

Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

**Giving thanks** for YOU **INSIDE:** Jaylin shares how your support changed his life!

## Giving thanks for YOU this fall





### A Message from JEFF LEVINE

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors Long Beach Rescue Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Jaylin, whose story you can read on Page 3 - his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing and safe shelter... to long-term healing and stability through our recovery program - with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 54,000 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

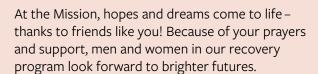
Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at Long Beach Rescue Mission - a reason to give thanks this fall!

Serving with you,



Jeff Levine, Executive Director

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





"The Mission led me to develop a thriving relationship with God. Things just keep getting better and better... I'm filled with hope!"

"Lydia House and the Mission helped open my eyes while giving me confidence. For the first time, I feel prepared for my next chapter."



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

> To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit LBRM.org.



# 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 just \$2.43, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:



shelter





Classes & job training



God's unconditional

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at LBRM.org.



Scan to see how you can help this fall!

# "I'm a new, more confident person!'

aylin was in his late teens when his world was turned upside down. Although raised by a single mother who worked hard to make ends meet, a financial setback left Jaylin's family in shambles. "We were evicted. It was horrible... For the first time, we had nowhere to go," Jaylin shares.

Experiencing homelessness as a young person was hard on Jaylin. He struggled to focus on the important things like school and began gravitating toward the wrong crowd. "Looking back, I realize how immature I was," he admits. "I was desperate for acceptance."

Fortunately for Jaylin, he was blessed to have a big sister who was looking out for him. She'd heard about the Mission and felt strongly that Jaylin needed the kind of robust support our biblically-based programs and case-management services could provide.

Soon after arriving at the Mission, Jaylin experienced a calming sense of relief. With his basic needs met, he could now concentrate on growing into the man the Lord intended him to be.

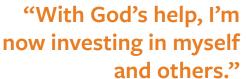
Through life-skills classes, Bible study and work therapy Jaylin learned how to set healthy boundaries, build relationships and serve others. "Reading the Word every day helped me understand real**life situations.** I feel wiser now," he smiles.

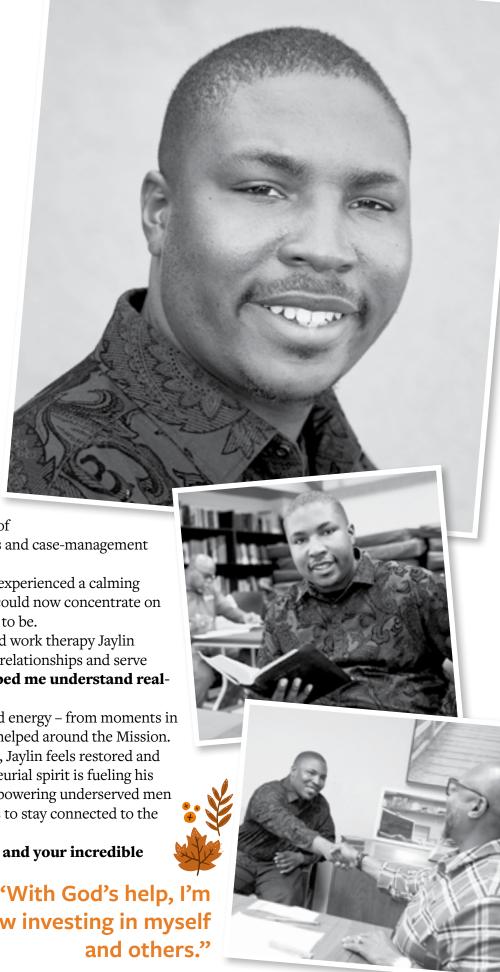
Jaylin also learned to balance his time and energy – from moments in quiet prayer to interacting with others as he helped around the Mission.

Now a graduate of our New Life Program, Jaylin feels restored and prepared for the next chapter. His entrepreneurial spirit is fueling his goal to start a clothing business aimed at empowering underserved men and women in the community. He also hopes to stay connected to the Mission, giving back when he can.

This fall, Jaylin gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his

**life.** "I've changed and matured in ways I never thought possible, thanks to God working through this Mission. I'm so grateful!"





# Chapel Changes Lives

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." - Romans 10:17

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, Bible study and fellowship, men and women feel inspired by the Gospel message of hope... and many even experience Christ's love for the first time!

Are you or your church interested in getting involved with chapel or donating Bibles for our guests? For more info, contact Lala Derico, Volunteer Coordinator, at (562) 591-1292, ext. 116.



# HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



#### Donate essential items!

Help stock our pantry with food items and provide warm clothing for our struggling neighbors. OR... host a donation drive and invite others to collect much needed items for our community.

To see our urgently needed items, visit □ LBRM.org/NeedsList



#### Volunteer with us!

Sign up to serve a meal, be part of our Search & Rescue mobile outreach or share an encouraging message at a chapel service. There are many ways you, your family, friends or church can volunteer with us this fall!

To learn more, visit □ LBRM.org/Volunteer



### **Start giving monthly!**

Join other faithful friends who give monthly through our Safe Harbor Club! Start giving monthly this fall to provide a steady stream of support for our neighbors during our busiest season.

To learn more, visit \_\_ LBRM.org/GiveMonthly