

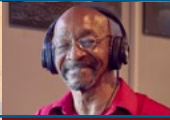
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Change lives beyond
your lifetime

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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

**GIVING
THANKS
FOR YOU!**



INSIDE: Joe
is counting his
blessings this fall.



Overflowing with thankfulness... **for you!**



A Message from JEFF LEVINE

I can't help but feel grateful this time of year. Yes, it's a busy season – but there's so much to look forward to: Thanksgiving, Christmas and the outpouring of generosity we see at year end. I imagine you're equally excited about enjoying these holidays with loved ones.

But it's important to pause and give this month the attention it deserves. September is Hunger Action Month – it's our invitation to consider how hunger impacts hurting neighbors... and our community as a whole.

When someone is hungry, they can't think of anything else. Shelter, hygiene, health care and employment can be addressed only after hunger is solved. Your gift of just \$2.43 can provide that solution with a meal for a man, woman or child in the Greater Long Beach area.

It's about more than providing nourishment. For a neighbor experiencing homelessness, **a meal is relief, dignity and the first step toward stability** – as it was for Joe, whose story you'll read on page 3.

Thank you for your heart for our hurting and hungry neighbors. Your care and compassion are a powerful response to being rooted in Christ, as we read in Colossians 2:6–7...

“Continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine, President & CEO

TOUR THE MISSION



See the impact of your generosity, including our newly expanded Lydia House for women and children!

Schedule a tour today to see how you're helping to break the cycle of homelessness and make this life-changing ministry possible. You'll get to walk the hallways, dining room and most importantly, see firsthand how your support is transforming the lives of men, women and children from our community.

Schedule a tour for yourself or your group today by calling us at ☎ (562) 277-4697 or emailing ✉ jlevine@lbrm.org.

NO ONE SHOULD FACE HUNGER ALONE.

MEALS NEEDED BY SEPT. 30!

When someone is hungry, nothing else matters. Once that need is met, they can begin to rebuild their life – to find shelter, seek recovery and take steps toward lasting change.



September is Hunger Action Month... and your chance to make sure no one has to face hunger alone.

Just \$2.43 provides a nourishing meal that offers relief and hope when it's needed most.

Send your gift to help hungry neighbors today
OR give online at
LBRM.org.

Scan to take action now!





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Joe's childhood was marked by poverty and instability. His parents worked long hours, so his sister ended up raising him and his siblings. When rent became unaffordable, Joe and his family moved into the housing projects where life took a dramatic turn. “I really didn't want to move there. It just killed my whole world,” he says.

Joe fell into the same lifestyle as those around him – ditching school, fighting, gambling and using substances. Tired of being bullied for wearing old clothes and wanting a way to afford nicer things, Joe turned to crime as his last resort.

At 17, a pastor outside a liquor store stopped Joe and led him through a prayer of repentance. The following night, alone in his room, Joe heard God speak to him. “He said that you're going to be a good man. Obey your parents and get your life together,” Joe says.

Despite that experience, Joe spent decades in a cycle of incarceration, homelessness and substance use. He faithfully read the Bible and tried rehab – desperate to change but unable to fully surrender.

After Joe hit rock bottom, his brother – who had successfully completed the program – brought him

to the Mission. “The love here is genuine. The people show sacrificial love,” Joe says.

Though Joe found the support here beneficial to recovery, he continued to struggle with the pull of addiction until he fully committed himself to the program. Through daily prayer, Scripture and meditation, Joe began to truly change.

“At the Mission, I've learned to be humble and teachable. I want people to see the work God is doing in my life and be drawn to Him.”

Today, Joe has given everything to God. He hopes to one day establish a Mission of his own – for God and for the people who need it.

Because of you, Joe is experiencing Thanksgiving in a whole new way this year... with a fresh perspective on life and a heart of gratitude. “If it weren't for the Mission, I would probably be in my grave. Now I have joy and peace.”

October 10 is World Homeless Day

World Homeless Day is a powerful reminder of the realities of homelessness... and that we can ALL be part of the solution!

On any given night, thousands of individuals and families in our community don't know where they'll sleep.



You help make many stories of hope possible. And October 10th is your chance to help even more neighbors in need. Whether you donate, volunteer or raise awareness – your support helps restore dignity and hope to hurting men, women and children.

Together, we can turn compassion into impact... and create lasting change in the Greater Long Beach area.



Learn more about how Long Beach Rescue Mission addresses the root causes of homelessness at **LBRM.org**.

CHANGE LIVES BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

Want to leave a legacy of healing and hope? When you include Long Beach Rescue Mission in your will, often referred to as a “bequest,” you ensure that your heart of compassion continues blessing others tomorrow and beyond.

You can choose how you wish to give: cash, real estate, property or stocks. And it's easy to update your wishes at any time.



Ready to talk about leaving your legacy?

Visit [LBRM.org/planned-giving](https://lbrm.org/planned-giving)
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