



***The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. – Proverbs 16:9***

### **MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

My journey with LCGM started a few years ago as a volunteer for the “Grocery Rescue” program. For a year and a half, I picked up donated foods from our local Safeway and organized the food back at the Mission. My favorite part was putting away the breads since the pantry was located near the dining area. This allowed me the opportunity to talk to the guests and to get know them on a more personal level. I started to look forward to seeing my new friends and would find myself looking for them while driving through town.

The Lord abruptly changed my direction and stationed me at the Hub City Mission as coordinator of their food box ministry. Sometime in the spring of 2020, I felt myself being called back to LCGM. I even told one of my neighbors that I think God wants me to come back as the Director. However, I dismissed the idea. What did a paralegal know about running a mission?!

The Lord wasn’t going to allow me to shelve the idea. In August of 2020, I felt with a sense of urgency the call to sell my house in preparation of my pending career change. I called a realtor and signed a seller’s contract that same day. The Lord continued to guide me every step of the way. My home sold within a few weeks, the law firm cheered me on as I parted ways, and the perfect replacement stepped in for me at the Hub City Mission. And, of course, I did get offered the Director position at LCGM. The Lord aligned everything to fall neatly in place and I just felt peace that this was His will for my life.

I must say that each time I enter this simple red building, I immediately feel at home. It is my hope that every single person that enters our doors will feel the same way. Home should be where we feel safe, where we find food and clothing, and where we feel accepted and loved. Thank you to all who serve, donate and pray for LCGM. You are all helping to provide a home and sense of family for those that would otherwise be without.

*Tricia Ziese*

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## WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR LCGM...

As we look to our future, we know that it must include expanding on our line-up of services in order to heal the whole person: physically, mentally and spiritually. Without true transformation, we know that housing and other changes cannot be sustained. Our future efforts will be centered on mental health counseling and medication support, substance abuse counseling, career retraining, ministry, and one-on-one support for our guests.

## CINDY'S STORY.... A LIFE REDEEMED



Growing up, my life was surrounded by addiction and chaos. I lived back and forth between my father, who was an alcoholic, and my mother, who I had a strained relationship with. At age 10, I started following in my father's footsteps and I took up drinking and smoking cigarettes. The alcohol made me forget the pain and I wanted to continue chasing that feeling. My life changed for the worse the day that I was introduced to meth. I had no idea that it would claim the next 25 years of my life.

Meth completely took hold of and consumed me. It devastated all my relationships, including my family, and I found myself homeless for nearly 12 years. At my lowest point, I lived in a tent at the side of the road. I did not have one single friend. My spirit was completely crushed and I didn't think I had any future. I didn't even feel worthy of being alive.

That all changed the day I met a man named Lenny. He was the neighbor of a lady that I would often use drugs with. He befriended me and invited me to go to church with him. I followed him to church, even though I had been high at the time. I had always believed in God, but I had never felt like I could have a relationship with Him. I felt for sure that God couldn't love someone like me.

I am so grateful for all the people who kept telling me that I was worthy of His love. It was the kind-hearted volunteers at the missions that I frequented, including the Gather, Hub City Mission, and the Lewis County Gospel Mission, that made me feel like I was a real person. And of course, my friend Lenny, who believed in me and dared to invite a woman like me to church with him.

I will never forget the day that God healed me of my meth and alcohol addiction. I was completely broken and didn't want this kind of life anymore. I cried out to God and begged for him to take the addiction from me. By the next week I could not use any more and felt that I no longer wanted to. Not even cigarettes. The Lord had answered by prayer and had finally set me free!

*Riches and honor come from you.*

*You rule everything You have the power and strength in your hand!*

*And in your hands is the power to make anyone great and powerful!*

*- 1 Chronicles 29:12*

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