,000 meals served



More than 250,000 nights of shelter provided



Over 36,000 hours volunteered by people like YOU!

Last year, you helped surround our neighbors in need with love and care. Together, we can make 2026 a year of hope for even more people in our community!

Want to see more about the difference you made last year? Scan the QR code to see highlights of your impact in 2025!



NEW YEAR,

New Opportunities

TO HELP

God has blessed us with a new year full of opportunities to care for people experiencing homelessness or hunger in our community. **You can make 2026 better for our struggling neighbors.** Give today to provide a meal and care for only \$2.36—and share hope in the new year with someone in need.

2026 To-Do:

- ✓ Give a meal and care, just \$2.36!
- ✓ Pray for a neighbor!



Send your first gift of 2026 to help today!

Invest In Saving Lives!

You can make a lasting impact for our neighbors in need using Donor-Advised Funds (DAF). And the end of the year is the perfect time to consider this unique option for giving.

HERE'S HOW DAF WORKS:

- Your DAF acts as a charity savings account that you can use to send money to Wheeler Mission.
- If you put money in today, you'll get a tax deduction for 2026.
- While the money sits in the fund, it accumulates interest tax-free!

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