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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives



See how your compassion gave Naomi a fresh start...

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A meal served with LOVE for a neighbor in need... **just \$2.43!**

A Message from Jeff Levine



Sharing a story of **HOPE** this summer.

I'm grateful for how the Lord writes each of our stories, and how He weaves them together. Through your gifts and prayers, you play a meaningful role in the stories of your neighbors' lives!

Sadly, this summer, too many of our neighbors are experiencing a heartbreaking "chapter": Extreme heat on the streets... thirst and hunger... loss of hope. Many turn to us for cool shelter, meals and water, recovery services and more.

You can help share the life-changing care our hurting neighbors experiencing homelessness need.

That is my prayer for the summer, **as we begin our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign this month.** Together, we can provide vital help to change our neighbors' stories, and their lives, for good.

I've seen these life-transformations happen

right here at Long Beach Rescue Mission, like for Naomi, whose story you can read on page 3 of this newsletter.

Your support this summer will help more neighbors like her, whether you help once or give all three months. Your generosity will mean steady meals, safe shelter and Christ-centered care that helps write their new stories of hope.

I'll be so grateful.

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine
President & CEO

P.S. I invite you to come see the impact of your generosity! To set up a tour of our newly expanded Lydia House, call (562) 277-4697 today.

"Love your neighbor as yourself..."

- Matthew 22:39



Their story is just beginning... **THANKS TO YOU!**

Join us in **celebrating 26 new graduates from our long-term New Life Program!**

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

Please pray for our graduates as they rejoin our community. And thank you for your continued support to help 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 our recent baptisms! As these residents commit their lives to God, we join them in praising His loving redemption in their lives!

Join us for our **43rd Annual Long Beach Leadership Prayer Breakfast**

- a morning of inspiration and renewal!

WHEN: Friday, October 9, 2026, 7:15 a.m.

WHERE: Westin Long Beach

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

AC Green,
LA Lakers NBA Champion



For registration and sponsorship information, please contact Lynda Peluso, Development Supervisor, at **(562) 591-1292, ext. 113.**



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Much of Naomi’s life was marked by pain and the struggle to survive. She was abused from the age of three until she ran away from home. The years of trauma led to a cycle of addiction, incarceration and homelessness. “Jail was my second home,” Naomi shares.

As years went by and she became a mother, addiction kept her from being present for the people she loved most. Her lowest moment came while living in an alley, just around the corner from her mom’s house – close enough to see her children, but unable to care for them. “That was rock bottom,” Naomi says. **“I couldn’t be there for my kids.”**

Through a series of moments Naomi describes as divine intervention, she and her children were welcomed into Lydia House at the Mission. “They told us it was full – and then they got us in,” she says. “That was God at work.”

From the beginning, Naomi was grateful for the supportive community. “I can’t say anything bad about this place,” she shares. **“The staff cares about me. They don’t give up on me.”**

After Naomi completed the 90-day program, she committed to the New Life Program, where her life continued to be transformed. “Before I came here, I was broken,” she says. “Now I’m calmer, happier and learning how to be a better mom.”

Naomi also found greater purpose for her life, as she began sharing advice and encouragement with other women at the Mission. Her faith also grew alongside her healing. “God was always with me,” she reflects. “But now I’m walking with Him.”

Naomi recently graduated from the program and now works at the Mission as our House Manager at Lydia House.

Because of you, neighbors like Naomi know that God loves them and they are worthy of a new beginning. Thank you for opening the door to hope and healing this summer! “A weight has been lifted off my shoulders. I know God is with me. I think He has me here for a reason.”



“I see everything differently now. I’m learning something new every day.”



YOU CAN SHOW A HURTING NEIGHBOR THEY’RE NOT ALONE!

Your gift of \$2.43 provides a hot, nourishing meal – and can lead to other life-changing services like shelter, Christ-centered counsel and recovery.



It starts with a meal...



and ends with a life renewed!



Give during our Love Your Neighbor campaign... and show local people who are experiencing homelessness and hurting that you care.

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Give now! LBRM.org

Give Struggling Mothers Peace of Mind

The fear and uncertainty of homelessness weighs even more heavily on mothers and their children. Studies show that **90% of mothers experiencing homelessness have experienced abuse**, and escaping domestic violence leads many to become homeless along with their children.

Every day at Lydia House, your gifts help us provide the support families need to restore their lives and find peace of mind.



A Day at the Mission for a Mom & Child



Mom and child wake up in their safe, clean beds and eat a nourishing meal together in our dining hall.

MORNING



Mom attends life-skills classes and work training, while her child learns and plays safely in our daycare.

AFTERNOON



Mom and child enjoy a healthy meal at our table. They say their bedtime prayers together and give thanks for caring neighbors like you.

NIGHT



Find out more about how you can support mothers and children at the Mission by visiting [LBRM.org](https://www.lbrm.org)

TO DO THIS SUMMER:

Make a Will!

Your generosity can live on beyond your lifetime! **August is National Make a Will Month.** So now is a great time to get your affairs in order and complete your will this summer.

Through a gift in your will to Long Beach Rescue Mission, the impact of your generosity will live on, bringing healing and hope to hurting neighbors, season after season.

Here are just a few examples of gifts you can designate to our ministry via your will:



Cash



Real Estate



Property



Stocks

Ready to talk about leaving your legacy?

Visit [LBRM.org/planned-giving](https://www.lbrm.org/planned-giving) or contact Kyle Patterson, Director of Development. ☎ (626) 773-2055
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