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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

Lisa is
celebrating
Hope!

Your support brings
hope to the hurting
this Easter.



"The biggest thing you can provide a female is safety, as far as food and shelter.

When you feel safe, you're able to mentally recuperate."



"I FELT SO BROKEN... I JUST NEEDED HELP TO GET BACK."

Lisa's life changed dramatically after a car accident. She was unable to keep her job after working at a nearby hospital for 16 years. Despite surgeries on her neck and shoulder, she still suffered from chronic pain and physical problems.

"I lost my ability to work so I lost my income. I don't have any family and when I eventually lost my place, I was homeless."

With all the struggles in her life, Lisa fell into depression. She even attempted to take her own life. "I was just so nervous... so frazzled... so alone. It felt like everybody turned their backs on me."

The day she walked into Long Beach Rescue

Mission, everything changed for Lisa.

"I needed to be somewhere I felt safe," she says. "I was hoping to find spiritual healing because I felt so emotionally and physically broken."

Lisa came to our Lydia House, where she found restoration and peace. She rededicated her life to God and is so grateful for the difference it made in her outlook on life.

"What I needed to do was focus on God again and the good things in life... how faith can really heal you. Now I actually have hope again."

Though she doesn't have any family, the friends Lisa calls her family are

amazed at the changes they see in her. "They're really impressed with how much I've turned my life around," she says.

Today, Lisa volunteers at the Mission while she looks for a job that's not too physically demanding with her limitations. She also plans to learn Spanish so she can travel to a Spanish-speaking country on a mission trip someday.

Thanks to the blessing of your support, Lisa is celebrating Easter as a new creation in Christ.

"The Mission helped me regain my confidence in myself. I feel like my dreams are actually able to come true again."

Easter 2021

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

ANNUAL EASTER CAMPAIGN

Celebrate hope by caring for our most vulnerable neighbors!



40,000
meals

\$2.20 for a meal!



6,923 nights of
shelter



65 men & women
cared for in our
recovery programs
(on average)



6,173 hours of
education &
counseling

*Thank you for your
compassion & support!*

"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10, NASB



A Message from ROBERT PROBST



THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in the Greater Long Beach area today. Every chain that's broken... every

heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

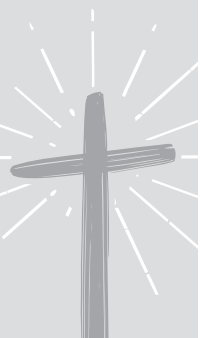
And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Lisa (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

Serving with you,

Robert Probst
Executive Director



Celebrate **NEW LIFE** this Easter

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and homeless. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.20**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items & Christ-centered care

YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter. A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



*Thank
you*

**for making a difference
during COVID-19**

2020 was such a challenging year – but your support and compassion helped so many people find help here at Long Beach Rescue Mission.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

Thanks to you, we continue to provide the care our community relies on: Food. Shelter. Clean clothing and hygiene items. And special assistance for those struggling through extremely tough times. We will continue to follow safety precautions to keep our guests, staff and volunteers protected and healthy – and to minimize the impact of COVID-19.

Thank you again, and may God bless your generous heart!

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

John has been generous to his family, friends and the charities he believes in for years... but doesn't have a will, living trust or other plan.

He's not alone! More than half of U.S. adults haven't planned for their passing.

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live. And the result may be very different from what you had wished – especially if your desire was not only to care for loved ones, but to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

The Mission can help make sure your wishes are followed and help you create a lasting legacy of generosity that will live on for future generations. To determine which opportunities may be right for you, visit us at **lbrm.org/ways-to-help/planned-giving/**.

And if you have already included the Mission in your will, please let us know so we can say "Thank you!"