



Duluth Harbor Mission

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Thanking the Lord for 10 years provision 2016-2026

SPRING 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DULUTH HARBOR MISSION!



Duluth Harbor Mission is celebrating 10 incredible years providing lifesaving ministry by supplying short term immediate needs and eternal spiritual needs for men, women, and children surviving the effects of homelessness and poverty in the Twin Ports. Looking at our minutes, we see our first board meeting was February 29th, 2016! Actually, truth be told, it was in 2014 when I typed into my computer -how to start a non-profit. Then, in 2015 I called some smart friends who loved the vision and in 2016 had that first meeting. The following year in March of 2017, a generous donor laid out pictures of buildings for sale in the area stating, "Which one do you like, Veronica, I want to buy it for Duluth Harbor Mission." During those first two years we served one day a week out of a local church building. Really, all glory be to God, for the great thing He has done and continues to do! Because of generous support from people just like you, our team is able to spend ourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed. Because Duluth Harbor Mission does not receive government funding, we pray you know how important your help has been! It's been everything! Without public support and the support of 42 local churches, numerous businesses and private foundations, this impactful ministry would not exist. The Lord is using all of us to accomplish His desire to see lost souls come to know Him.

I would love to share our story with your group, church congregation, or yourself over a cup of coffee. Connect with me to schedule a time for you to hear more good news on how God uses willing vessels to impact the lives of hurting people. So many have told us that attempting suicide was their plan until they saw the neon sign JESUS SAVES in our window and came through the doors. Even after receiving housing many continue to visit. Why? Because on a daily basis they experience consistent love and truth. There is a true family atmosphere in this place, led by God's Holy Spirit. As I type these words, I am shaking my head as I recall untold numbers of lives that have been saved through this small little rescue shop five feet from hell.

I pray God continues to be glorified as we continue to serve Him! - Amen

Duluth Harbor Rescue Mission
Serving with dignity 2016-2026

Community supported, Duluth Harbor Rescue Mission serves 1000's of men, women, and children yearly who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. We have a focus on recovery from drug and other addictions. We counsel by using the Word of God, experiencing great results.

-To God be the Glory!

If you spend yourself on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will shine in the darkness.. Isaiah 58:10

REAL LIFE STORY:

Josh lives in the neighborhood and one day noticed the neon cross in the window. Due to the spirit of fear and anxiety because of a violent childhood where he endured abuses not mentionable, Josh could not bring himself to visit us. Then, one day Josh accepted an invitation from a friend to join him for lunch here at D.H.M. The two men continued to visit and then a beautiful thing happened; Josh came by himself! He told us later, "I watched and listened and saw you all really faithfully serve Jesus." He said he felt safe here and enjoys the conversations and ministry time. Josh visits numerous times a day now! He talks up a storm, he joins us during ministry hour, and he volunteers on call! He is attending services at a local church! It is a joy beyond words to see God's light in Josh's face, to see him smile and experience joy.

Friends, not everyone we serve is homeless or experiencing addiction issues. Many visit simply because they know they will be treated with dignity and can call us friends. This makes me so glad. This issue of -From the Director's Desk- covers how we help people who have safe housing yet are experiencing poverty.



This past winter was a busy one! On top of our regular day to day at the shelter we held three KIDS CAFE events!

***Duluth Zoo**

***Christmastime gingerbread house construction**

***Bowling**

Our summer hot lunch program will begin in June!

Kids Cafe is an opportunity for underprivileged children in our community to experience fellowship, a meal, fun and games with their neighbors during the winter months, as well as a hot lunch, tutoring, and arts and crafts with local retired schoolteachers, in the summertime.

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COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER

This year we will be hosting our 10th annual Community Easter Dinner on Saturday, April 4. We're planning for 250 men, women, and children. Your gift of \$50.00 will purchase 5 meals! Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful community opportunity!

If you desire to give a gift greater than \$50, Wonderful! We will use anything above the cost of our Easter meal to supplement our Kids Cafe and Summer Outreach Program.

Use the provided envelope to mail your Easter/ Summer support today. Thank you!



With a grant from the Sullivan-Hill family we have partnered with the Duluth School District to help homeless and underprivileged children! Children sit with their counselors and shop online for new clothes! Imagine, if you will - never having new clothes that you yourself have chosen! This program is a blessing beyond measure! If you would like to contribute to the Sullivan-Hill Children's Support Fund, please note your desire when you send your support.

DULUTH URBAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

DU-OP

In 2014 my husband Tom and I attended The New York School of Urban Ministry, where we were schooled on how to work with people experiencing homelessness. It was on that trip that we called out to God saying, "We want to do that in Duluth!"

I'm excited to announce we are kicking off DU-OP outreach program this year through Duluth Harbor Mission.

Here is a nice visual for you regarding how this will work: Currently, we have a youth group from Iowa scheduled to come to Duluth for mission work. During their visit, members of their group will volunteer at D.H.M. and throughout the city for one week. Along with working here at the mission, we plan to address the *entire group* one evening during their visit on effective and safe street outreach, then the next evening our team will guide them as we all engage in street ministry here in the Twin Ports.

If you or your group feel you are being led to go out on the streets for ministry and you're not sure how, or have questions, connect with me. I would love to help you get started!

"Quotes"

"You helped my son-
your grace helped our family."

"I come here because it's so
stable."

*Thank you for 10 years of prayer and
support.
In Christ's great love,*

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WHAT THE DIRECTOR IS UP TO

- Along with the day to day at D.H.M., I am volunteering at Aspirus Hospital in Duluth offering short times of fellowship to patients and continue to do prison ministry with my church family one day a month.
- I am thrilled to share that I leave for Cambodia in late May to work alongside Extreme Love Ministries' whose mission is rescuing children and women from sex-trafficking. This is an opportunity I am eternally grateful for, as for my heart is there.
- At the end of March, I will escort a small group to visit Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission and Moody Church. Pacific Garden Mission has been an inspiring ministry for me throughout the past 10 years! In my down time I am hanging out with my husband, family, church family. ❤️
- And, fyi, LADIES, I am planning a Jesus & Women wilderness retreat for the third weekend in Sept. If you would like more information give me a call! 😊



OUR PERPETUAL LIST OF NEEDS

- snack pack items
- blankets
- tennis shoes for men and women
- 10 inch paper plates
- loaves of bread and lunch meat
- t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans
- sleeping bags
- two man tents
- cases of water

