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Brayton Erickson Butte Rescue Mission Executive Director



# **REBUILDING LIVES**

Life is a journey filled with challenges, obstacles, and victories. With your unwavering support, we have helped countless individuals find hope, stability, and a new path forward. Together, we have walked alongside those in need, offering encouragement and resources to help them reclaim their lives.

#### Over the past year, we have seen lives transformed individuals taking their first steps out of despair, overcoming the steep climb of recovery, and reaching the summit of restoration.

As an organization, we have faced our own challenges—rising needs, limited resources, and the evolving landscape of homelessness in Montana. Yet, with faith and determination, we pressed forward, expanding our services and strengthening our programs. This past fall, we opened a Drop-In Center to provide a safe space and critical resources for those in need. Additionally, construction is underway on the Center of Hope, which will open in 2025, allowing us to serve more meals and expand our outreach. **Our ultimate goal is to work ourselves out of a job** — to ensure that homelessness and trauma are met with lasting solutions.

Looking ahead, we trust that God will continue to transform hearts and lives. As we address the root causes of homelessness and trauma, we remain committed to walking this path with faith, compassion, and perseverance. With His guidance, we move forward with hope, ready to embrace the road ahead.

With gratitude and hope,

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**Brayton Erickson** *Executive Director* Butte Rescue Mission



# OUR CORE VALUES

Our Vision is to see lives transformed and filled with hope as our community works together to fight homelessness, poverty, and addiction.

Our Mission is to Partner with Southwest Montana to feed, clothe, shelter, and restore hope to those in need through the lifechanging power of Jesus Christ.

We help anyone who is struggling with the trials of addiction, abuse, poor health, financial collapse, or any other problem that leads to homelessness. The Butte Rescue Mission is here to help anyone in need get back on their feet through teaching and discipling. We work hard to meet all their needs using our guide, **The Four Walls of Protection** to make sure every guests needs are appropriately met.



**FOOD:** We can not effectively care for anyone unless their basic needs for food are met. The body needs food to survive and many times people come to the Mission in need of the most basic necessities.

**SHELTER:** A warm place to stay the night is essential for a healthy lifestyle. Our climate is harsh and many people will suffer frostbite or worse if unable to find a warm place to stay.

**CLOTHING:** Being equipped with appropriate clothing is crucial for survival. We provide lightly used, clean clothing to anyone in need to keep everyone safely protected from the extreme elements.

**SUPPORT SERVICES:** Our support services include healthcare assistance, drop-in center support, and case management, ensuring that medical challenges, financial hardships, or lack of access to basic needs don't lead to homelessness.

# **ROBERT'S STORY**

Hi, my name is Robert aka "Bob T". When I was just 6 weeks old, I went through my first heart surgery. Then my second at age 12 and my last at 14. During my final heart surgery they put an artificial aortic valve in me. With an artificial valve you have to take warfarin (a blood thinner) for the rest of your life. At age 20, I thought I knew better than the doctors and stopped taking my blood thinners, which in turn caused a serious stroke. I was in the hospital for a month and then to rehab. My stroke symptoms were not getting better fast enough for me so I began drinking heavily. That wasn't doing the job so I "upgraded" to meth. That was where I hit rock bottom.

I stole in order to get my next fix. I needed something else in my life so I prayed to God Almighty. I prayed for something more and He pointed me to Butte Rescue Mission. My father and mother tried to help me. I wasn't at rock bottom at that point so I wasn't ready to accept help. I believe God just wanted my surrender, after I surrendered He really started working. He took away my addictions. Even smoking nicotine.

I have no need to do drugs or drink. Baby steps. Now, I have an apartment, I go to Celebrate Recovery and NA. I started hanging out with clean and sober friends. My family is speaking to me again. It's all from a small step and the LORD did the rest.

"I thought I knew better than the doctors, my choices led me to rock bottom. It wasn't until I surrendered to God that real change began. He took away my addictions, restored my family, and gave me a new life. One small step of faith led me to Butte Rescue Mission — and the Lord did the rest."

-Bob T, Restoration Program Graduate

# RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Restoration Program is a personalized, sober living program that is tailored to the individuals needs. With 3 imperative phases-**CONNECT**, **MAINTAIN**, and **STABILIZE** to help rebuild their lives. develop coping skills, and prepare for independent living in a safe and supportive environment. We offer men, women and families with children the opportunity to get back on their feet while learning new ways of coping with and overcoming trauma and equipping them with the tools they need to navigate a successful life outside the mission

40,527 Hours Life Advising, Programming, & Academics provided

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the street

Children kept off

32 Restoration **Program Graduates** 



**Families Participated** in the Family Program

"After 9 months of long, painful, hard work my children were placed back with me. I work a full-time job, I can provide a safe & loving home, I bought a car, and it all started with the love and compassion of the Butte Rescue Mission.'

-Amanda, Restoration Program Graduate

"I got a second chance. This time I did it differently. I was able to get more acquainted with my identity."



## EMERGENCY SHELTER

The Butte Rescue Mission's Low Barrier emergency shelter stands as a vital resource in our community, addressing the pressing needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. With Montana witnessing alarming increases in homelessness, including a staggering **551% RISE** in chronic patterns of homelessness from 2007 to 2023, the significance of emergency shelters like ours cannot be overstated.











#### **HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS**

BRM partners with **Southwest Montana Community Health Center** to provide free healthcare for the homeless two days per week on-site. This initiative ensures that individuals experiencing homelessness have access to essential medical services, helping to address both immediate and long-term health concerns. By offering care in a familiar and accessible location, BRM and Southwest Montana Community Health Clinic work together to improve health outcomes and support the well-being of the community's most vulnerable members.



# FOOD SERVICES

Butte Rescue Mission Food Services is dedicated to ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry. We provide warm, nutritious meals every day to individuals and families in need, offering not just food but also a sense of hope and support through community style meals. In addition to daily meals, we offer emergency food assistance and partner with local organizations to address food insecurity in Butte. We provide **daily meals**, **to-go sack lunches**, **emergency food boxes**, and offer a free-food pantry available for anyone in need when we have a surplus of donations.





Breakfast: 6:30 - 7:00am Lunch: 12:00 - 12:30pm Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30pm

"The support the Butte Rescue Mission gave us in the midst of our struggles gave us the hope we needed to make it this far. Thank you for helping us save our lives!"

-Jeanette, BHPSS & Angela, Restoration Program Graduates

#### 2025 AT BUTTE RESCUE MISSION:

### DROP-IN CENTER

The Drop-In Center, launched by BRM in Fall 2024, provides **a supportive space for individuals struggling with mental health or sobriety.** Open to all, it fosters community and recovery through activities like arts and crafts, group exercise, and support groups.

Certified behavioral health peer support specialists are on staff to offer encouragement & guidance, ensuring everyone feels welcome and supported. The center is more than just a gathering place—it's a nurturing environment where individuals can connect with others, explore their creativity, and develop tools for growth.

In just a few months, the Drop-In Center has achieved incredible results, helping people leave the streets and seek support through the Restoration Program—**and with its expansion in 2025,** the impact will only grow stronger.

"A WELCOMING SPACE FOR GROWTH, CONNECTION, AND SOBRIETY."



CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS GROUP CLASSES & ACTIVITIES



# NEW PROGRAMS, MORE IMPACT CENTER OF HOPE



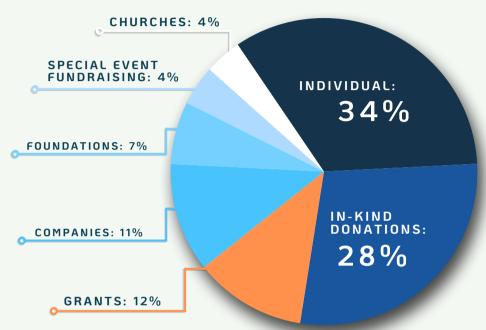
The demand for the Butte Rescue Missions services continue to increase every day. We have to do something to help meet the needs of our community. Converting the spacious 10,000 square foot storage building on our campus will vastly increase our capacity.

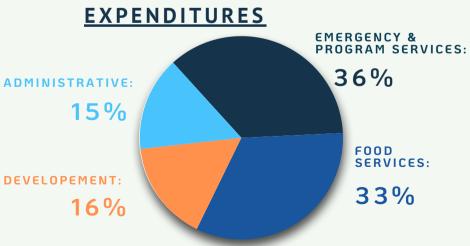
- Moving administrative offices out of the women's shelter and into The Center of Hope expanding the capacity of the family shelter.
- Additional 1300 sq ft of dining hall space will double food service capacity.
  - Private rooms for counseling and for FREE Healthcare for the Homeless services.
- Expanded dining hall to double as educational group meeting space, and cold weather overflow.



#### **STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY** VALUE OF MINISTRY AND FINANCIALS

#### <u>REVENUE</u>





"Looking back, I am grateful for the life-changing program offered at the Butte Rescue Mission, which has allowed me to rebuild and thrive again."

-Kayla, Restoration Program Graduate

# STAY CONNECTED

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# View**SPARK**



Butte Rescue Mission has teamed up with ViewSpark in order to stay better connected with our friends and followers.

ViewSpark is a platform that allows nonprofits like BRM to capture and share real-time content. We can take a photo or video during lunch at the mission, write a short message, & immediately share it with supporters

like you. This raw, real content gives a behind-the-scenes look at what is happening at the Mission in that exact moment. If you decide to sign up, you will receive 2 to 4 messages per month helping you stay up-to-date with the Mission.

You will also have the opportunity to directly respond to the text message allowing for better communication between us and further building relationships with our friends and neighbors in our community.

## "Bringing supporters into the inner circle."



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## RESTORING HOPE, REBUILDING LIVES



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106,582 Meals Served in 2024

18,114 nights of Shelter 661 individuals received Shelter



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individuals sustained sobriety

77 guests obtained addiction recovery

Families Participated in the Family Program

**28** Children kept off the street

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