

Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless - Changing Lives

NICK'S LIFE IS CHANGED FOREVER AND HE WANTS TO THANK YOU!

YOUR SUPPORT TOUCHES LIVES WITH NEW HOPE.

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 ${\displaystyle N}$ ick was proud to serve his country when he joined the military. But he never could have imagined the horrors he would see in Iraq... or the lasting scars he would bear.

After being discharged, Nick went to work in security. But PTSD symptoms from his time overseas continued to plague him.

"I hated my job... I hated where I was in life," he says. "I was drinking a lot to cope with depression and anxiety."

Nick isolated himself, staying at home in the grip of addiction. His family was worried about him, and his sister finally convinced him to get help.

The day he came to Long Beach Rescue Mission, everything changed for Nick.

"Sitting through chapel services was comforting. To know that no matter where I've been in life, God hasn't given up on me."

If I can minister to somebody or help change the way they feel about life – even just one person – it makes a difference.

In our care, Nick recommitted his life to God. Classes, counseling and Bible study helped Nick realize that he can't control what happens... but that God is with him, no matter what.

"I reconnected with God. It was a battle, because I had pushed God so far away in my life because of the trauma I was dealing with."

Today, Nick has a new peace and purpose in his life. His family is proud of the progress he has made and supports him fully. He works at the Mission as a Volunteer Coordinator, and he is considering a career in ministry to serve others.

"When I was in high school, we would come to the Mission and help with meals," he says, smiling. "I remember having a heart for homeless and broken people. I think it's incredible that I went full circle in life and came back here."

Because you gave from your heart to help Nick, his life has been changed by your goodness and God's love forever! "I feel a renewed sense of purpose that I do matter and that God blessed me with certain abilities. Now I'm proud of who I am."

A Message from ROBERT PROBST

Give Where You Live... to Meet Our Summer Challenge

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July and August cost \$123,750 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisisrelated assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for faith-based recovery and practical guidance that empowers our guests to change their lives.

We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion now more than ever.

Please give where you live to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to Long Beach Rescue Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially in times like these.



Serving with you,

Robert Probst Executive Director

Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer your gift <u>today</u> helps provide...



This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!



PLEASE HELP WITH OUR

Our "Summer Six" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all season long. Please deliver your donations to 1335 Pacific Ave. in Long Beach, 7 days a week from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Those in our care will be deeply grateful for whatever you can share this summer!

- 1. Bottled water
- 2. Hand sanitizer
- 3. Toothpaste
- 4. Toilet paper
- 5. Paper towels
- 6. High-efficiency laundry soap

Pledge to Give Monthly at This Critical Time

Our **Safe Harbor Club** monthly giving partners provide the funds we rely on to feed, shelter and care for our most vulnerable neighbors. Their giving is consistent every month... and that's especially crucial when we're facing a crisis like COVID-19.

Giving monthly is the best way to ensure we can meet emergencies head-on today, as well as confront the challenges that will endanger those in need tomorrow.

<u>Please prayerfully consider joining this vital group!</u> Your monthly commitment will secure an ongoing foundation of support for struggling individuals and families who need assistance with daily essentials, as well as tools to rebuild their lives.

SIGN UP NOW!

Visit **LBRM.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.





Your monthly gift of \$30 provides 13 meals and care



Over a year, your \$30 monthly gift brings **156** meals and care



Let Your LEGACY Live On

If you're like many Americans, you have no current will or estate plan. Being unprepared could mean your assets and resources aren't shared with the people and causes you believe in.

Make sure your affairs are in order now so your wishes are honored later. We'd love to help you! Contact us today for helpful, current advice and guidance in planning your legacy... and gaining peace of mind.

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