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Campaign has begun!

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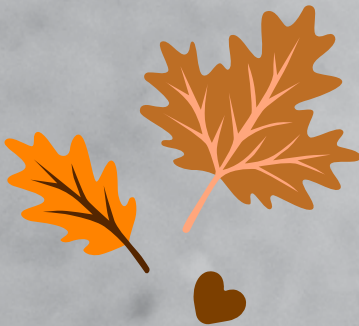
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A Heart of Thanksgiving

Medarda wants to
share how your support
changed her life! ♥



Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



A Message from JEFF LEVINE

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at Long Beach Rescue Mission, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather will soon start to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many men, women and children who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgiving.** It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to the Mission for help, their season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that

they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire – and they **choose** a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 54,000 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling man and woman who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine
Executive Director



**YOU'RE MAKING GOALS
AND DREAMS POSSIBLE...**



"I'm ready to get a job. I like art and sports, so maybe I'll get into those... and keep going to church of course. I want to be productive and enjoy life."

"God gave me my life back, so I want to help somebody else like me... and just go out and conquer the world. I'm thankful for my second chance."



At the Mission, hopes and dreams are born – because thanks to the support of friends like you, men and women in our recovery program can believe that a brighter future is possible.

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives and fulfill dreams, visit **LBRM.org**.

Thank you for believing that everyone deserves the opportunity to build a better, more fulfilling life!



Join Our

2023 *Thanksgiving* CAMPAIGN

54,000 Meals

Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

For just \$2.20, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at **LBRM.org**.



Meet Medarda – who is thankful for your support!



“I’m surrounded by examples of faith.”



It’s difficult for Medarda to be around her family. **Years of abuse by her father left her traumatized and emotionally detached.** She and her siblings went into foster care for a time, but when they returned to their parents, the abuse continued. It wasn’t until her mom caught her father in the act that she decided to pack up the kids and leave. Yet, her father still stayed involved in the family.

“I was young and didn’t know how to deal with it all, so **I submerged myself into drugs to forget what happened.** Eventually, I became homeless.”

At a particularly low time in her struggles with addiction, Medarda tried to end her life by running into traffic. Fortunately, she was unsuccessful – and the incident became the turning point she needed. She was taken to the hospital, where she gained clarity that she needed help.

“I started looking for a rehab program, but while I was searching, **I heard that the Mission served meals.** I came here to get something to eat and mentioned I was looking for recovery. That’s when they told me about Lydia House.”

Medarda was accepted into our New Life Program, where she began to grow and heal through education and spiritual guidance. She’d struggled with trusting people in the past, but in our safe environment, **her emotional walls soon came down.** She also opened her heart to the Lord.

“The biggest difference was being around people who love God. I saw examples of faith and how God was working in their lives,” she says. “Before coming to the Mission, I was empty. Now I have a future. I’ll continue trusting God.”

Medarda is filled with thanksgiving for God’s redeeming love in her life – and your incredible generosity and support! “There are a lot of people like me with nowhere to go who still have hope they will make something out of their life. They just need another shot... and the Mission can give it to them.”

“They gave me a blanket and a bed, and I was finally able to breathe.”



Chapel Changes Lives

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” - Psalm 119:105

Attending chapel at the Mission can be a major turning point in the life of someone who has lost all hope. After struggling with homelessness, addiction, abuse or other heartbreak, many find it difficult to trust God. **Chapel helps build faith!**

Through regular prayer, worship, the teaching of the Word and fellowship, men and women feel inspired to make positive changes in their lives... and many even experience God's love for the first time!

Chapel becomes a refuge for our guests, where they can seek God in prayer, study His Word and discover the good plans He has for their future.



Are you or your church interested in getting involved with chapel or donating Bibles for our guests? For more info, contact Jesse Lueb at (562) 591-1292, ext. 102 or jessel@lbrm.org.



HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



Book a Mission speaker for your next event!

Hear how God has been at work in our community this year, and how your generosity is supporting life-changing services and programs.

Contact Jesse Lueb today to arrange a visit: jessel@lbrm.org or (562) 591-1292, ext. 102.



Donate essential items!

Help stock our kitchen with the food items and our clothing closet with the protective clothing needed to care for our hungry, weary neighbors. OR... host a donation drive by inviting others to join you in collecting much needed items for struggling community members.

To see our most urgently needed items, visit lbrm.org/ways-to-help/current-needs/



Get involved yourself!

Join us for a chapel service, attend our program residents' graduation, enjoy a guided tour – we'd love to show you the life-saving work made possible by your generosity! OR... set up a time for your family, friends or church to volunteer this fall!

To learn more, visit LBRM.org

