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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

HOPE IN HER DARKEST HOUR

Carmen found help to overcome years
of abuse and addiction.

BECAUSE OF YOU,
THERE IS HELP & HOPE
FOR PEOPLE LIKE CARMEN –
AT EASTER AND ALWAYS.



"WE UPLIFT EACH OTHER, ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER."

Carmen could no longer endure being molested by one of her brothers, so she left home at age 15.

She grew up with an abusive, alcoholic father – the youngest of 13 children. Carmen then continued the cycle, entering relationships with abusive men and using crystal meth to dull the pain.

After years of addiction, Carmen finally hit rock bottom when she ended up living in the river bed for nearly three months. Celebrating her youngest daughter's 8th birthday amongst the squalor finally motivated her to come to Long Beach Rescue Mission.

Carmen and her daughter are staying at the Lydia House, in our program to help women and children overcome homelessness and rebuild their lives. Carmen also stopped running from God.

"I know that I would not have made it through all the things I've been through without God," she says. "I know now that He's never going to leave me – He's always there."

The transformation in Carmen's relationship with her daughter has been incredible. She says, "I see a huge change

in her. She's learned stability over these last ten months. I walk her to school every day. We're getting to know each other."

Carmen is studying to get her GED, and hopes to find a job in outreach ministry, helping other women who have faced similar challenges.

"The Mission has completely changed my life. I can actually talk to my daughter and appreciate the little things – having a bed and not having to steal water from someone's front yard. Here, they clothe you, feed you, put a roof over your head – even help with medical issues. It's an awesome program."

"THE MISSION HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED MY LIFE."

Because of your support, Carmen, and other struggling people like her, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of Long Beach Rescue Mission – at Easter and always. **"The Mission has completely changed my life. I thank God, and I thank the people here."**





YOU CAN PROVIDE *a Safe Harbor* IN ROUGH TIMES

The Safe Harbor Club is a group of the Mission's most dedicated supporters. When you join the Safe Harbor Club, your recurring monthly gifts help meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the men, women and children who come through our doors each day.

Here are more reasons to join the Safe Harbor Club and sign up for automatic giving:

- Your gifts provide ongoing support the Mission can count on so we can better serve the needs in our community.
- You'll reduce our admin costs so more money goes to help those in need.
- You can change or cancel your gift anytime.

Interested in joining this extraordinary group?

Visit **LBRM.org/monthlygiving** or call **(562) 591-1292**. Thank you!



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to read stories of hope, get involved in our ministry & securely donate anytime.

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LET'S BE FRIENDS!



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CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life.

And that's exactly why it's so frightening for men, women and children to come to Long Beach Rescue Mission. All other options are gone. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through Jesus!

It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.

Christ loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where they are so they feel safe. Giving them grace so they feel valued.



Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.

That's what new life in Christ looks like here!

Thank you for creating a refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for women like Carmen (her story is on page 3), who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.

Serving with you,

Robert Probst, Executive Director

Easter HOPE

- ☑ Give now using the enclosed reply card & envelope.

- 💻 Give securely online at **LBRM.org**.



STARTS WITH \$2.20

SHARE THE HOPE OF
NEW LIFE THIS EASTER SEASON!

**HOT MEALS. SAFE SHELTER.
COUNSELING & JOB TRAINING.**

A new life...
and new hope at Easter!
It starts with your gift today.

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!

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Sunday, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
EASTER CELEBRATION

EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

27,400+ meals
for men, women & children!

With your donation of any of these
items, YOU will make Easter special
for our local homeless and hungry.



Drop off donations **by Thursday, March 29**
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!
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Volunteer: Please sign up to help
serve others this Easter season!
Contact Bethanie Miller:
(562) 591-1292, ext. 119
volunteer@LBRM.org



Easter Basket Giveaway
March 31st, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Basket items needed: Plastic easter eggs,
candy, Bibles, small toys (stickers, bubbles,
hair accessories, sports balls). We also
need baskets donated as well!

Save the Date

Friday, May 4

Long Beach Rescue Mission

Gala

2018

Our annual gala, *Your Light Matters*, is coming up on
Friday, May 4!

We hope you'll join us at Hotel Maya (700 Queensway Drive in
Long Beach) for a night of festivity and celebration.
Our silent auction starts at 6 p.m., with dinner; our evening
program and live entertainment following at 7 p.m.

Seating is limited! RSVP now for this inspiring event that
celebrates 45 years of changed lives because of your dedication
and love for local people in need.

Learn more, or RSVP now!

CALL **(562) 216-7613**

VISIT **YourLightMatters.org**