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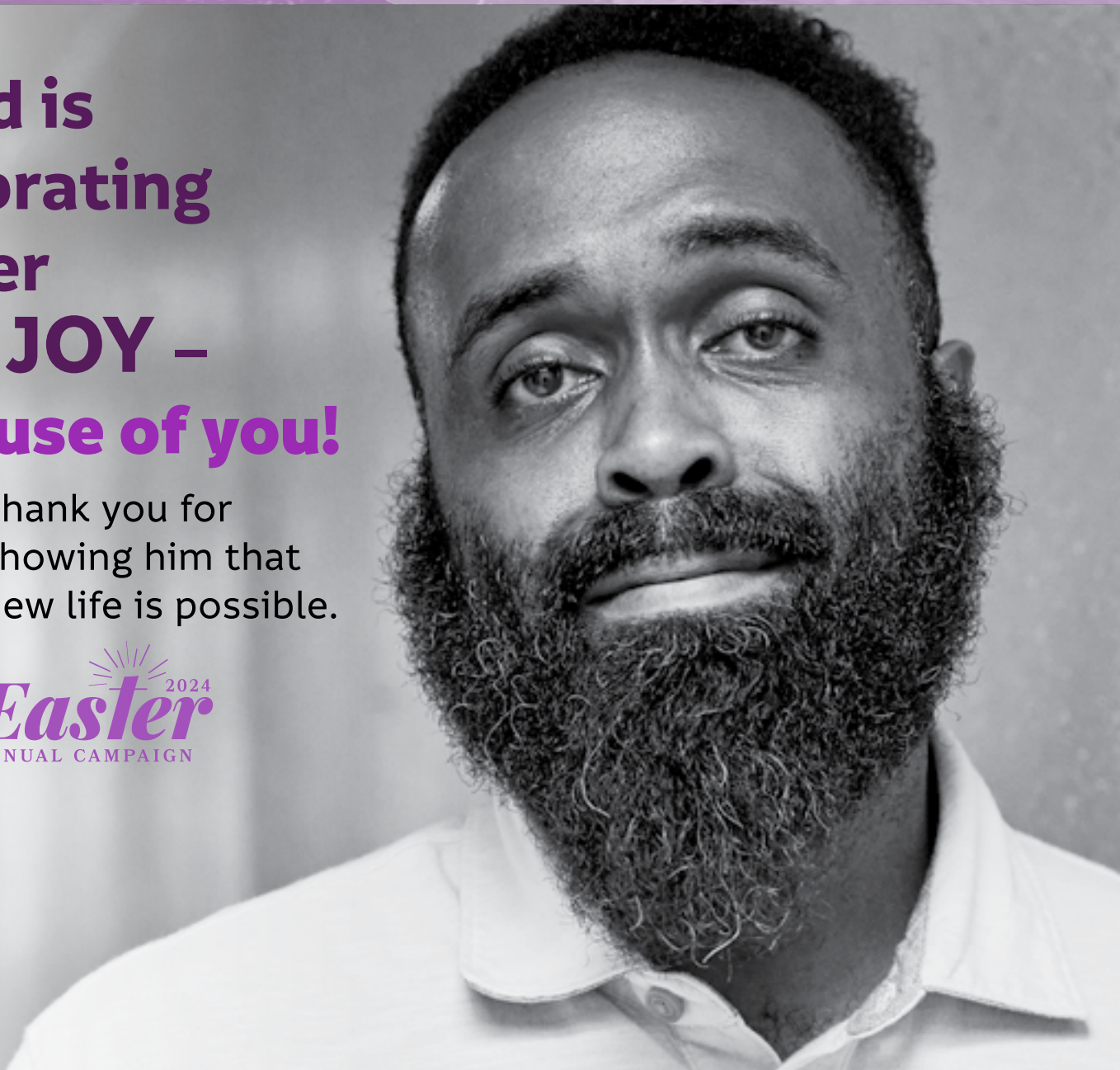
**Long Beach Rescue Mission** Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

**David is  
celebrating  
Easter  
with JOY –  
because of you!**



Thank you for  
showing him that  
new life is possible.

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A Message from JEFF LEVINE

## THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at Long Beach Rescue Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

**You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter and other services to change their lives.**

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

**Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.**

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine, Executive Director



## GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at Long Beach Rescue Mission need... By becoming a Safe Harbor Club partner, you can help save lives with your monthly gift to provide:



MEALS



COUNSELING



SHELTER



JOB TRAINING

Start giving monthly now to help provide the building blocks our residents need for a better life!

*Start giving  
monthly now!*



## SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...



22,848 meals –  
just \$2.43 each!



8,400 nights  
of shelter



Christ-centered care  
& healing in our life-  
change programs!

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✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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





# *“God has a purpose for me.”*

***“I’M LETTING GOD  
LEAD AND SHOW  
ME THE WAY.”***



**A**s a child, David had a difficult relationship with his father. “He was gruff and verbally abusive, and he seemed to always be frustrated with me,” David recalls.

The pain of that relationship, combined with boredom and peer pressure, led David to distract himself with substances. “I saw my friends having a good time and thought ‘I just want to feel good, too.’” This began a struggle with addiction that lasted nine years.

As his life got worse and worse, he stopped believing a new beginning was possible. “I was dealing with addiction, depression and divorce. I was diagnosed with diabetes, which cost me my career.”

It took realizing he was at rock bottom to make him summon the courage to seek help at Long Beach Rescue Mission. “I kept getting worse. I wasn’t taking care of myself... It was all too much. But I knew the Mission was a safe place.”

At the Mission, David began to rebuild his life. He received treatment for his diabetes, mental health resources and work therapy in the Mission community. “I work at the front desk as a receptionist, and I like to help in the kitchen... It lets me interact with the guests and staff here.”

In our New Life Program, he is working to overcome addiction and strengthen his faith. “My day starts and ends with prayer and devotion, and I talk to God throughout the day.”

Inspired to help others in need, David plans to go back to school for a career in drug and alcohol recovery counseling. “I want to give back. I want to show people that they can make it through... because I’ve done it.”

**Thank you for sharing God’s love with David this Easter. His life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel!** “Since coming to the Mission, I know that God has a purpose for me, and I have a purpose for myself. I have hope, which is something I didn’t have for a long time.”





# YOU changed lives last year!

Throughout 2023, friends like you joined together to make an incredible impact for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and hurt...



**235,000**

meals filled hungry bellies



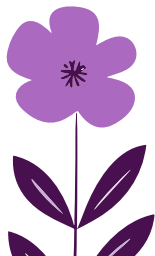
**75,190**

nights of shelter kept people safe



And your compassion opened the door to other life-changing services, like classes, faith-based guidance and job skills training.

**Thank you.**  
**What a blessing you are!**



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## God's Promise of Joy

*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11*

## ARE YOU CALLED TO BE AN AMBASSADOR?

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### *Join The Lydia House Ladies Guild*



We are seeking new members to help bring our mission to life: *To advocate on behalf of Lydia House, providing education and outreach, while raising community awareness and fundraising support.*

Currently, due to our limited bed capacity, we turn away 5-6 women and children daily at our Lydia House. As we look to the future and seek God's vision for the expansion of 60 additional beds for our women and children, we invite your support and prayers.

If you feel called to learn more, or join our next luncheon, please contact Lynda in Administration at **(562) 591-1292, ext. 113**, or via email: **lpeluso@lbrm.org**.