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FROM TIJUANA TO LONG
BEACH RESCUE MISSION,
A WOMAN NAMED HOPE...
FOUND HOPE!

Today, through your gifts and prayers,
she has a joyous new life and a heart
of thanksgiving!

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“THIS PLACE HAS CHANGED ME.”

After an upbringing void of love, an addiction and a divorce, Hope found herself stranded in Mexico with her six children. She was led there by an abusive ex-boyfriend, a man she met after her divorce.

She struggled to provide food for her kids. She worked setting up a taco truck, cutting cabbage, any work she could find. A full day's work would earn her, at most, \$10.

But her kids were starving. Her ex-husband agreed to bring four children back to America and care for them. But life didn't get any easier for Hope and her two babies.

Her abusive ex-boyfriend had stolen her ID and paperwork, and he told her that there was a warrant for her arrest in America. She was worried if she came to the U.S., she would be arrested and her kids would be taken away from her.

Finally, her brother helped Hope and her two children escape from Mexico. When she got back to America, she found out there was never a warrant.

She tried to live a sober life, but the horrors from the years she spent in Mexico haunted her and drove her back to her destructive habits. Hope never wanted to talk about what happened...

Until she got to the Mission. **“I believe that God brought me here,”** she says. She thought she could never forgive herself for what she did to her kids. But when she learned that God forgave her, her life started to change.

“WHEN I WALKED THROUGH THESE DOORS, I THOUGHT I WAS A LOUSY MOTHER... BUT THEY TOLD ME DIFFERENTLY.”

Hope learned she had worth. **“Here, you're not put down or belittled. You're not an addict. Here, you're God's child.”**

Today, with a heart of Thanksgiving, Hope wants to give hope to others. **“I want to give back what was given to me.”**



THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Our guests may never meet you, but their hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving for the care and opportunities you provide every day!



54,000 MEALS



10,800 BEDS



THOUSANDS OF HOURS
OF TRAINING, COUNSELING & PRAYER

SUPPORT SPOTLIGHT

Working together

to transform our Long Beach community



Our gratitude goes out to Bank of America, who has recently joined us as a supporter, financially through its charitable foundation, as well as in its ongoing volunteer activities.



"Bank of America is proud to partner with Long Beach Rescue Mission to help people who are experiencing homelessness get off the streets and onto a path of financial stability," said Raul A. Anaya, Los Angeles market president, Bank of America.

THANK YOU
TO OUR PARTNERS!

A MESSAGE FROM ROBERT PROBST



*Your heart of Thanksgiving...
brings a harvest of joy!*

The human need for food is fundamental and has remained the center of our ministry outreach for more than 45 years. **But the people who turn to Long Beach Rescue Mission hunger for more than a meal.** Their emptiness extends to all areas of their lives.

Their spirits are tired of searching for something to believe in. They lack the training to change their dead-end paths. Friends and loved ones have long since turned their backs. They come to us hungry, homeless, broken and alone – and through your kind compassion, we fill their plates with hope... and their hearts with thanksgiving.

From faith-based counseling to life-skills courses and vocational training, **your gifts and prayers empower men, women and families** to overcome troubled circumstances and rebuild lives that are stable, meaningful and a blessing to their communities.

As we look forward to serving our less-fortunate neighbors this holiday season, **I pray you will continue to demonstrate your heart of thanksgiving.** Your ongoing partnership will bring a harvest of joy to men, women and children who are longing for hope. God bless you for your gift today and throughout the months ahead.

Serving with you,

Robert Probst
Executive Director

LONG BEACH
RESCUE MISSION
2018 GALA

You're Invited!

WHEN

Friday, May 4
5:30 p.m.

WHERE

Hotel Maya
700 Queensway Drive
Long Beach, CA 90802

Please join us in celebrating the thousands of lives restored during the Mission's 45 years of service, and in looking ahead to give to those still in need.

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