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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

VALORY IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given her hope and
new life this holiday!





“I’m thankful
for
**THE SAFETY
AND LOVE
HERE.”**



Valory grew up as “daddy’s little girl,” so her parents’ divorce when she was just 8 years old was devastating.

“It left a void in my life... this loss of love,” she says. “And because my mom was dealing with her sadness, I didn’t get a lot of nurturing.”

Struggling to process the grief on her own, as she grew older, Valory looked for ways to fill the emptiness in her heart.

“I ended up in a lot of abusive relationships with men... and because of the trauma and pain, I just drank, and drank and drank.”

Eventually, Valory lost her job because of these challenges. She had no income and was running out of money. She feared becoming homeless if things didn’t change.

Valory came to Long Beach Rescue Mission and our Lydia House shelter for women. “My first night here, I slept like a baby... **I finally felt safe.**”

Through Bible study and classes in our New Life Program, Valory has found the support she needed to begin processing the emotional pain from her past

and seek healing.

“The friendships I’ve built here are helping me learn to trust people again,” she says. “I have sisters here who I can share my fears, hopes and dreams with. Nobody judges you.”

**“I PRAYED TO GOD, ‘PLEASE
HELP ME... I CAN’T DO THIS
ANYMORE”**

She has also experienced God’s love filling the emptiness in her heart. “Now I know the truth – that I’m worthy and loved.”

Valory’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave her the confidence to rebuild her life. “Before I came to the Mission, I was desperate, lonely, angry and confused... Now I’m filled with so much happiness. I’ve been given safety, acceptance and love.”

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A Message from Jeff Levine, our NEW Executive Director

When I think about my own story, it fills my heart with hope and gratitude as I serve our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness here in Long Beach.

Although I stepped into my new role as Executive Director in June, my history with Long Beach Rescue Mission reaches back much further.

For 12 years I struggled with a serious drug addiction – as many of our guests here at the Mission have. But the transformative power of the gospel helped me break free of my addiction and set me on a path to new life.

A hallmark of this transformation was devoting my life to serve others. So, with zero ministry experience, but a love for God's Word and God's people, I became a part-time chaplain at the Mission in my twenties.

Although God eventually led me to Bethany Church, where I served as Lead Pastor for 4 years, the Mission continued to

remain in my heart. While it has been bittersweet to leave a congregation I dearly love, I'm grateful to be back at Long Beach Rescue Mission, pursuing God's heart for our city through this ministry.

This Thanksgiving, I praise God for His work in my life... and for His work in the lives of so many men and women seeking help here at the Mission. Each volunteer, each donor, each caring friend like YOU who supports this ministry is making an eternal impact in our community.

Thank you for being part of God's work to transform lives in Long Beach!

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine
Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

54,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.20 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



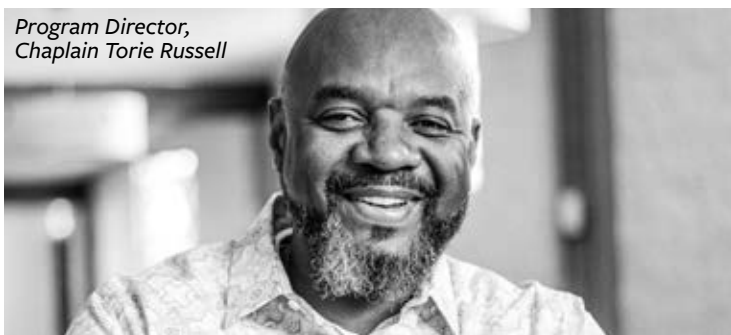
Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



Program Director,
Chaplain Torie Russell

We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at LBRM.org.**

Read Valory's story – a life you helped change!



Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve men, women and children here at the Mission? **We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!**



Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: **Ruth Lanuza** at

(562) 591-1292, ext. 119

Email: volunteer@lbrm.org

Or visit **LBRM.org** to find out more or sign up now!

Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at **1335 Pacific Ave., Long Beach.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

Turkeys
Boneless hams
Cans of sweet potatoes or yams
Stove Top stuffing
Pancake mix
Fresh potatoes
Cans of green beans
Cans of corn



Thank you for making these meals extra special!

Are you connected yet? Be the first to know what's going on!

Want the inside scoop on what's happening at the Mission? It's easy...

Follow us on social media! Every post shows you how your partnership is transforming lives and healing our community.

Sign up for our emails! You'll hear about urgent needs, special events and more.

And when you tell your friends about us, they can join the celebration this Thanksgiving, too!

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