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**Long Beach Rescue Mission** Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives



### FROM **Desperation** TO *Hope*

Diana had worked hard all her life, but when she was stricken with a respiratory disorder, she couldn't work anymore. Suddenly, she found herself homeless.

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT,  
you share new hope with people like Diana





# Safe Harbor Club

## Committed to changing lives!

Through their monthly gifts, generous members of the Mission's Safe Harbor Club provide the regular support needed for us to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the lost and destitute men, women, and children who come through our doors.

We invite you to become a monthly giver by joining this extraordinary group.

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To learn more, visit **LBRM.org** and click on "Ways to Help/Safe Harbor Club," or call **(562) 591-1292**.

### A Message from Robert Probst

## SHARING HOPE STARTS HERE

### What does it look like to share hope?

Compared to a plate of nourishing food or a warm blanket, it's often hard to visualize how hope changes lives.

But for the homeless and hurting people you're helping through your gifts, hope is transforming their lives in very tangible ways.

Take Diana, who's featured in this issue – at her lowest point, she turned to us. She didn't know if a new life was even possible.

Meals, shelter and care changed Diana's life from the inside out. Experiencing God's love showed her that a new life is possible. She began believing in a better future – and began living that life every day!

**When you see Diana today, you see hope... made real in her life through your generosity.**

Just as Christ shared hope with

you and me through His glorious resurrection on Easter; you share His hope with men and women through your prayers, your acts of service and your generous financial support of this ministry.

Thank you for sharing with our community's homeless – and for making Long Beach Rescue Mission a refuge of encouragement and hope for everyone in need.



Serving with you,

**Robert Probst**  
Executive Director

### THIS IS ARTURO.



You'd never guess that Arturo once believed all hope for his life was gone... until he came to the Mission.

There are so many like Arturo – in need of new hope for a new life.

**You can give new hope this Easter by sharing meals, shelter and God's love with homeless and hungry people.**

A meal is just \$2.20!

Give online at **LBRM.org**. Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING NEW HOPE WITH HURTING PEOPLE IN LONG BEACH!



# “God *breathes* every breath for me.”

It was business as usual when Diana went to work one day at the Vons deli. **“I was doing lots of lifting and all of a sudden I couldn’t breathe,”** she says. “I was hospitalized for eleven days, on oxygen, diagnosed with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease).”

Diana couldn’t return to work and, before long, had gone through all her savings. Then, she was evicted. However, a friend of hers knew the Supervisor of our Women’s New Life Program. “She called the Mission and the next day we were on our way here,” Diana says. **“God is good. He takes care of us.”**

Since entering the program, Diana’s faith has grown even stronger through daily devotions and Bible studies. “I’ve learned more about the Bible in the six months I’ve been here than I knew for 35 years of being a Christian,” she says.

Diana has also undergone physical transformation by training with Up And Running Again, an organization that

*“We have a year to know God better, to learn how He wants us to live, and to change.”*

partners with the Mission to train our clients. “You walk five minutes, run five minutes and build up to 13.1 miles. I completed that... with COPD!” she says. **“When I got here, I couldn’t walk down the street without my whole body aching for lack of oxygen. Now to be able to jog is amazing.** God breathes every breath for me.”

Diana plans to complete the New Life Program and go back to work. “I don’t know what my capabilities are with COPD, but here, I have the freedom to learn,” she says. “I know God will give me something.”

Diana is a widow with no children, but the other women in the program have become like family. “When one person hurts, another person hurts. When somebody gets an apartment or a job, we’re happy for her,” she says. **“God is working through the people here and lives are being changed.”**



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EASTER CELEBRATION

# EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

Will you join in and set more places at our table for hungry people this Easter? We need your help!

Just look at our needs this Easter season:

**46,333 meals**  
for men, women & children

And there's no way we can serve them without you!



## DONATE FOOD & EASTER BASKET GOODIES

Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items:

- Ham
- Milk
- Margarine
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Canned yams
- Cupcakes
- Plastic Easter eggs
- Bibles
- Storybooks
- Candy
- Coloring books
- Small toys
- Small stuffed animals
- Hair accessories
- Novelty school supplies
- Stickers
- Bubbles
- Sports balls



Drop off donations at the Mission, 1335 Pacific Ave. in Long Beach, 7 days a week from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thank you!

Don't have time to shop?

 **DONATE NOW!**


 **(562) 591-1292**

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## VOLUNTEER

You can help from now until Easter Sunday. Contact Bethany Miller:

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**46,333**  
meals



**7,200**  
nights of shelter

**VISIT US ONLINE** to learn more about our outreach, read stories of hope & securely donate anytime!

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