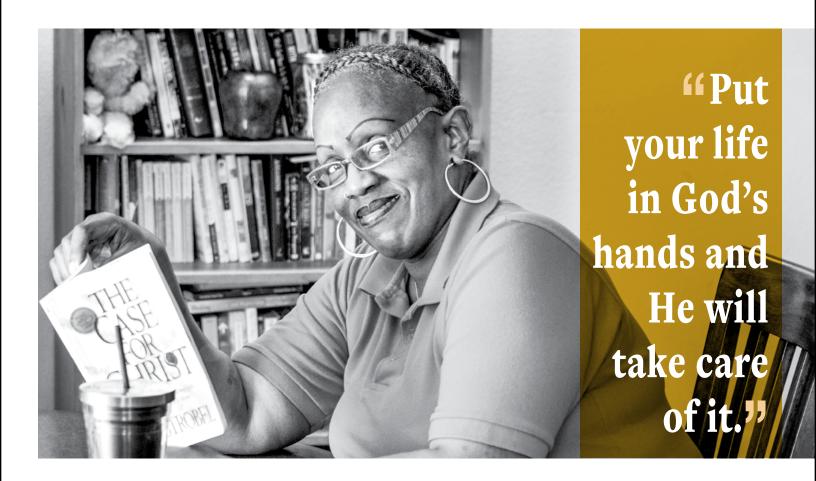
REVIEW

Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives





Bonnie was proud of her life – she was independent and had a beautiful daughter and four grandkids. But she almost lost it all when she entered a relationship with a man who at first seemed so good for her.

"He started out so charming, but a year later I found out he was doing drugs. Once I gave in and started using with him, my life fell apart."

Bonnie endured years of abuse at his hands, and drugs and alcohol helped numb the pain of his rejection. "My self-esteem really dropped just being with him. I wanted to get help, but I couldn't get out of that downward spiral. I felt trapped."

After losing her job, car and home, Bonnie finally

had enough. She heard about Lydia House from someone who had been through the program and decided to try it.

The day she walked into Long Beach Rescue Mission, everything changed for Bonnie.

"I was hoping to find sobriety, help and peace of mind," she says, smiling. "My strength was renewed, and now my spirit is awesome. God is wonderful."

Through Christ-centered counseling and classes, Bonnie's self-esteem grew.
As she restored her relationship with the Lord, she rededicated her life and was baptized for the first time. Now, she's grateful to be closer than ever to God.

"I just pray all day long – from the time I get up till I go to bed. I thank God for everything."

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The Mission has changed me, and I don't want to go back to that life I was living. I'm going to keep moving forward.

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Her daughter is thrilled with the changes she sees in her mom and how their relationship is being rebuilt. Bonnie is also working to complete her GED and learning computer skills so she can find work after leaving the Mission.

"I'm giving it to God and praying to find a nice job. To be an advocate and help other addicts, because I am a prime example of what not to do."

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God's love!

"I asked God what is my purpose in life and this is it... to volunteer or work here at the Mission. My life is in Jesus' hands."

You fill my heart with Thanksgiving.

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to Long Beach Rescue Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God's faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving "the least of these."

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others' needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you'll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



Serving with you,

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Robert Probst Executive Director



Join our **2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!**

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we'll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

faith-based counseling • life-skills classes vocational training • and more!

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today**.



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Give online anytime at **LBRM.org.**

Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for your faithful support!

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



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for 1 hot meal

\$10.00 for 1 night of safe shelter

Practical guidance and God's life-changing LOVE

READ BONNIE'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

We Need VOLUNTEERS

Your helping hands and giving hearts will help us serve and care for the thousands of people who will turn to us this fall! You can even volunteer remotely!



Contact us today to see how you can help...
Call: Nick Roberts at (562) 591-1292, ext. 119
Email: volunteer@lbrm.org
Or visit LBRM.org to find out more or sign up now!

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

Turkeys

Cans of sweet

potatoes or

yams

Stove Top

stuffing

Turkey gravy

Brown Sugar Pancake mix Pumpkin pie Seasoning
Garlic powder
Poultry Seasoning
Butter
Cans of green
beans
Cans of corn
Cans of cranberry

sauce



Drop off your donations at 1335 Pacific Ave., Long Beach.

Thank you for helping!

Don't Miss a Single Mission Moment!

Follow us on social media and sign up for our emails to stay up-to-date on our Thanksgiving activities, urgent needs, special events and how your partnership is transforming lives. Be sure to tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to help this Thanksgiving!

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