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

THANK YOU FOR  
GIVING MALINDA  
*a life-changing*  
GIFT THIS  
*Christmas!*  



*You help make  
Christmas  
miracles possible*

Get ready... the busiest time of the year is upon us! I imagine your calendar is filling up quickly. But **before the year ends, please save a few moments for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.**

I know you agree no one should live in a car... in a tent... or outside in the cold. Certainly not a child. Experiencing homelessness means living with constant fear and uncertainty. It's a terrible way to spend any day... much less Christmas Day. If there's anyone in need of a miracle, it's them.

You can make a Christmas miracle possible for a neighbor experiencing homelessness by giving \$2.43 to provide a hot meal at Long Beach Rescue Mission. It may not seem like much – but each meal you provide can be someone's first step toward recovery and a new life. Where you see a meal, a hurting neighbor sees a miracle.

With your support, no man, woman or child in the Greater Long Beach area has to experience hunger or homelessness this Christmas. People like Malinda (whose story is on page 3) can find the miracle of hot meals, safe shelter and Christ-centered care at the Mission this holiday season... and all year round... thanks to you!



Serving with you,

Jeff Levine  
President & CEO

# YOU MAKE CHRISTMAS AT THE MISSION SPECIAL!

**Christmas Morning:** Thanks to local toy & donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our Mission guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



**Holiday Feast:** Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our residents – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

**The Miracle of Jesus:** Worship, prayer, fellowship and a message of God's love – our guests gather in the chapel to celebrate the hope of Christmas together.

*Thanks to you, our neighbors don't have to spend this Christmas on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals and a reminder of the true reason for the season!*

## \$500,000 Holiday Season Matching Challenge

### DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



BIG NEWS to end the year: **When you give between now and December 31, your generosity will go 2x as far** to provide food, shelter and life-changing care for our struggling neighbors!

**DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31**

- ✉ Return your special year-end gift in the reply card today.
- 📄 Give online at **LBRM.org**.

**THANK YOU  
for doubling your  
impact during  
our Matching  
Challenge!**

“I’m 26 years sober now, so there’s a victory in that,” says Malinda of her journey. “But when it was ugly, it was very ugly.”

When she was just 7, she was separated from her mother. She and her brothers were placed in foster care, where she experienced abuse. When she was a bit older, a boyfriend introduced her to drugs, which merely helped her numb the pain.

All this led to stints of homelessness and abusive relationships. “My biggest challenge before coming to the Mission was feeling worthy,” she says. “I was never enough, to myself or anyone else.”

**When Malinda enrolled in the New Life Program at Long Beach Rescue Mission, she found the help and support she was looking for.**

“I’m 63 years old, but I’ve been given a tremendous opportunity to change my life,” she now shares. “It’s given my life purpose.”

At the Mission, the weight she’s been carrying for so many years has lifted. Here, she found a community of caring individuals who want to help her succeed and stand on her own two feet. It’s a community she’s proud to be a part of.

“They say that I mother everybody, which is true, because I’m the eldest one on campus,” she shares. “We have little chores that keep us busy, but I try to be mindful of the Holy Spirit and go where I’m needed.”

Through accountability and support, Malinda is thriving and taking control of her life like never before. She adds, “I see myself the way God sees me because of being here.”

**This Christmas, Malinda is experiencing the joy of the season because neighbors like YOU cared and helped her discover God’s healing embrace.** “This is my forever family, and then maybe someday I can come and give back.”

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**TO CHANGE MY LIFE.”**



**“I HAVE HOPE.  
THERE’S A REASON TO  
WAKE UP EVERY DAY.”**

# God is Moving at the Long Beach Rescue Mission!

We celebrate the faithfulness and provision of God and express deep gratitude to our donors, partners and community as we move forward with the beautiful expansion plans for our Lydia House.

Over the past many years, due to limited bed capacity, we are turning away an average of 6 families each day who are added to our wait list. Our new Lydia House expansion will include an addition of 60 beds for women and children, allowing us to serve and provide a safe haven to rest, to heal, to have hope for their future.

We welcome your support and prayers. If you would like to be part of this life-changing ministry and would like more information, please contact Jeff Levine, CEO & President, at (562) 277-4697, or via email: [jlevine@lbrm.org](mailto:jlevine@lbrm.org).



*"Hope is Here at Lydia House"*

## Give a meal. Spark a miracle!

It's hard to find a reason to celebrate Christmas when you're experiencing homelessness or hunger. **YOU can give JOY and spark a miracle** with a gift to lead someone to join our long-term recovery program and experience a new life! It all starts by providing a meal for \$2.43... because where you see a meal, they see a miracle.



**\$2.43**  
for 1 hot meal



**CAN SPARK  
A MIRACLE**



**That leads  
to new life!**

**Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!**



*Dear Jesus,*

*This Christmas, can you please help my mom? She's sad a lot. We had to leave our home. Mom said it cost too much. We lived in our car for a while, now we're at the Mission. The food is really good and there are other kids my age, but I still miss my old friends. I know you love me, but can you make our life a little easier? Please don't forget about us.*

*Love, Jane, age 7*

*P.S. It's almost your birthday.  
Happy birthday!*

Give kids and families at the Mission a Christmas to remember! Visit [LBRM.org](http://LBRM.org) to learn ways you can help this holiday season.