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*Caring For
The
Hungry,
Hurting
And
Homeless
In Our
Community
Since 1970*

Changing Lives



Ron Welch

Greetings. I'm Ron, I'm 57 and I am an alcoholic. I arrived here at the mission in May of this year, after yet another alcohol fueled debacle that started & ended in Yellowstone National Park after 13 days of drinking.

For me this was yet other job lost because of the bottle. I also spent the first night in Jackson in the hospital, suffering from alcohol withdrawals. That was at least the twelfth time

since 2004 that my addiction has put me in a hospital emergency room.

Although I am no stranger to periods of sobriety, ranging from 2 months up to 11 months, finally putting the Lord in charge of my life has given me a hope of not only maintaining sobriety, but also instilling a purpose to become a "kinder, gentler" Ron. Caring not only for myself but for the welfare of our fellow men and women in my life has now become a clearer focus and priority.

Of course, life is still and will always be a trial. But with the Lord on my side all negative issues can and will be overcome. Now I actually enjoy looking forward to waking up on the right side of the dirt every morning.

God bless,

Ron Welch

Your Generous Donations Provide

In 2016 The Good Samaritan Mission provided:

16,547 meals to the hungry in our community.

9,164 nightly bed stays in our shelter.

15,076 pounds of food through the children's Totes of Hope program.

67,679 pounds of food to needy families in our community.





Chuck Fidroeff
Executive Director

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From The Desk Of The Director

It is such a blessing to a part of lives being changed. Someone comes in with an alcohol or drug problem and a year later they leave clean and sober. Someone needs a place to stay temporarily and after staying with us for a few months they find a place. Someone paid their rent, car payment, or utility bill and found nothing left for food so they come to the Good Samaritan Mission and received enough to get them by until their next payday. Have you ever thought that you could someday be in a position like some of our guests? What if? Then think about what if there was no Good Samaritan Mission...

We thank you, Jackson Hole community, for your support since 1968 to make sure there is a place for the hungry, hurting and homeless in our community. Old Bill's Fun Run is coming up and through it, we receive about 1/3 of our support. So please, right now, go to <https://www.cfjacksonhole.org/old-bills/> and send in a significant gift to make sure the Good Samaritan Mission is here for future generations.

We have plans now to build up (if we receive city approval) so we could have some employee housing. We are also praying about housing for women with children (maybe two rooms). Our building was built to be able to build a second story (third if you count the basement). We just have to get a variance because we haven't any parking. Projects like these get our donors excited. They can see tangible changes in the building and the countless blessings that come from these changes. In the last few years, we have a new roof, new windows, a remodeled kitchen, a drink machine and a new salad bar. Now let us build up if we receive the approval and money to move forward on other projects.

All these building improvements are necessary but the most important changes at the Good Samaritan Mission happen in the hearts of the men and women that come to us. They are rebuilt from the inside out to be better citizens, more productive, more responsible and some even choose to follow Jesus as their Lord. Give now to make sure they have a place to stay and become the people that God intended them to be.





Old Bill's Fun Run For Charities

Twenty years ago, an anonymous, philanthropic couple, fondly known as Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill, envisioned a collaborative event that would support all local nonprofits and provide both competition and entertainment. For the first time, organizations came together in an efficient, unified fundraiser that raised awareness of community needs. Over the last two decades, more than \$133 million has been raised for local organizations, and it has inspired similar events around the country.

One of the most innovative fundraisers in the nation, Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities is also one of the most successful: in 2016, the event raised \$12,150,629 from nearly 3,774 donors. Since 1997, this event has raised an astounding \$133 million, which supports community causes such as boosting education, helping underprivileged community members, and supporting local conservation efforts.

Today, one out of every three households participates in this festive, casual event and its associated six-week giving period. Whether it's \$9 from a piggy bank or \$9 million from a hedge fund, all gifts are important and impact the community.

Please support the work being done at the Good Samaritan Mission by making your donation through Old Bill's by 5 pm on Friday, September 15th, 2017. Donating is easy. Just go to: www.cfjacksonhole.org Click on Donate and follow the directions to designate the Good Samaritan Mission as a recipient of your donations. Thank you in advance for your support of the Good Samaritan Mission through Old Bill's 2017 Fun Run for Charities.

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Needs For The Mission

- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Bulk Hamburger
- Bulk Pinto Beans
- Bulk Long Grain Rice
- Coffee
- Work Gloves
- Warm Socks
- Sleeping Bags



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