Don't Miss... Holiday

Give a meal.
Share peace and hope!

Double Your Impact!

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arquita's parents didn't have the skills to help their deaf child navigate life. "They couldn't use sign language and were frustrated and sad because we couldn't communicate well," she says.

When Marquita left home, she had disability income, but no life skills or sense of direction. She was already struggling to take care of herself when she had a child of her own. "Now, I was a deaf mom with even more responsibilities."

Eventually, Marquita lost her apartment and she and her son wound up moving from shelter to shelter... one frightening experience to another. "I had no way to communicate our needs, and I was afraid someone might take advantage of us," Marquita says.

She wanted to give her son a better life, but she had to find someone who could understand her needs. At an expo for the deaf, she met a godly man who directed her to Lydia House, our shelter for women and children. "We were so grateful for a safe place to stay and the loving, supportive staff."

"I HAVE A WHOLE NEW LIFE."

Through Bible studies and faith-based classes, Marquita's relationship with the Lord has grown strong, and her heart has begun to heal from a lifetime of feeling like an outcast. "I taught the other moms a little bit of sign language and enjoyed fellowship with them," Marquita says. "We've

been learning about God, sharing how He has touched our lives and laughing together."

Marquita has also developed the life skills and confidence she needs to live a stable life. After she completes our New Life Program, she plans to find a job and a safe place to live, then go

to college. "I'm inspired and motivated. I know I can be successful and I'm going to do it for my son."

This Christmas, Marquita and her son are experiencing the gifts of peace and hope for a brighter future. Thank you for sharing the blessings of God's love with them! "The Mission helped me become the best mother I can be."

A Message from JEFF LEVINE

You share the gifts of peace and hope at Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner! We're busy with our preparations – and I know you are too. I invite you to remember our neighbors in need for a moment... and consider what Christmas means to them.

For people experiencing homelessness, there is no moment of peace or joy. They endure constant stress... uncertain of where they can sleep safely... how they'll stay warm... and when they'll get their next meal.

I know your heart breaks for so many of our neighbors who feel they have little to celebrate this Christmas.

That's why your support means so much.

You can share the gifts of peace and hope with our hurting neighbors – this holiday season and beyond. When you give a meal for just \$2.43, you open the doors to healing and transformation. People like Marquita (whose story is on page 3) will experience the blessings of God's love that restores hearts and lives.

You can join us in reflecting God's love to our neighbors at Christmas through your compassion toward men, women and children who are hungry, hurting and experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for filling hearts with peace and hope this season... and every day of the year.

Serving with you,





Give a meal. Share peace and hope!

For our neighbors experiencing homelessness or hunger, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gifts of PEACE and HOPE.** Just \$2.43 provides a nourishing Christmas meal – and opens the door to recovery and a fresh start this holiday season.













\$2.43 for 1 hot meal

SHARES PEACE & HOPE

That leads to new life!

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!



\$175,000 Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



The year is almost over, and we've got exciting news! When you give between now and December 31, your gift doubles in impact, going 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!

INVEST IN SAVING LIVES!

You can make a lasting impact for our neighbors in need using **Donor-Advised Funds (DAF).** And the end of the year is the perfect time to consider this unique option for giving.

Here's how DAF works:

- Your DAF acts as a charity savings account that you can use to send money to the Mission.
- If you put money in today, you'll get a tax deduction for 2025.
- While the money sits in the fund, it accumulates interest tax-free!

For more information, please contact Jeff Levine, President & CEO at jlevine@lbrm.org or (562) 277-4697.

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YOUR YEAR OF IMPACT

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, in 2025, you gave more than just meals and shelter... you gave healing and hope to our neighbors in need.

See what you made possible!



292,000



82,855 nights of shelter provided



men & women enrolled in our New Life Program on average



52,495 hours of counseling & learning center courses annually

Thank you for supporting our life-changing programs to help more people get back on their feet this year!

