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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

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"The Mission
saves lives."

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**YOUR SUPPORT
IS GIVING
ERIC A
SECOND
CHANCE**

and he can't thank
you enough!



“The Mission saves lives...
IT SAVED MINE.”



Eric was proud of the seven years of sobriety he had achieved. But it all fell apart when his brother passed away...

“I didn’t know how to mourn, so I turned back to drinking and doing drugs,” he says.

As a kid, Eric and his brother had been sent to a foster home together when Eric was 11. They relied on each other, but Eric started drinking and using drugs to cope with the pain of abandonment. “When I took a drink I didn’t feel alone anymore... I was happy.”

When his beloved brother died, Eric spiraled into a black hole of despair. “I got fired from my job... wasn’t eating. I knew I had to do something.” As he considered suicide, he knew deep down that he needed help – and when he

called the Mission, we had a bed ready for him.

When Eric walked through the doors of Long Beach Rescue Mission, true healing began.

“I’m learning to trust people and trust God. I’m proud to be alive.”

“I knew this was the last hope I had,” he says, thoughtfully. “Out of all the places I called, this was the only one I came to. I was drawn here.”

Through the daily routine of classes and counseling, Eric is developing the tools to cope with grief and other difficult emotions

without alcohol. Learning to rely on God for strength and peace through all circumstances.

“I work breakfast in the kitchen. I’m in chapel every day. I pray to God and He’s showing me things about myself that I need to change if I want to live a better life.”

Though he’s unsure what the future holds, Eric now knows that the Lord is always with him. “One day I’m sitting on a chair in chapel, and I heard a voice inside say – just as clear as day – ‘Don’t be afraid to come to me.’ That was God.”

Eric is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like him. “I know God brought me here. Now I know He’s real, and I have a purpose.”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.20!

A Message from ROBERT PROBST

Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling in the Greater Long Beach area right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to give them a helping hand and show them God's love.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$127,600 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



Serving with you,

Robert Probst
Executive Director

3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

Help meet our community's needs!

Your gift today provides:



58,000 meals



15,000 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER..
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



Give now! LBRM.org Support our Summer Campaign now!

Do you know our **SUMMER 6?**



Our "Summer 6" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all summer long.

**We'd LOVE if you helped by
donating any – or all – of these
items!**

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 1335 Pacific Ave. in Long Beach, seven days a week from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. It's a great way to care for our guests at the Mission this summer!



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



**Great
deals
for a
great
cause!**



Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store offers so many opportunities to help people in our community. Just look at how lives are changed through this one store:

- Guests in our recovery program learn on-the-job training and employment skills while working here.
- Your local neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from items sold at the Thrift Store go directly to the Mission to support life-changing programs and services.

To donate items or to shop with us, you can visit 702 West Anaheim Street in Long Beach, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call **(562) 495-8900** to schedule a pick-up right from your home. Learn more at **LBRM.org**.

*Your support of our Thrift Store
gives hungry, homeless people a
second chance. Thank you!*

Why your monthly gift is **LIFE-CHANGING!**

Your monthly gift as a Safe Harbor Club partner ensures that whenever local people are in need, Long Beach Rescue Mission will be ready to help them rebuild their lives. That's because your partnership provides the reliable, steady source of support that ensures the Mission can care for our homeless and hungry neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Luis, that ongoing support made a real difference!

“Before the Mission, I was a wreck. Now I can clearly see the miracles that God’s working in my life. I’m taking it one day at a time, and it’s just going to get better.”

– Luis

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Safe Harbor Club partner today! To join this important group, visit **LBRM.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.