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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

Your gifts save lives and inspire hope for people like Marquin.

# A Life TRANSFORMED

Marquin grew up getting drunk and fighting. He couldn't have guessed that he'd have to lose everything to find a new life.



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**M**arquin remembers when he was just four years old, listening to his parents fight in the other room. He was so frightened that he started to shake. “From then on, any time there was pressure, I’d shake,” he says. **“A junior high friend told me to try wine or beer and it made me stop shaking. That’s how I started drinking.”**

Marquin’s habit escalated over the years, earning him a 16-month prison term for DUIs, and landing him in serious fights. “I got my jaw broken twice, and a guy shot me in the femur so I walk with a limp, but I kept on doing the same things over and over,” he says.

Eventually, Marquin wound up homeless and began staying at our shelter off and on. “Every time I came, they asked if I wanted to join the program, but I wasn’t ready,” he says.

By the time he entered our New Life Program, Marquin was weak and tired. **“I’d been losing weight and I looked terrible, but they gave me a place to**

**sleep and regular meals,”** he says. And the help didn’t stop there. “I also got a lift inside my boot so I don’t limp so badly. I got my teeth fixed and I got glasses, too.”

Marquin has also grown spiritually since coming to the Mission. **“I started believing in the Lord and He began doing a work in me,”** he says. “I’m doing things right now and thanking Jesus.”

Marquin, who graduated from our program and has been sober for 15 months, recently qualified for Section 8 housing and received the key to his one-bedroom Long Beach apartment with plans to move in on April 1. He continues attending church and Celebrate Recovery. “The Mission gave me the chance to start over,” he says. **“I’ve got peace now.”**

**WITH YOUR HELP,** Marquin and others like him are finding that God’s hope and healing are for everyone, regardless of their past or circumstances. Thank you for your generous support!

*“I didn’t care about anything. All I wanted to do was drink.”*

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Have you ever asked yourself what it must be like to be really hungry and not know where you'll find your next meal? Or to be tired and not know where you'll find a safe place to sleep?

The people who come to Long Beach Rescue Mission know these feelings and fears well. Often, when they arrive at the Mission, they're worn out and beaten down. We're their last resort.

And it's only because of you that we're able to help.

When they walk through our doors, we see their expressions change. We see their relief and gratitude in knowing a nourishing meal and a warm bed await them.

We saw that look on Marquin's face. In this issue's cover story, you'll hear his testimony of how being part of our New Life Program healed and transformed his life.

There are hundreds of people like Marquin in the greater Long Beach area still in need of help. Your support is what makes it possible for us to provide them with vital assistance.

That's why our **2017 Emergency Drive** to fight hunger and homelessness is so critical!

This month alone, your gift will help us provide 23,166 meals and 3,600 nights of shelter for struggling men, women and children in our community. **We can meet their needs because of you and your faithful support.**

Thank you for giving to bring new hope to countless lives forever.

Serving with you,



Robert Probst  
Executive Director

## Emergency Drive to save lives



One nourishing meal for a hungry child: **Just \$2.20**



One night of shelter for a homeless woman: **Just \$10.00**



One day of healing for a man struggling with addiction: **Just \$100.00**

**With your help today, we'll meet their needs!**

When you give your most generous gift to our **2017 Emergency Drive**, you'll bring healing and hope to our community's hungry and homeless!

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

**Thank you for bringing life-saving help and inspiring hope in hurting lives!**



You don't have to go far to find people in desperate need of help. They're right here in the greater Long Beach area.

**This Memorial Day, our 97-day summer campaign to help our community's homeless and hungry begins.**

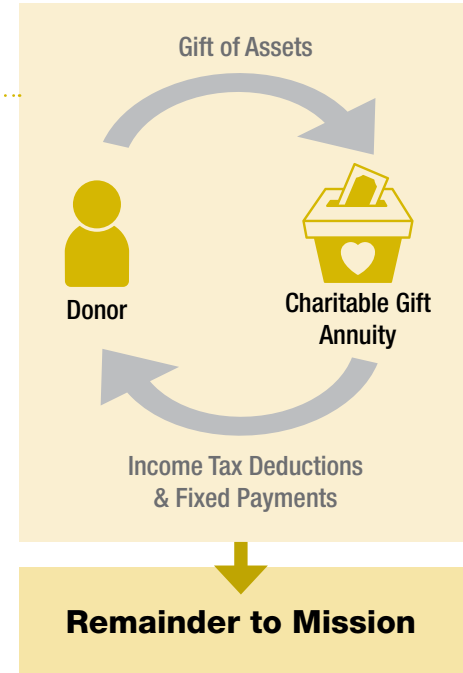
# Bless and Be Blessed

A charitable gift annuity is a special investment opportunity for Mission partners who would like to make a gift and receive steady payments in return. You can give a gift, get a deduction and receive payments, actually getting back some of your donation.

Through a simple contract, you agree to make a donation of cash, stocks, real estate or other qualified assets to Long Beach Rescue Mission. In return, **you receive a fixed amount each year for the rest of your life.**

- Your initial gift is partially tax deductible.
- Payments to you are partially tax free throughout your estimated life expectancy.
- Your payments are not affected by ups and downs of the economy.
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**54,000**  
meals

  
**10,800**  
nights of shelter

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