

INSIDE STORY



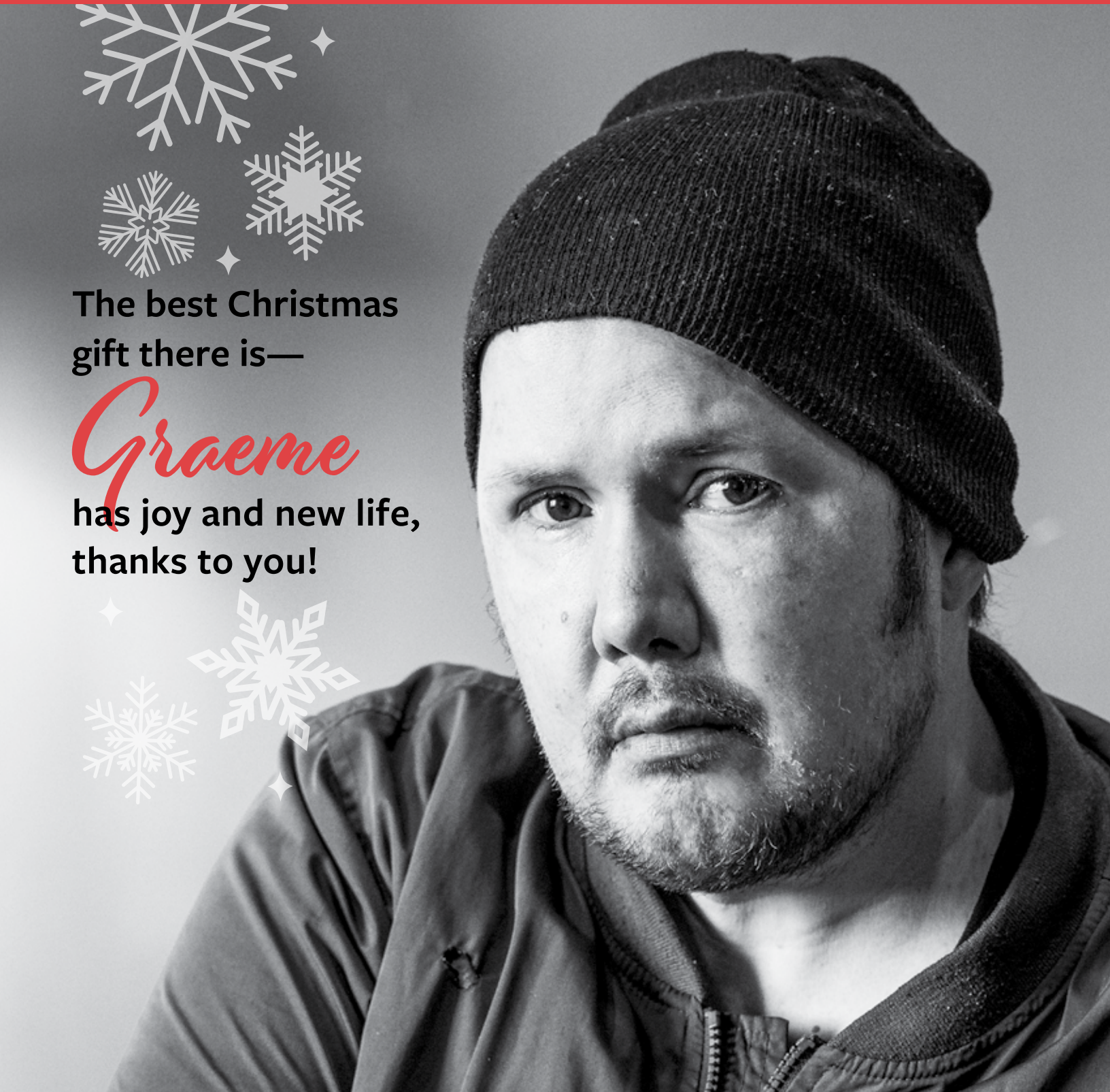
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The best Christmas gift there is—

Graeme

has joy and new life,
thanks to you!





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*Now, I have something **to live for.**”*

Graeme grew up in a world of abuse and chaos. “My family member was angry all the time. I was yelled at, hit and belittled,” he says.

No one knew his family member had undiagnosed bipolar disorder. All Graeme knew was that he didn’t feel cared for. He was heartbroken and angry, and when he was 12, he began numbing his pain with drugs. “It was an escape from the hurt inside.”

Eventually, his family member put him in foster care, but Graeme ran away and never went back. Over the years, his addiction escalated, landing him in trouble with the law and leaving him experiencing homelessness, sleeping on friends’ sofas.

Then he fell in love and started a family. He wanted to change his life for them and struggled to stay clean. But he relapsed again and again, and finally, his wife left. Graeme didn’t want to live anymore. “I didn’t care about anything. I was hopeless.”

Thankfully, he went to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. All those years, he’d been self-medicating, but doctors placed him on medications that stabilized his emotions. When he heard about Wheeler Mission, he felt like it was an opportunity to

pursue real change, and entered our Foundations program.

Since then, Bible studies, chapel services, and fellowship have transformed Graeme’s life. “When I got here, I had no clue what it meant to be a Christian. **They introduced me to Jesus Christ and now I’m saved!**”

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Now I wake up every morning with **a smile on my face.**



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Meanwhile, through work therapy, vocational training, and life skills classes, we’ve equipped him with everything he needs to lead a successful, independent life. And with the help of therapy and his bipolar medications, he continues growing emotionally strong.

Graeme is excited to celebrate the restored hope he has been given this Christmas—and wants YOU to know just how grateful he is. “Wheeler Mission gave me the foundation to rebuild my life. Now I’m a Christian man with something to live for. I have hope.”



Give 2X the help on GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 29

A Message from RICK ALVIS

The JOY that Comes from Christ

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting—today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance, and His grace offers renewal in our lives, as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the guests in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives—and wrap local men, women, and children in God's loving embrace.

Just like Graeme, whose story we've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

This Christmas, I hope your heart overflows with peace, joy, and love as your blessings abound.



Rick Alvis
President/CEO

SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL AND CARE!

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors who are experiencing hunger and homelessness. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and to experience God's love!



\$2.73

for 1 hot meal and care



\$11.99

for 1 night of safe shelter

CAN GIVE SOMEONE



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

May the Lord bless you abundantly this Christmas!



As we prepare our hearts for the miracle of Christmas, we just want to thank you for being a tremendous blessing in the lives of our hurting neighbors. **This year alone, your generosity has opened the door for healing and transformation through God's unending love by providing:**

- 318,112 nourishing meals
- 268,493 nights of safe shelter
- 416 guests' lives changed through completing a long-term program
- 10,832 individuals served by Wheeler Mission

Just as you have given generously to help Wheeler Mission meet our needs, may God meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory. *Thank you for your caring and compassion, and have a wonderful Christmas!*

You transformed hearts & lives this year!



“Before coming to Wheeler Mission I was broken, but now I’m healed!”



“I’m thankful to Wheeler Mission because they showed me love and gave me everything I needed to reach my goals.”

To read more stories of hope that YOU helped make possible, visit us at **WheelerMission.org/more-stories-to-love**. Thank you for caring about those in need, and may God bless you this Christmas!

Help stock our pantry for Christmas

We are always in need of donations of food and warm clothing, but Christmas is an especially busy time for us. Please consider making a donation of some of these much-needed items:

KITCHEN NEEDS

<i>Turkeys and hams</i>	<i>Cream of Mushroom soup</i>
<i>Boxes of stuffing</i>	<i>Milk</i>
<i>Bags of potatoes</i>	<i>Dinner rolls</i>
<i>Canned fruits and vegetables</i>	<i>Cool Whip</i>
<i>Fresh carrots, celery, and onions</i>	<i>Disposable cups and napkins</i>
<i>Coffee, creamer, and sugar</i>	<i>Paper towels</i>



SEASONAL NEEDS

<i>Cold medicine</i>	<i>Men’s and women’s pajamas</i>
<i>Cough drops</i>	<i>Hats, gloves, and socks</i>
<i>Heavy coats</i>	<i>Deodorant and soap</i>
<i>Thermal sets</i>	<i>Towels and washcloths</i>
<i>Winter pants and shirts</i>	<i>Twin-size sheets</i>
<i>New underwear, including extended sizes</i>	<i>Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen</i>
<i>Sweatpants</i>	

Please drop off your donations at our Men’s Residential Center at 245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or our Center for Men at 215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404.

Thank you!