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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

Thank you for bringing
GREAT JOY
to hurting people

*You changed
Martin's life*



"I had been running and hiding from God."

Martin had a job he loved, a devoted wife and a grown son. But when he lost his job during the economic downturn several years ago, his world slowly started unraveling.

"I had always been a social drinker but I got depressed. I started drinking more heavily and my marriage suffered."

He divorced his wife, moved out of the house they shared and bounced around from place to place for many years.

"My drinking never got any better and I felt like I was letting God down."

He finally decided to come back to Long Beach to be closer to his family. "I wanted to get my life back on track and have some emotional support and stability."

The day he walked into Long Beach Rescue Mission, Martin's life completely transformed.

"I knew I needed a change in my life," he says, smiling. "This being a faith-based program afforded me the opportunity to recommit myself back to God."

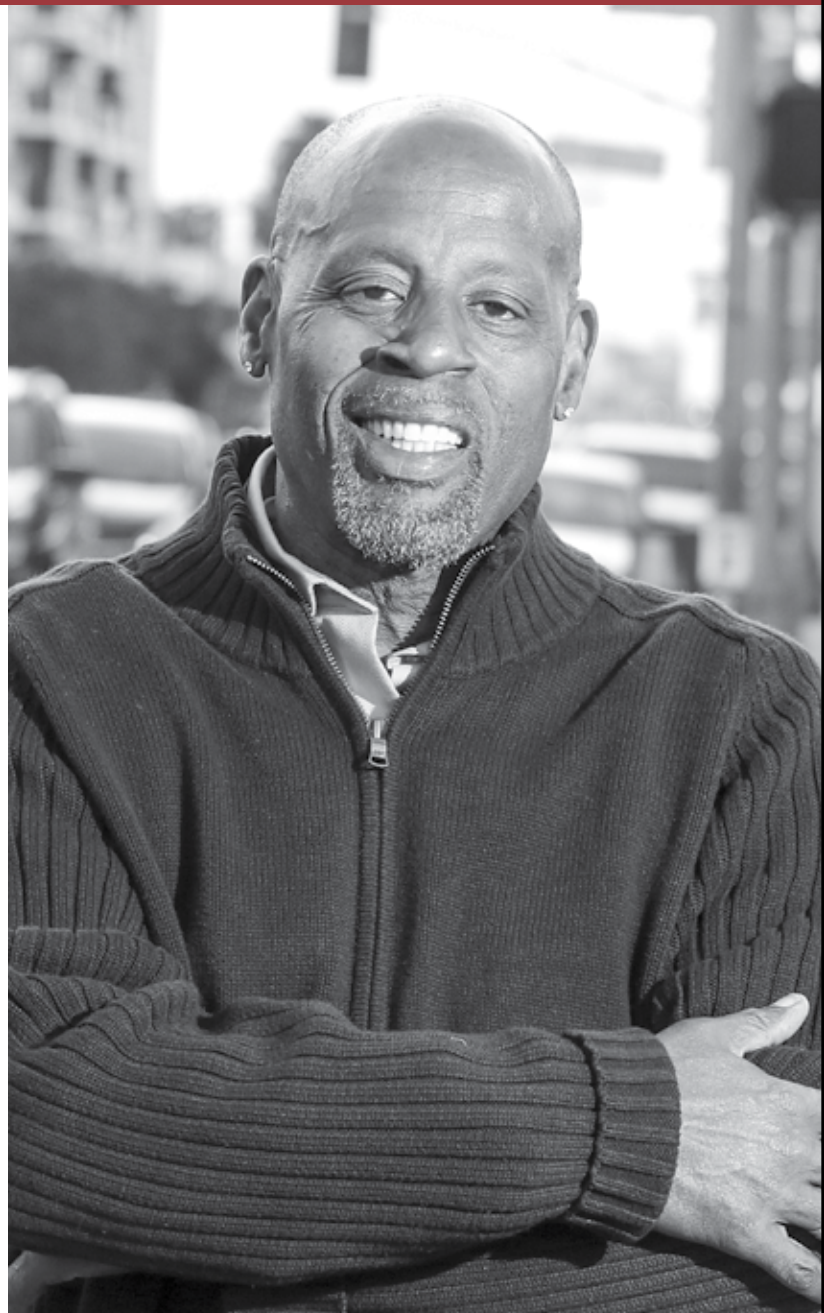
Martin accepted Jesus as a teenager but had strayed away. When he came to the Mission, he found faith and peace for the first time in years.

"I wanted to enter the program to rebuild my relationship with God. I had been hiding from all the dirt I was doing out there... not thinking I was worthy."

Martin completed our year-long restoration program and now serves as a Resident Assistant, supporting other guests who come to the Mission. He's thankful for the guidance and continued classes that are helping him prepare to go back out into the world.

"The Mission has taken me from a person who had no hope to seeing nothing but hope, possibilities and opportunities. I believe God's hand is all over this place."

This year, Martin will be celebrating Christmas as a new creation, filled with the great joy of God's love. "When you feel like you're alone, just remember that God is with you."



"God shows me every day
that He's still in the
miracle-worker business."



Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of Long Beach Rescue Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. **But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.**

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these men, women and children the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



Serving with you,

Robert Probst
Executive Director

It Starts With You... You make transformation possible!



This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in the Greater Long Beach area who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!



Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$2.20 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

Please Send Your Gift Today!



\$2.20
for 1 hot meal



\$10.00
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed
by God's LOVE**

READ MARTIN'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

Give Hope Before the Year Ends!



This has been a trying year for so many of your neighbors who experienced significant losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. **But your year-end gift will give them help... and hope.**

The CARES Act was passed during the pandemic to provide new benefits for generous friends like you, so *gifts up to \$300 are 100% deductible, even if you're using the standard deduction.* Check with your tax adviser to see how your donation before December 31 is deductible for 2020 – and know it will certainly change lives in 2021!

Give online anytime at **LRBM.org**.

Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.



December 1 GIVING TUESDAY

Please remember your hurting neighbors by joining together as a community to support **Giving Tuesday**. On this special day, your gift to Long Beach Rescue Mission will provide basic essentials and guidance that can transform lives.

This has been an especially difficult year due to the unexpected hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your help is needed now more than ever for our neighbors trying to rebuild their lives. Thank you for caring!

📅 Mark December 1st on your calendar and don't forget to give at **LBRM.org**.

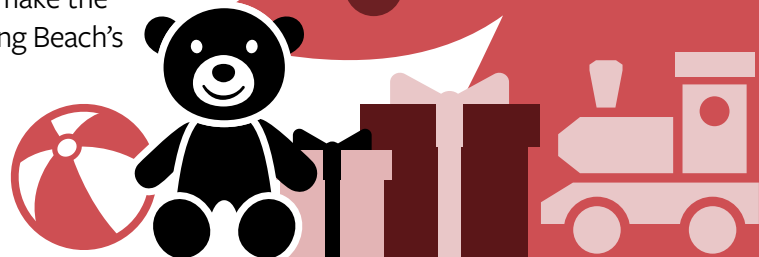
Annual Christmas Toy Giveaway

Dedicated friends like you have partnered with Long Beach Rescue Mission to deliver Christmas joy to local children for more than 40 years!

You can give kids who are staying at the Mission, as well as children whose families are struggling, a special gift that will bring smiles to their faces this Christmas morning.

Simply purchase new, unwrapped toys for children – newborn through 12 years old – and drop them off at the Mission before December 18. You can also make a financial gift that will be used to shop for toys and stocking stuffers, or volunteer at the giveaway to see for yourself the excitement of these precious little boys and girls.

To learn more, please visit **LBRM.org** or call **(562) 216-7614**. Thank you for everything you do to make the holidays special for Long Beach's children and families this Christmas!



Robert, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:

- ☐ \$19.80 to feed & care for 9 people
 - ☐ \$52.80 to feed & care for 24 people
 - ☐ \$74.80 to feed & care for 34 people
 - ☐ \$90.20 to feed & care for 41 people
 - ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible
- Plus, \$_____ to provide a special Year-End gift

This really helps!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ BILL MY CREDIT CARD

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD # _____

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PHONE # _____

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