

## Dinner & Auction 2023

We were greatly blessed to have a successful Dinner & Auction on April 29, 2023. Good food, conversation, and the opportunity to share our blessings with the Mission made it a very rewarding evening!

The variety of silent auction items created some interesting competitions! From fishing gear, an outdoor hike, & vehicle alignments gift cert., to beautiful quilts and handmade wood worked items. The live auction items included an airplane ride, Mt. Rainier Cabin get-away, & some great furniture among many other items that generated interest!

Funds raised will help us purchase a new freezer and help in providing for the needs of our guests. We are so thankful for God's moving in the hearts of our generous supporters!

We can't thank enough the hard work of the volunteers & staff that helped make this event a success! We'd also like to thank the following businesses for their amazing support! **Community First Auto, Aaron's Furniture, KACS Radio, MailPlus Chehalis, Becky's Cabins at Mt. Rainier, Lucky Eagle Casino, Nelson's Furniture, and so many others!** We also want to thank **Centralia Christian School** for letting us host the event there and to **The Crowded Kitchen** for the amazing food that they served!

We are already looking forward to the 2024 Dinner & Auction. If you have any ideas, items that you would like to donate, or you would like to help with the Auction, please reach out to Janet at the Mission.



### Welcome to our new Executive Director!

Rollin Caryl has come out of retirement to serve the Mission. Rollin and his wife spent 10+ years in service at the Yakima Union gospel Mission before retiring in February of 2020.

Rollin and his wife, Debie, have three adult daughters, 8 grand children and 2 great-grandsons. They are actively involved in community in Montesano where they live. Debie is a para-pro working with challenged 4th graders at Simpson Grade School. Rollin is a firefighter/EMT with Montesano Fire Department and is serving a 4 year term on the Montesano City Council.

Rollin is excited to get to know our volunteers, supporters and those we serve in Lewis County! Everyone is welcome to come by and say "Hi".

## It is lunch time at the Mission!

Between breakfast, lunch and sack meals, the Mission served over 3100 meals in April this year. The Mission is the only location in Lewis County serving meals 7 days a week. The number vary greatly from the first of the month to the end of the month depending on when our guests receive their assistance such as EBT card monies.



### LUNCH TODAY! Enchilada sauce cooking!

Our kitchen is staffed by volunteers who are committed to making the best possible meals with what God has generously provided! I am always amazed by the appealing, nutritious, and flavorful meals that we serve our guests.

### Financial, "labor", and "gifting" opportunities:

- A.) We are still working on getting funds for a generator that will handle our facility during power outages.
- B.) We are actively planning an additional building to host most of the Mission's services. It will be built on the vacant lot next to the existing facility. The cost of this is greater than we first estimated. We are praying that many will come together with us & help provide for this needed addition. We need both financial assistance and labor assistance. Please contact Rollin for more information.



## Have you met our amazing kitchen manager- Jenny?

Jenny has been our kitchen manager since Sept. of 2020 and she has been doing a fantastic job! She makes sure there are volunteers & staff who are ready to fix and serve each meal. She keeps us inline as we follow all food safety regulations and that our food stocks are kept fresh and safe to use in the Mission. Jenny works the donated food items into her meal plans to best use our resources.

Like ALL of our staff and volunteers, Jenny Loves Jesus, has a heart for people, and works to spread the Gospel message to those we serve.

## **Ready for another day!**

**Here is our dining/day use area! It is all sanitized and mopped to start another day. We currently seat 50+ persons at a time and often serve over 70 persons at a single meal. God has truly blessed the Mission and our community, that we continue to have the resources to provide meals for that many persons in need!**



## **Service opportunities!**

### **Short Term Projects:**

- 1.) Cleaning up garbage that is in the empty lot. A truck to haul garbage to the transfer station will be necessary.
- 2.) The "back" side of the building has not been painted for several years. It needs to be painted to match the rest of the building.
- 3.) We have a number of areas inside of the building that need to have the paint refreshed.
- 4.) We have a drainage Ditch on the east side of the building that we need to lay perforated drain pipe in and then cover it with soil (for grass) or with crushed beauty rock..
- 5.) We are building some extra storage shelving in the "attic" area to take care of the some of the extra supplies and materials that we have.
- 6.) We have a "Wheelchair" ramp that either need to go to some one who can use it or be disassembled. Any takers?
- 7.) The door on the north end of the building needs to be moved over about 12 inches to line up better with the hall way. This will make it easier to move kitchen freight and other items in and out of the building.
- 8.) We have a number of "vents" that are not plumbed to the outside of the building.. This is most likely going to have to be done by a contractor.
- 9.) The Mission could use someone to do "yard care" around the building and the empty lot. It would include mowing, using a string trimmer, cleaning up garbage and debris once a week.

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