

# MISSION *in* MOTION

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The power of  
your love...  
in action

Thank you for  
bringing  
***GREAT***  
***JOY*** to  
hurting people

*You changed  
McKennah's life*

*San Diego*  
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SAVING LIVES SINCE 1955

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**“I’m so grateful  
to be here... and  
for the impact  
it’s made on my  
daughter’s life.”**



**T**he news was heartbreaking – and it changed McKennah’s life seemingly overnight.

She and her daughter had moved in with a friend of the family. Her daughter needed special medical treatments, and now they were closer to her care. It seemed like the perfect situation... until Child Protective Services arrived at their door.

“They made me aware I was living with a registered sex offender,” she says. “My child’s life was in danger.”

McKennah made the decision to leave with her daughter that very same night.

“I left a good job with benefits, a pension, everything... but my daughter’s safety came first.”

McKennah knew firsthand from her own childhood how painful and scary it was to grow up in a dangerous home. She couldn’t bear the thought of her daughter facing the same.

They returned to San Diego, getting by on savings for a while, but **when McKennah heard about Haven of Hope, our long-term program for women with children, she felt God leading her here.**

“I wanted to address my own trauma... of feeling unwanted and unloved growing up,” she says. “Then I could be a better mom for my daughter.”

Through classes and counseling in our program,

McKennah began to heal emotionally from her past, and her daughter found a safe place to learn and grow at our preschool.

McKennah’s transformation has touched her daughter’s life too. **“I decided to recommit to my faith... and that’s shown my daughter we have a Father in heaven that’s protecting us. She finally feels safe. That brings me joy.”**



**“I was just praying and praying...  
God brought me here so I could  
get better.”**



As a recent graduate of our program, McKennah now has a stable job as an administrative assistant, and she and her daughter are preparing to move into their own apartment!

**This year, McKennah will be celebrating Christmas as a new creation, filled with the great joy of God’s love.** “The Rescue Mission provided us with stability and hope. It’s been a full transformation.”

## Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests and students at San Diego Rescue Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. ***But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.***

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these men, women and children the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



Donnie Dee  
President/CEO

## *It Starts With You...* You make transformation possible!



This has been a hard year for everyone, especially for your neighbors in San Diego County who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties due to the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter & clean clothing
- Life skills classes, job training & practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$2.05 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

**Please Send Your Gift Today!**



**\$2.05**  
for 1 hot meal



a night  
of safe shelter

**CAN GIVE  
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed  
by God's LOVE**

**READ MCKENNAH'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!**

## NOW OPEN in National City!

Visit our **NEW Food Distribution & Donation Center** in National City! Your donations of gently used clothing or household items will be such a blessing to men and women in need. Please drop off your donations at **200 E 26th Street in National City.**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING!**





## December 1 GIVING TUESDAY

Please remember your hurting neighbors by joining together as a community to support **Giving Tuesday**. On this special day, your gift to San Diego Rescue Mission will provide basic essentials and guidance that can transform lives.

This has been an especially difficult year due to the unexpected hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your help is needed now more than ever for our neighbors trying to rebuild their lives. Thank you for caring!

📅 Mark December 1st on your calendar and don't forget to give at **SanDiegoRescueMission.org**.

# YOUR GIFT TODAY... GOES TWICE AS FAR!



## DEADLINE TO GIVE: DEC 31

Great news! **Any gift you make will be matched through a \$100,000 grant** provided by the Wilson Family and the Kasperick Family. *This is truly a double blessing.*

Your year-end gift will provide **twice the hope** for your neighbors who are struggling to get back on their feet due to the pandemic!

And thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.

✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.

💻 Give online at  
**SanDiegoRescueMission.org**.

**THANK YOU  
for blessing  
others through  
this year-end  
challenge!**

**Donnie, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:**

- ☐ \$26.65 to feed & care for 13 people
- ☐ \$53.30 to feed & care for 26 people
- ☐ \$75.85 to feed & care for 37 people
- ☐ \$88.15 to feed & care for 43 people
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

Plus, my Challenge gift to provide double the help: \$\_\_\_\_\_

*This really helps!*

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