

NOTE LOCATION AND TIMES!

Saturday October 7, 2017

LOCATION: Tri-City Union Gospel Mission 112 North 2nd Avenue Pasco, Washington 509-547-2112

9:45 a.m. - Check in

10:00 a.m. - Tour Begins

Tour will last about an hour.

NOTE: Closed-toe shoes are required for the tour.

There is no charge for this site visit, but space is limited so get your reservation in soon.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

For planning purposes, reservations must be received by October 2. Send an email to <u>panda 2@charter.net</u> with your name, phone number and company affiliation.

For more information about ASQ Section 614and other upcoming events: <u>www.asq614.org</u>

Please consider making a donation to the Mission – food, clothing, household items and monetary donations are always appreciated (and tax-deductible). October 7, 2017 American Society for Quality Columbia Basin Section 614





Site Visit and Tour Tri-City Union Gospel Mission 112 North 2nd Avenue - Pasco, Washington

The Tri City Union Gospel Mission began serving Benton and Franklin counties over 57 years ago. Their mission today is to serve homeless and impoverished people in southeast Washington and northeast Oregon communities so that they may be transformed to become contributing members of society.

The need for rescue, recovery and restoration is growing each year. Below are a few statistics to help better understand the needs and people the Mission serves.

- 2,082 unsheltered homeless individuals in southeastern Washington recorded on a single day point-in-time count
- 232 with chronic substance abuse issues
- 158 homeless veterans
- Over 30,000 live below the poverty line many a paycheck away from being homeless
- Over 800 homeless children reported in Benton and Franklin counties alone

In 2016, the Mission, through generous donations of goods, time and money from many supporters, was able to favorably impact over 3000 men, women and children. Over 73,000 hot, nutritious meals were served and more than 33,000 nights of shelter provided.

Rescue is all about meeting the immediate needs of someone when they walk through the doors of the Mission. They don't know where to get food, they don't have a bed to sleep in, they need clothes, they need a shower, etc. After someone has been at the Mission for a while, when they can breathe a little bit and are feeling better about themselves, then some of the layers can be peeled back to learn more about their lives and what actually brought them to the Mission. By addressing underlying issues, work can begin to deal with obstacles and helping them reverse course.

The Mission also offers programs designed to free those living a life of dependency or addiction, and to help them transition them toward independence. Both transitional housing and an after-care programs are offered.

Join us October 7 for a special tour at the Mission. We will visit many of the areas where clients are served and will learn more about the Mission's philosophy and future plans.

Please consider bringing some food, clothing or household items to donate. For a list of the most urgent needs at this time: <u>http://www.tcugm.org/needs</u>.