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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

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**GRATEFUL
THROUGH IT ALL:
Lizbeth is
especially thankful
for YOU!**

Your compassion &
support change lives.





“I WAS LOST.”

Lizbeth was trapped in a toxic and abusive relationship with the father of her child. “My life was chaotic and unmanageable,” she says.

As a result of her poor choices and destructive habits, she’d burned bridges with close friends and family. So when the couple struggled to provide life essentials for themselves and their young daughter, she had no support or safety net.

“It was a very, very dark and lonely place for me and my child,” she says.

Then she found a light where she least expected it.

While walking her little girl home from school, she often stopped by our Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store. As our staff learned of their painful situation, they told her about our Lydia House.

“I wanted to find a safe refuge

where I could sleep in peace with my daughter... be loved and cared for... and find stability and healing,” she says. They found all that and more in our care.

Through counseling, training and education, we’re helping Lizbeth overcome her challenges and become a stable mother for her daughter. Most important, she is building a relationship with the Lord, something she realizes had been missing in her life. “I understand now I’m a child of God and not who the world tells me I am.”

Lizbeth’s daughter is healing too: “She feels secure from the structure and the promise she’ll always have food and a bed.”

Today, Lizbeth is embracing the

Lord’s guidance as she returns to school and prepares for her future. “I want to have a very normal life: to work, volunteer and provide for my child and do it with joy.”

“I felt very insignificant and incompetent to parent and to provide for my child.”



As Lizbeth celebrates this Thanksgiving, she feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it’s given her a fresh start. “I’m no longer living my life for myself, but for the Lord. I want to continue growing closer to Him.”

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. ***Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at Long Beach Rescue Mission than right now, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season.***

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Safe shelter. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate!

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day. God bless!



Serving with you,

Lupe Lopez
Director of
Development

2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

It's been another challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

54,000
Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

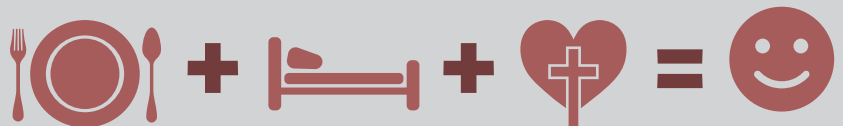
Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them!

For just \$2.20, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes
- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love that changes lives



YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our homeless and hurting neighbors during the busy holiday season!

Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

**READ LIZBETH'S STORY
TO LEARN MORE!**



THE BEST BARGAINS IN TOWN



Our Thrift Store Warehouse offers gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, bikes and more!

By donating items you no longer need – and shopping at our Thrift Store – you're supporting the Mission. You also provide work experience for men and women in our recovery programs and clothing for those who are homeless.

Visit lbrm.org/thrift-store/ to learn more. Drop off donations at 702 W. Anaheim St. in Long Beach or call **(562) 495-8900** to arrange a pick-up.

OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

There's still so much to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season! Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these critically-needed items.

Turkeys

Boneless hams

*#10 cans of sweet potatoes
or yams*

Stove Top stuffing

Turkey gravy

Brown sugar

Pancake mix

Elbow macaroni

Butter

#10 cans of green beans

#10 cans of corn

*#10 cans of cranberry
sauce*

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

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Calling all VOLUNTEERS

Put your God-given talents to work at the Mission to help serve and care for the men, women and children 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!

