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Healing broken lives is like baking a very complicated cake. You need exactly the right ingredients. You must mix them in a very specific order. Then, you have to allow time for them to bake at the proper temperature.

Miss a step or omit a vital ingredient and you're risking disaster.

Here at the Mission, we're not just healing lives: we're healing minds and bodies destroyed by alcohol, addiction and neglect. We're restoring souls wounded by abuse and abandonment. The ingredients are not complicated: food, shelter, time, encouragement, counseling, care and a huge helping of God's love.

But there are no short cuts, no substitutions.

This Thanksgiving season, many broken bodies and souls will come here to the Mission. Whether you volunteer your time, take part in a special event, donate food or send a gift, you play a vital role in making them whole again.

Let the healing begin!

Road to a New Life Starts Here

Rev. Eric Burger Executive Director "I prayed for deliverance..."

# "God led me to the Mission"

hen her marriage of 25 years fell apart, Cathy began using drugs to ease the pain. "I thought God had abandoned me...and I made a lot of bad decisions," she admits. Decisions that eventually made her homeless!

"I ended up being on the streets... going from motel to motel. I lived in camps where I was abused. Finally, I reached the end of my rope...I knew I had to make a change, so I started making my way to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission."

It took Cathy two days to walk to the Mission, sleeping in the woods along the way. But she was determined! "The first thing they did was feed me and tell me to go rest."

Once she was back on her feet, Cathy began to go to chapel every day. That's when she began seeing things "in a clear

light." "My first job was to get clean. I went to NA twice a day." She also began working in the kitchen.

With the encouragement of her case manager, Cathy did something she hadn't done for nine years...she went out and found a job! And four months after arriving at the Mission, she was back living on her own!

Cathy stays connected with the Mission and with staff and friends who are still here. "I'm so grateful because without this place, I don't know where I would be. The Mission opened my eyes and my heart.

They saved me. God saved me, and took me away from a miserable life."

Today, Cathy is working and living on her own. She's back in touch with family members and spreading the Word of God wherever she goes!

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146:7

This season, thank you for providing:

- 45,000 meals
- 15,875 nights of shelter

Your gifts are the fuel that enables us to bring hope and help to hungry, homeless neighbors.

### **Holiday Volunteers**

We need volunteers to help prepare and serve thousands of holiday meals!

The time and care you give will make a tremendous difference in the lives of men, women and children who are hungry and homeless. Make it a family, church or office project...a time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings you have received this year.

For more information, please call Paige Brewer at (903) 759-8101 or visit Hiway80Mission.org.

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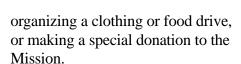
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Tell a friend about...

# National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

We are grateful that you work with us to end hunger and homelessness year round!

So Nov. 15-23 is a great time to encourage others – friends, family, and coworkers – to join you, and help fix the problems that cause hunger and homelessness by volunteering,



If you're on Facebook or Twitter, please, urge friends to help. You can even give them our address, www.Hiway80Mission.org, as a place to get more information. THANKS!

# **Thanksgiving Shopping List**

an you help out by buying one or more of the following items and dropping them off at the Mission?

☐ Potatoes □ Salt and pepper □ Turkeys □ Hams ☐ Pies ☐ Garlie powder ☐ Poultry seasoning □ Onions ☐ Cornmeal □ Celery ☐ Chicken broth □ Baking powder ☐ #10-size cans of □ Butter and soda green beans ☐ Granulated sugar ☐ Foil □ 10 lb. bottles of ☐ Plasticware ☐ Canned yams ☐ Cream of Mushroom cooking oil

Please drop off donations at 3117 W. Marshall, Longview, TX. For more information, call (903) 759-8101 or visit www.Hiway80Mission.org.

## **Include the Mission In Your Will**

Onsider these reasons for including Hiway 80 Rescue Mission in your will.

- 1. It's a matter of values. Your will is your "testament" a statement that you believe in the Mission.
- 2. It's a matter of timing. Giving through your will enables you to give a more substantial gift than you ever could during your lifetime.
- 3. It's a matter of faith. Giving to the Mission through your will is a faithful way to provide for ongoing ministry long after you're gone.

Interested in leaving a lasting gift to continue your legacy of care for those in need? Our Executive Director Eric Burger has some suggestions. Call him at (903) 759-8101. There's no obligation.

## Breakfast, Lunch or Thanksgiving Dinner - Still Just \$1.79!

soda was 5¢. Or a time when you could get a burger for a quarter. These days a plain cup of coffee can set you back \$2 or more!

But here at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, you can still provide a hot, wholesome, home-cooked meal for just \$1.79.

We'll be serving a lot of those great meals this Thanksgiving season, including hundreds of festive Thanksgiving Dinners with turkey and all the trimmings!

Your \$1.79 gift can provide a meal that's a turning point in the life of a person who's lost all hope, along



with the care and counseling that helps end homelessness and addiction.

If you think that's amazing, imagine what a gift of \$25 or \$50 or even \$100 can do!

Please share your blessings by making a special gift today to feed and begin to change the lives of as many people as possible. Use the enclosed envelope, or make a safe, secure donation on our website at **Hiway80Mission.org**. THANK YOU!