

# Rescue

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**Long Beach Rescue Mission** Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

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You Care

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"An amazing  
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50 Years

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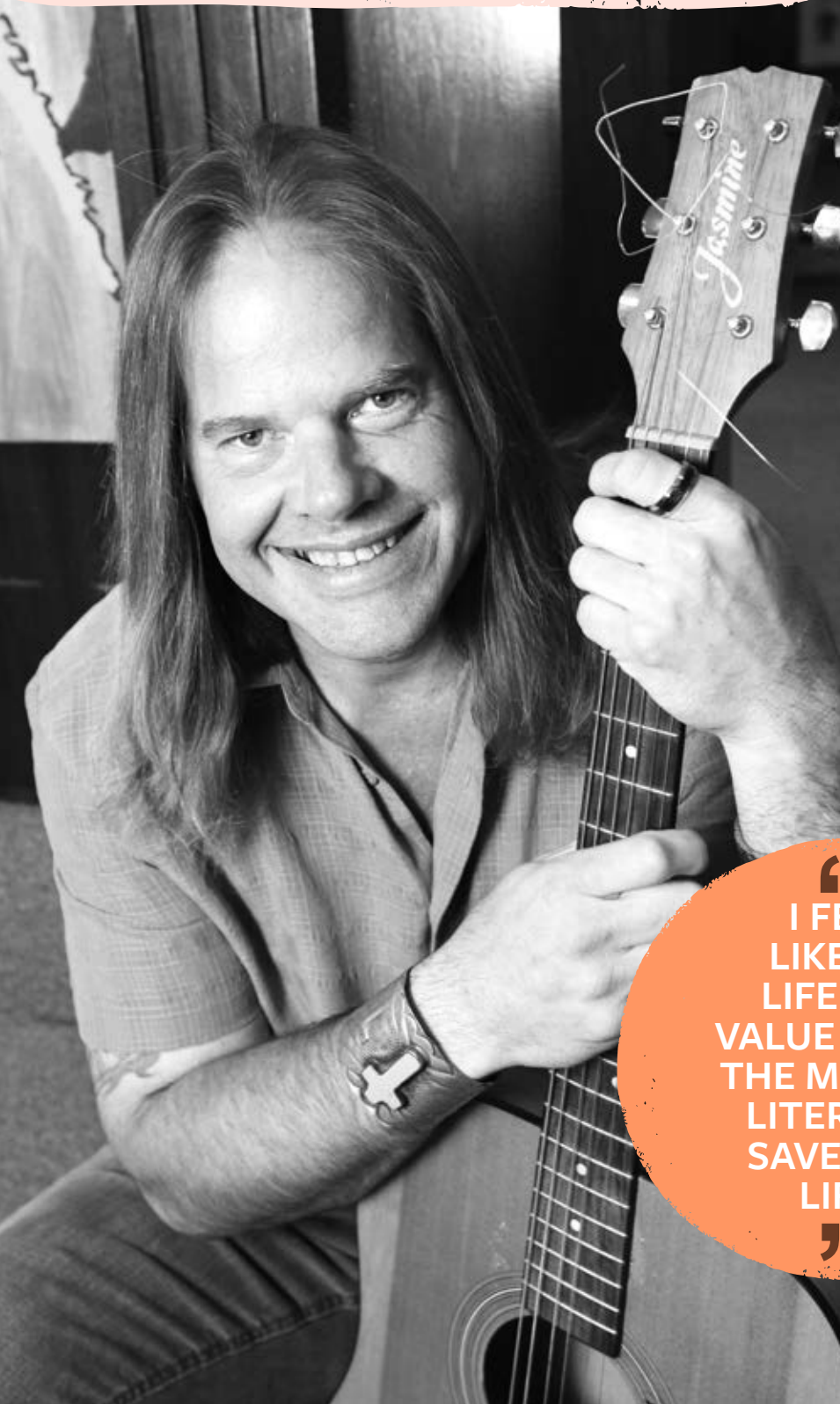


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Tome suffered daily to give his three boys a good life.

For 28 years, he'd been trying to repair his failing marriage with the boys' mother... to no avail. "I stayed in that relationship because I was scared that if I left, she'd meet some man who'd hurt my sons," Tome says.

When his youngest went to college, Tome left the relationship... but his wife took most of his money, and he lost all stability he'd had.

For four years, he was homeless. He struggled to survive on the beaches of Torrance, sleeping under trees, taking showers outside and not knowing where his next meal would come from. "I slowly slipped into a deep depression."

When Tome lost touch with his children, he lost his will to live. One day, he stood on the cliffs overlooking the ocean, about to jump, when his phone rang.

"My friend called – she'd talked to Long Beach Rescue Mission," Tome says. "I felt the Holy Spirit... and knew that was the place where I should be."

Tome was grateful for the hot shower, plentiful food and warm welcome he found his first night at the Mission. Staying in our shelter, he began to take part in our chapel services and classes. **“Being in a Christian-based program has given me more hope than I ever had.”**

Today, Tome has begun to reconnect with his children. As a recent graduate of our program, he's taking classes toward his GED, looking for work and leading worship for our chapel.

"I really want God's stamp of approval on everything I do," Tome says. "I'm just praying and asking for His direction."

**Tome is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future.** "I feel like my life has value now... The Mission literally saved my life."

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.20!



## A Message from LUPE LOPEZ

### Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in the Greater Long Beach area. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

### ***That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!***

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting – we need it!

Serving with you,

Lupe Lopez  
Director of Development

## THESE

# "Summer 6"

## CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our Mission guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

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

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. Thank you for caring for Mission guests during the summer season!

## SHOW THEM YOU CARE

### 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



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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

**Give now! LBRM.org**

**Support our Summer Campaign now!**

# How can you shop and strengthen our community?

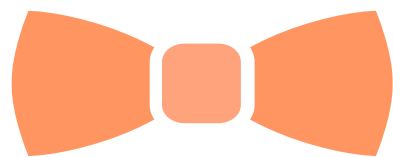
Your support of the **Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store** helps your neighbors who are struggling. Look at how you help change lives at this one store:

- You can donate clothes or household items you no longer need.
- Guests in our recovery program learn on-the-job training and employment skills.
- Our neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from the Thrift Store support the Mission's life-changing programs and services.

## **Everyone benefits!**

To donate items and shop with us, simply visit 702 W. Anaheim St. from Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Visit **[LBRM.org/thrift-store/](http://LBRM.org/thrift-store/)** to learn more.

Thank you for supporting our  
Long Beach Rescue Mission  
Thrift Store!



## *Save the Date*

Friday, June 24

**Our annual gala is coming up on Friday, June 24!**

We hope you'll join us for this unforgettable evening celebrating our past, present and future. Enjoy a special dinner followed by live music, entertainment and our silent and live auctions!

**Tickets are limited!** RSVP now for this inspiring event that celebrates 50 years of changed lives in Long Beach, thanks to your support.

### **Date:**

Friday, June 24

### **Time:**

5:30 p.m.

### **Location:**

Westin Hotel, 333 E Ocean Blvd  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Learn more, or RSVP now!

CALL (562) 591-1292

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