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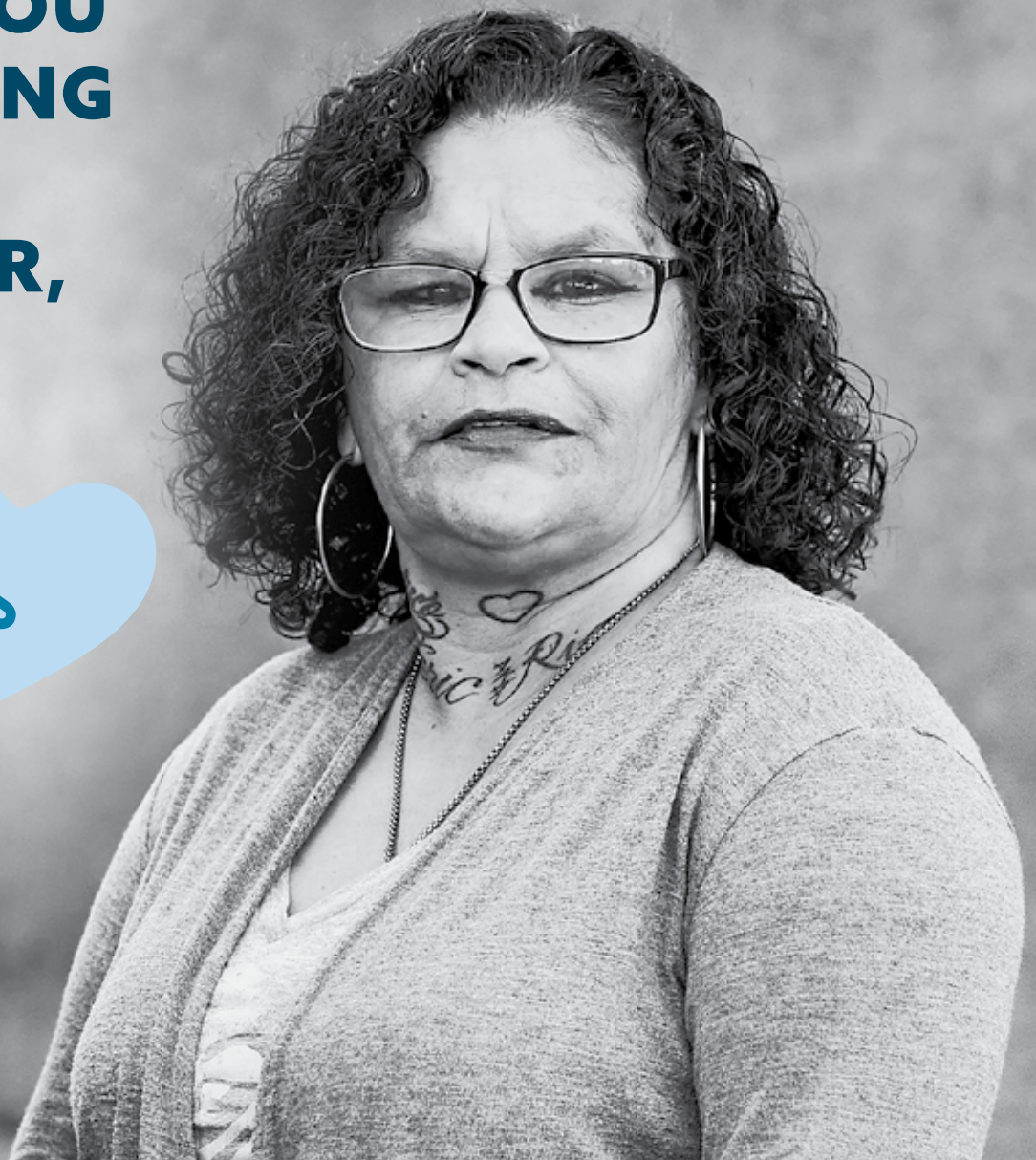
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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

**THANK YOU
FOR LOVING
YOUR
NEIGHBOR,
MARY,**

and giving her
hope for the
future!



RAIN DOWN, **LORD**



When I lived on the streets, I hated the rain. I'd have to run for cover to stay dry. Even when I had my tent, everything – what little I had – would get soaked.

I spent years on the streets. As a woman, I was never safe from the beatings or assaults. If I tried to sleep in the park, the police would kick me out. When normal people saw me, they treated me like dirt. No one understood. How could they?

My mother abandoned my family when I was 8. Without my mother, I grew angry, rebellious and lost in addictions to drugs and alcohol. I got married young and had three children, but my husband was abusive, so I left. I tried moving back in with my dad, but he didn't know how to deal with me, so he kicked me out. After that, my addictions led me to the streets.

I hated myself. I hated my life. Often, I just wanted to die. Finally, at 50, I decided to get help. Not knowing where else to turn, I entered a local church, where I found kindness for the first time. After they helped me get sober, I joined the New Life Program at Lydia's House.

**“I'm a new creation in Jesus...
I am worthy of love.”**

Here, I gave my life to Jesus, learned how to pray, how to read and write, and how to trust in God. I got baptized, and I've learned that I'm a new creation in Jesus, that I am worthy of love and that I have something to give to other women like me. In fact, I hope to become a drug counselor one day.

God used Lydia House – and donors like you – to give me my life back. Thanks to your support, I have found confidence in the Lord, that I can do all things.

Now, when it rains, I look out my window and enjoy every minute. Then I look up and pray, “Thank you, Lord.”

SAVE the DATE!

40th ANNUAL *Long Beach Leadership* PRAYER **BREAKFAST**



Please join us for this special day as we worship and pray together for the Lord's blessings to pour out in our community and strengthen our neighbors.

Friday, September 22, 2023
7:30 – 9:00 a.m. | Long Beach Westin
333 East Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Mark your calendars and register today at **LBRM.org**, under our News & Events section. Save your spot and join us in providing encouragement and unity through prayer!

“Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” - Galatians 5:13b-14

A meal for \$2.20 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from JEFF LEVINE

Thank you for loving your neighbors as yourself

Friends,

Summer is one of my favorite times of the year. I have little kids, so summer is a time for making memories, eating outside, water balloons and friends. One of the best purchases I've made is an inflatable bounce house. We chase each other over and through it, and when we've exhausted ourselves, we rest inside it... chatting away. It's a space where relationships are cultivated – where everything else can wait, because we're together.

Long Beach Rescue Mission is also a space for building relationships... and so much more. It's a place of healing and hope. It's a place where lives are transformed and where those who are weary can rest. I recently spent time with a couple of our New Life Program graduates reminiscing on their time at the Mission. It was a season in their lives that they will never forget. Memories were made, but the most consistent reflection was that this is the place they encountered God. They experienced His love, and their hearts were changed by the Gospel.

Because of your support, our unhoused neighbors are welcomed into life-changing programs, in a space where their basic needs are met, where relationships are cultivated, and where everything else can wait – so they can rest and recover.

May your hearts be filled with the joy of the Father!



Serving with you,

Jeff Levine
Executive Director

YOUR LOVE will transform lives this summer!

Your gift today provides:



58,000 meals



15,000 beds



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours of
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions
for Christ

**DON'T FORGET OUR NEIGHBORS
THIS SUMMER... SHOW YOU CARE
WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Give now!
LBRM.org



Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!

Celebrating 25 new beginnings... **THANKS TO YOU!**

We're proud of our New Life Program graduates!

It's a special time at the Mission as **we celebrate 25 new graduates from our long-term New Life Program!**

After 12 months of Christ-centered counseling, classes and life-skills training, this is only the beginning. Thanks to your support and God's grace, they have a new life of HOPE.

As our graduates return to our community, please keep them in your prayers. And thank you for your continued support, as more people walk through our doors to start their own journey of transformation.

Want to learn more about our Life Change Programs for men and women? Visit **LBRM.org**.



Help your neighbors **BEAT THE HEAT** this summer!

You know how hot it can get in the Greater Long Beach area in summertime... now imagine being out on the streets in this heat. **Our neighbors experiencing homelessness are at risk of heat stroke, dehydration or even death – especially those who are most vulnerable**, like seniors or families with children.

But this summer, **YOU** can help! You can show our hurting neighbors they haven't been forgotten by providing them with essentials such as:



**Cool water to drink
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers
& safe shelter**



**Clean clothes & socks –
our most requested item!**



**Sunscreen &
hygiene items**

In addition to these basics, you'll welcome them to the Mission where they can recover and rebuild their lives. You provide medical care to treat any health challenges. Faith-based counseling to heal from past trauma. Classes and job training to promote independence. Everything they need for healthier, more stable lives!

To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit [LBRM.org/needslist!](https://lbrm.org/needslist)

Volunteer for our SEARCH AND RESCUE Outreach Team

More than 3,200 people are devastated by homelessness in Long Beach. Our Search and Rescue mobile outreach team, along with volunteers, provide all those we encounter on the streets with essential toiletries, food, water and other supplies, and we offer them services and shelter at Long Beach Rescue Mission.

As a volunteer, this is your opportunity to encourage, and to give hope, prayer and a listening ear to people who are suffering. Together, we cultivate relationships and establish trust with them with a vision to see their lives transformed by the power of the Gospel.

If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact our volunteer coordinator Jesse Lueb:

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