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



**The love  
YOU share**

gives neighbors like Carla  
hope for a better life...





# A meal for \$2.43 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



## A Message from JEFF LEVINE

### Thank you for REMEMBERING your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever..

Between work, family and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at Long Beach Rescue Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the men, women and children in the Greater Long Beach area who are experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine  
Executive Director

*“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*  
- John 13:34b-35

## Celebrating 10 new beginnings... **THANKS TO YOU!**

Join us in **celebrating 10 new graduates from our long-term New Life Program!**

Months of Christ-centered counseling, classes and training have brought them here. With your support and God's grace, they have a new life of HOPE.

As graduates rejoin our community, please pray for them. And thank you for your continued support, as new residents start their journeys of transformation.

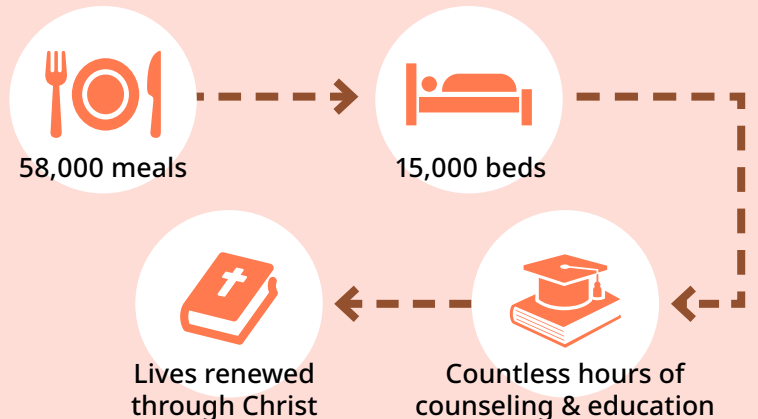
Learn more about our recovery services for men and women at **LBRM.org**.



We are also blessed to celebrate several baptisms! As these residents dedicate or recommit their lives to God, we join them in praising His redeeming work in their lives!

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**  
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...  
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

*Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!*

**Give now! LBRM.org**

"I knew I had to do something, something had to change."



## "I'M THANKFUL TO THE MISSION... THEY'RE SAVING MY LIFE."

Growing up, Carla's father was an alcoholic, and it drove her mother to leave. Yearning for that lost family environment, Carla decided to become a mother at age 17.

She soon had two young children, and their father spent all his time working and going out with friends. "I was left home with the children. And so beer became my companion."

Carla went through a breakup with her children's father, and then experienced another breakup after that. Feeling saddened at the continued breakdowns in her family, she turned to old friends and old habits with substance abuse. "I developed a pattern... I

struggled with it off and on for 35 years."

With her kids grown and having families of their own, Carla ended up living in her car. Her kids didn't want her under the influence while around her grandchildren. She told herself, "Carla, you need to find yourself a bed and get yourself clean."

**When she came to Long Beach Rescue Mission, everything changed for Carla.**

"This is a beautiful place," she says. "The love that's felt here... I've found the family that I yearn for."

Carla is sober now and is in our Women's New Life Program.

"Coming here has just been a wonderful experience," Carla says. "Once I got here and

found out that it was a faith-based program, that's when I knew I was home."

Through practical life-skills training like computer classes, she's feeling set up for future success. In addition to securing housing, she hopes to hang onto her sobriety, improve her relationship with God and find work in medical billing or a position at the Mission.

**Carla now has strength for her future because of your heart of compassion for her and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God's love, she has a path forward in life.** "I'm in a safe place now. I can rest now. Since coming to the Mission, I have found my faith again."





# Keep neighbors SAFE this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

**But our neighbors out on the street have no relief.** They're at risk of heat stroke, dehydration or even death – especially those who are most vulnerable, like seniors or families with children.

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$13.38 provides 2 meals and a night of safe shelter for a man, woman or child in need – along with other services like these!



**Cool water to drink  
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers  
& safe shelter**



**Clean clothes & socks  
(Socks are our most  
requested item!)**



**Sunscreen & hygiene items**

Because of your support, hurting neighbors have everything they need to recover and rebuild at the Mission – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!

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a night of  
shelter!



## John and Helen Apostle House Now Open

We're happy to announce that our new John and Helen Apostle House opened in February! The new shelter will provide an additional 15 beds for men with disabilities.

Prior to this, we had reached full capacity on beds that could accommodate clients with disabilities. The week before the groundbreaking ceremony on the Apostle House, we had an amputee named Robert who had experienced homelessness for 10 years. Our downstairs beds were full, but our staff was ready to help and was prepared to put a bed in our lobby if it meant getting him off the streets.

Thanks to the merciful generosity of donors like you, we were able to create more space to help men like Robert. We are thrilled at the expanded ability to serve more people with disabilities in our community!

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

