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Dubuque Rescue Mission

WINTER
2026

Our leadership team:

- **Rev. Samuel Felderman**
Executive Director
- **Jeff Lenhart**
Advocacy & Outreach Manager
- **Rachel Boeke**
Program Manager
- **Will Pearsall**
Resident Manager
- **Carrie Gildersleeve**
Garden Manager
- **Kim Miller**
Store 1 Manager
- **Nicole Danti**
Store 2 Manager
- **Grant Cashman**
Transitional House Manager
- **Luke Benson**
Accountant
- **Clarissa Klostermann**
Food Systems Coordinator
- **Alan Johnson**
Case Manager
- **Brian Willing**
Warming/Cooling Center Manager
- **Hannah Grove**
Care Coordinator



“All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ...”

~~ Rule of Benedict, 53.1

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Dear friends,

Happy New Year! From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank each one of you for the support that you showed the Rescue Mission in 2025. I give thanks each day for the generosity, compassion and prayers that you have given to us over this last year.

Almost one year ago today I stepped foot into the DRM for the first time to have an informal conversation about the possibility of me applying for the position of executive director. I did not imagine then all the challenges and opportunities and amazing connections I would make serving in this role.

Over the course of 2025, we were at almost capacity for every month of the year; meaning we averaged between 80 and 85 men in residence at our five locations across downtown Dubuque. We averaged just over 200 meals a day and in the third and fourth quarters of the year we averaged a service of over 4,000 meals a month. Beyond food and shelter, we also expanded our case management. We are excited to have hired a care coordinator, specifically to oversee the medical needs of our community and to assist with transitions into group homes, sober living facilities, and nursing care centers.

As we look into 2026, I'm excited to announce that we have allocated over \$300,000 in our budget for new job development programming, including the hiring of a new job development coordinator who will be working with our men to help address barriers to successful and meaningful work as well as providing on the job training access to internships and education.

We have a specific request for all of you reading this: It costs the DRM \$47.82 per day, or 334.74 per week, per resident, to provide the services that we do. We are asking people of goodwill to consider

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In November, the team from the **University of Dubuque Wendt Character Initiative** came and donated a BIG tote full of food, cleaning supplies, and thank-you cards for our team!

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Working together, I believe that 2026 can be the brightest and best year that we have had and that through collaboration and partnership, we will be able to create a fair and just community, where all are sheltered, all are fed, and none are forgotten.

Thank you again for your care and support in 2025. I look forward to our continued partnership in this new year.

Peace and good,

Rev. Samuel Felderman



The Mobile Medical Unit team from **MercyOne Dubuque** comes to the Mission twice a month to provide blood pressure & blood sugar readings and other services for individuals!



Each year, the Sisters of the Presentation invite our residents and staff to their location, for a Christmas luncheon! After eating, we sing Christmas carols, and each person receives a gift bag filled with lots of goodies, and each resident receives a brand-new coat!



Reverend Charlotte Eversoll from **Faith Lutheran Church** in Cuba City, WI, stopped at the Mission in December to donate some food! While at the Mission, she made time to meet with a young man and pray with him!

My name is Hannah and I am the new care coordinator at the Dubuque Rescue Mission. I come to the position with 10+ years of caregiving experience, ranging from working with adults with disabilities, to end of life care, and my personal experience of navigating our healthcare system.

I started working at the Mission, in the garden, last March. As I got to know some of our residents, I felt the Mission needed to add someone to assist with care coordination, because I met several people who had been residing with us for years, past our recommended stay of 4 months. Many individuals were noted to have a disability that would entitle them to services from safety net programs.

Navigating state and federal benefit systems can be very difficult, and it is easy for people to fall through the cracks. In this new position, I now work to help identify what programs a person may be eligible for and to help them access the care and services they are entitled to. I have been working closely with Medicaid case managers to get further help for some individuals. The experience of homelessness, compounded with a disability, can be devastating to a person's mental health, and puts them at higher risk of death. This is why it is so vital to partner with organizations and individuals for people who walk through our doors each day, needing immediate help.

Currently, I am in the process of working with _____ (continued on page 4)

Project Wishlist: New Wrap for Box Truck

Help us replace the cracked, peeling wrap on our box truck! Total cost is \$5,000 to remove and replace the wrap. If you are interested in supporting this project, contact Alyssa at alyssa@dbqrescue.org or (563) 291-6185.

Our trucks are used for picking up and delivering donations and purchases from our thrift stores, serving as a key fundraising tool for our organization.



Our truck with cracked, peeling wrap, will cost \$5,000 to replace.



Our second truck with new wrap, thanks to Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency and Big River Sign Company.

Additional Ways to Support Us

Retirement Distributions:

Donations may be made to qualified charities out of your retirement account. Talk to your tax advisor about directing a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) or your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to the Dubuque Rescue Mission.

Create Your Legacy: You can ensure future support of our neighbors in need by including the Dubuque Rescue Mission as a beneficiary of your will or trust. Talk to your attorney about establishing a plan tailored to your wishes.

Amazon Wishlist: Another way to give is via our Amazon wish list, where items are delivered directly to us.



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several of our residents to initiate rehabilitation services, which will allow them to be served in a group home setting, assisted living facilities, and other supportive housing options. I have also worked alongside social workers at one of our local hospitals, to find nursing home placements for an elderly man who became homeless due to years of being financially victimized online. It is my hope that, as this year unfolds, we will be able to assess the needs of our residents immediately upon intake, allowing us to ensure that those with long-term medical concerns can begin the process of getting them the services they need to flourish!

Thank you to all for your prayers and support. May 2026 be a blessing to us all.

Rest and Peace,

Hannah Grove



*Paige Lampe and her team at **Marquette Catholic Schools** in Bellevue came to the Mission in December! They served dinner, handed out gift bags for everyone, and sang Christmas carols!*



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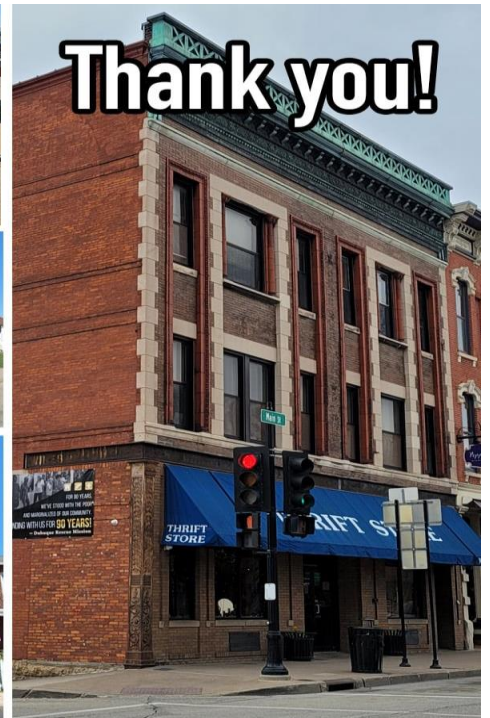


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Dubuque Rescue Mission Thrift Store #1

398 Main Street

563-583-3343

HOURS:

Mondays – Fridays

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dubuque Rescue Mission Thrift Store #2

998 Central Avenue

563-587-8164

HOURS:

Tuesdays – Fridays

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We can pick up your furniture donations, also!