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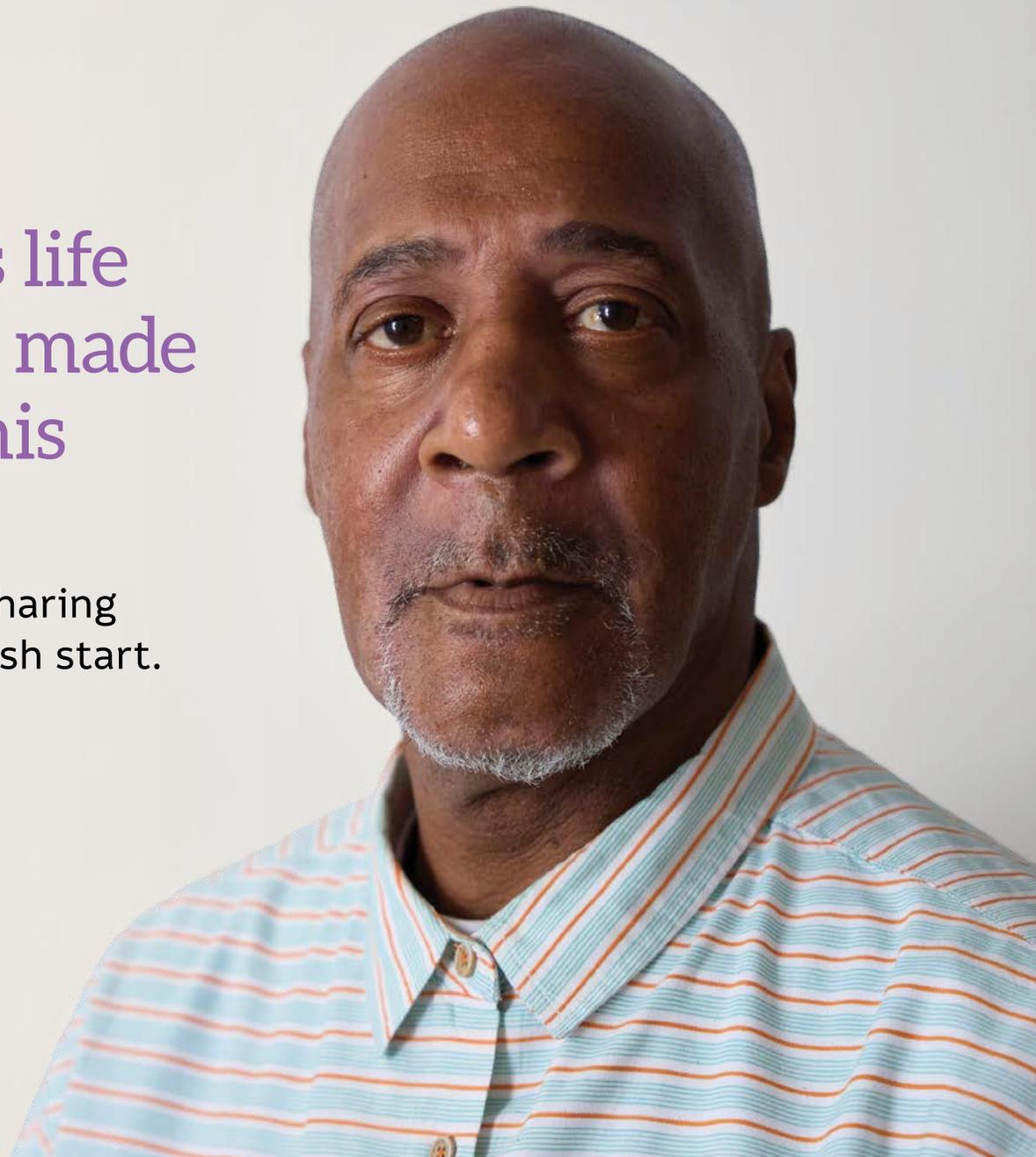
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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives



Michael's life has been made **New** this **Easter!**

Thank you for sharing hope for his fresh start.





A Message from Jeff Levine

# SHARING THE good news OF NEW LIFE

As I reflect on the Easter season, I'm reminded of Proverbs 25:25: "Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land."

Here at the Mission, we're offering that "good news" to our neighbors who are hurting and experiencing homelessness – providing food, shelter, water and the hope and transformation found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

This is a season filled with opportunities to share that message. Our Easter meals will welcome hungry neighbors for dinner the night before and breakfast on Easter morning. And at our Let's Taco Bout Easter event, hundreds of local families will join us for tacos, games, kids' activities... and the message of new life in Christ.

At the heart of all the fun, service and ministry is one simple truth: the resurrection changes everything. **Through the support and prayers of friends like you, lives are being renewed** – like Michael's, whose story you can read on page 3.

**Thank you for sharing the hope of new life this Easter!** Together, we're offering the "good news" to weary souls.

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine, President & CEO

P.S. Exciting updates! The Lydia House expansion is nearly complete (see brochure). Timothy House is now in operation and helping young men heal and find hope.



## Volunteer your time and talents!

When you volunteer, your simple act of kindness makes a profound difference in the lives of our guests.

### Here are just a few ways you can lend your time and talents:

- Help our kitchen staff serve meals
- Volunteer at special events like the Easter Basket Giveaway
- Help with office duties
- Share your musical or artistic talents for events or workshops
- Lead evening chapel service
- Mentor our New Life Program participants
- Teach a class
- Host a drive for food, toiletries, clothing and more

You can be creative! Let us know other ways you can share your special gifts or abilities to serve our community.

Visit our website to see all the ways you can get involved, and sign up: [LBRM.org/volunteer](http://LBRM.org/volunteer)

Or contact Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Lanuza:

✉ [volunteer@lbrm.org](mailto:volunteer@lbrm.org)

☎ (562) 591-1292, ext. 119



## This Easter... EVERY MEAL MATTERS

### Just \$2.43 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care and healing in our recovery programs!

**For just \$2.43 each, you can provide a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and share hope for a new life in Christ.**

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at [LBRM.org](http://LBRM.org).





# “The Mission helped me Heal.”

Michael smiles when he thinks about his early years. “My family was wonderful. We played sports, raised animals and hung out together,” he says. “It was a good childhood.” Both his parents were always there for him, even just to listen when he needed to vent.

But as he got older, Michael turned to the streets and was soon influenced by the dangerous environment. By 18, he was in prison, beginning a destructive path of substance use and legal troubles. “Being an addict was all I knew at one time,” he admits.

When he was released, Michael became a father to twins. He was determined to stay out of prison but still struggled with alcoholism and pushed away those who loved him. “I was alone.

That was rock bottom,” he says. His heavy drinking eventually landed him in the hospital.

Seeking spiritual guidance, Michael came to the Mission. When he arrived, he was using a walker – but today he walks independently. “The Mission helped me heal physically, spiritually and mentally,” he says.

Today, Michael’s life has transformed thanks to the supportive, faith-based environment. “Before I came to the Mission, I was lost, angry and selfish. I’ve learned a lot as I accepted God. I don’t cuss or judge people. I’m gaining more insight and spirituality.”

Now, instead of isolation, Michael has community. The Mission has become an extension of his family. He finds fulfillment helping others who are struggling and wants to continue giving back. “I want to live honestly and peacefully, keep my faith and watch my grandkids grow.”

**This Easter, Michael has a new direction for his life. Thank you for lighting the path forward for him to experience a future of hope and peace!** “I’m thankful to the Mission for giving me a chance. I have tears of joy for the things I can do today.”

“*The Mission humbled me and changed my heart deeply. Now it brings me joy to help others.*”

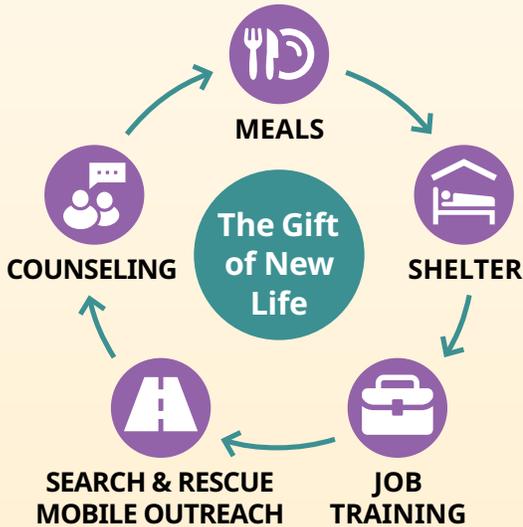


**May we shine the light of Christ.**

*“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:4–5*

# GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES!

You can be the difference our community needs! When you become a partner in our Safe Harbor Club, you give hurting neighbors the life-changing care they need! Your support provides stability and a path toward lasting recovery.



Start giving monthly now!  
Or visit [LBRM.org/NewLife](https://LBRM.org/NewLife)

BECOME A MONTHLY PARTNER... AND  
TRANSFORM LIVES **ALL YEAR!**

## HELP HUNGRY NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER

*DONATE FOOD ITEMS!*



This Easter, you can help turn hunger into hope. Donate much-needed food items and help provide thousands of meals for our neighbors in need. Your generosity not only fills plates... but also warms hearts!

Give food. Share hope. Help welcome our guests with a nourishing Easter meal and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

### HERE'S WHAT WE NEED:

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 3:**



SPIRAL SLICED HAM



INSTANT MASHED POTATOES



COFFEE



CANNED VEGETABLES

BUTTER

CREAMER

POWDERED MILK

DESSERTS  
(homemade or store-bought)

*Thank you so much for your generosity!*

Drop off donations at the Mission, 1335 Pacific Ave. in Long Beach.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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