

Long Beach Rescue Mission

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Helping the Homeless • Changing Lives

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A Message From Robert Probst

Healing broken lives is like baking a very complicated cake. You need exactly the right ingredients. You must mix them in a very specific order. Then, you have to allow time for them to bake at the proper temperature.

Miss a step or omit a vital ingredient and you're risking disaster.

Here at the Mission, we're not just healing lives: we're healing minds and bodies destroyed by alcohol, addiction and neglect. We're restoring souls wounded by abuse and abandonment. The ingredients are not complicated: food, shelter, time, encouragement, counseling, care and a huge helping of God's love.

But there are no short cuts, no substitutions.

This Thanksgiving season, many broken bodies and souls will come here to the Mission. Whether you volunteer your time, take part in a special event, donate food or send a gift, you play a vital role in making them whole again.

Let the healing begin!

Serving with you,

Robert Probst
Executive Director

“The best of both worlds”



Louie is a hard worker who has always paid his own way. When he was laid off a job delivering auto parts, he found work as a security guard. When that job ended, he began applying everywhere he could think of...for three years!

Without work, he couldn't pay his rent. For a while, he stayed with friends. His inability to find a job also led to depression, and Louie began getting treatment at Harbor UCLA. “The depression was overwhelming. **I didn't know what to do...where to go...or who to talk to.** There was a lot of fear. Luckily, I was referred to the Mission!”

When Louie came to the Mission as a bed guest, he learned about our long-term New Life recovery program.

In addition to classes, chapel, Bible study and counseling, Louie began working at our Thrift Store on West Anaheim.

“It feels good to be back at work... to be useful. People who've never been homeless don't realize how much you lose...when I get off work, I come home to the Mission, I have dinner, I can take a shower and put on some clean clothes, I can relax and read. It's a safe place!”

“The people are kind and compassionate. They don't just read the Bible to us, they explain it in living terms.” **Louie is also grateful to the donors who support the Mission.** “There are so many people who I don't know that have helped me – it's just overwhelming!”

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146: 7

This season, thank you for providing:

- 54,000 meals
- 10,800 nights of shelter

Your gifts are the fuel that enables us to bring hope and help to hungry, homeless neighbors.

"You are my sunshine..."



The Mission has received a grant for a solar panel system from the Port of Long Beach. The new solar technology is expected to save significant costs in utilities, which will allow the Mission to provide thousands of extra meals and other services to the homeless community!

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Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at www.LBRM.org.

Save the Date - Dec. 10

Mark your calendar now to join us for the Mission's very first Fundraising Gala, *Your Light Matters*.

We'll gather at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach on December 10 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the great works accomplished here at the Mission thanks to your support.

For reservations, tickets or more information, contact **(562) 591-1292**.



Tell a friend about...

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

We are grateful that you work with us to end hunger and homelessness year round!

So Nov. 15-23 is a great time to encourage others – friends, family and coworkers – to join you, and help fix the problems that cause hunger and homelessness by volunteering,

Thanksgiving Shopping List

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we need your help to get ready. It would be a great blessing if you could buy one or more of these items and drop them off at the Mission.

Please drop off donations at the Samaritan House, 1335 Pacific Ave., Long Beach from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call **(562) 591-1292** for more information. Thank you!



organizing a clothing or food drive, or making a special donation to the Mission.

If you're on Facebook or Twitter, **please, urge friends to help**. You can even give them our website address, www.LBRM.org, as a place to get more information. THANKS!



Breakfast, Lunch or Thanksgiving Dinner – Still Just \$2.20!

Some of us still remember when a soda was 5¢. Or a time when you could get a burger for a quarter. These days, a plain cup of coffee can set you back \$2 or more!

But here at Long Beach Rescue Mission, you can still provide a hot, wholesome, home-cooked meal for just \$2.20.

We'll be serving a lot of those great meals this Thanksgiving season, including hundreds of festive Thanksgiving Dinners with turkey and all the trimmings!

Your \$2.20 gift can provide a meal that's a turning point in the life of a person who's lost all hope, along



with the care and counseling that helps end homelessness and addiction.

If you think that's amazing, imagine what a gift of \$25 or \$50 or even \$100 can do!

Please share your blessings by making a special gift today to feed and begin to change the lives of as many people as possible. Use the enclosed envelope, or make a safe, secure donation on our website at www.LBRM.org. THANK YOU!