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A Message from
JEFF LEVINE

Sharing the gift of hope this *Christmas*

On the night of His birth, Jesus' family was turned away because there was "no room at the inn." I find it so profound to think that they experienced the same fear and uncertainty our guests face when they have nowhere else to turn.

Here at Long Beach Rescue Mission, we are committed to welcoming and caring for every hurting person who comes through our doors. Yet many of our guests have endured years of homelessness, poverty and hardship that have left them feeling forgotten and alone.

During the holidays, friends like you help share God's compassion and remind them they are seen and deeply valued. Your gifts to provide hot meals, safe shelter and recovery support become meaningful expressions of God's love and care in their lives. Above all, you give the gift of hope and a second chance during these dark winter months.

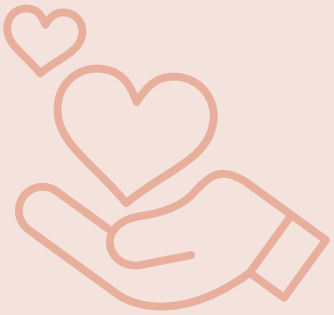
This Christmas, I invite you to share love and grace with neighbors in need – like Shambel, whose story you'll find on the next page. Through your generosity, you'll open a door when so many others are closed to them – and let them know that there is room for them here.

Thank you, and may God bless you throughout Christmas and into the New Year.

Serving with you,

Jeff Levine
President & CEO

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 giving option.

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 2026.
- While the money sits in the fund, it accumulates interest tax-free!

For more information, please contact Kyle Patterson at **kpatterson@lbrm.org** or **(562) 591-1292, ext. 114**.

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Give a meal. Share the gift of *hope!*

For our neighbors experiencing homelessness or hunger, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gift of 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 HELP & HOPE** → **That leads to new life!**

Please send your Christmas gift today!

“Now I look forward to the *future*.”

Shambel spent his childhood in Ohio and remembers life as peaceful and simple. But when family hardships forced them to move to California when he was just 5 years old, the instability began.

His mother worked tirelessly to provide for the family, often sacrificing her own needs. Through a cycle of multiple homes and evictions, they were constantly searching for stability. **“We were just trying to survive and find somewhere where we could stay,”** Shambel says.

As he grew older, the instability began to take its toll. He fell into unhealthy habits, like smoking and drugs, and found himself drifting without purpose.

Then everything unraveled. Due to an injury to his hand, Shambel took some time off from school and was told he might not graduate. This led to an argument with his mom, who told him he was not welcome back home. “I felt like a failure,” he says. “I was going from couch to couch, staying at friends’ houses to get by.”

Thankfully, Shambel asked his principal for help, who connected Shambel with Long Beach Rescue Mission.

Here, Shambel found a sense of stability he’s never experienced. Through structure, encouragement and community, he is preparing for the future and taking tangible steps toward change. “I really love that everyone seeks to help and to understand each other here.”

> **“I realized I needed to start making changes in my life.”**

In our Timothy House, Shambel is also deepening his faith through Bible study and chapel. The Mission has been more than just a safe place to lay his head... it has been the direction he needed. He is preparing for college and hopes to pursue an engineering degree.

“Ever since I’ve been here, I’m just working on myself and making sure my future is stable,” Shambel says.

This Christmas, Shambel is experiencing God’s grace at work in his life. Thank you for sharing the gift of hope with him! “I’m thankful to the Mission because of the countless opportunities they’ve given me to start my life over again.”

Holiday Shopping List

Donations are accepted Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Samaritan House: 1335 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813. To see a full list of needs, visit LBRM.org/current-needs.

- Rice
- Canned Foods
- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Beans
- Tuna
- Soup
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Seasonings
- Salad Dressings
- Sugar
- Bottled Water
- New Washcloths & Towels
- Socks for Men, Women & Children
- Toiletries (Small Individual Sizes for Search and Rescue)

See your impact!

TOUR THE MISSION

See firsthand how you help make this life-changing ministry possible!

Schedule a tour today... you'll get to see our hallways, dining room and most importantly, the impact your support is making in the lives of men, women and children from our community.

Come by yourself, with your family and friends, a student group, your church or your company or organization.

Schedule a tour today by contacting **info@lbrm.org**.