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The power of
your love...
in action

Meet *Sean* He can't thank **YOU** enough!

Because of you, Sean's heart
is filled with *new hope*
this Easter.



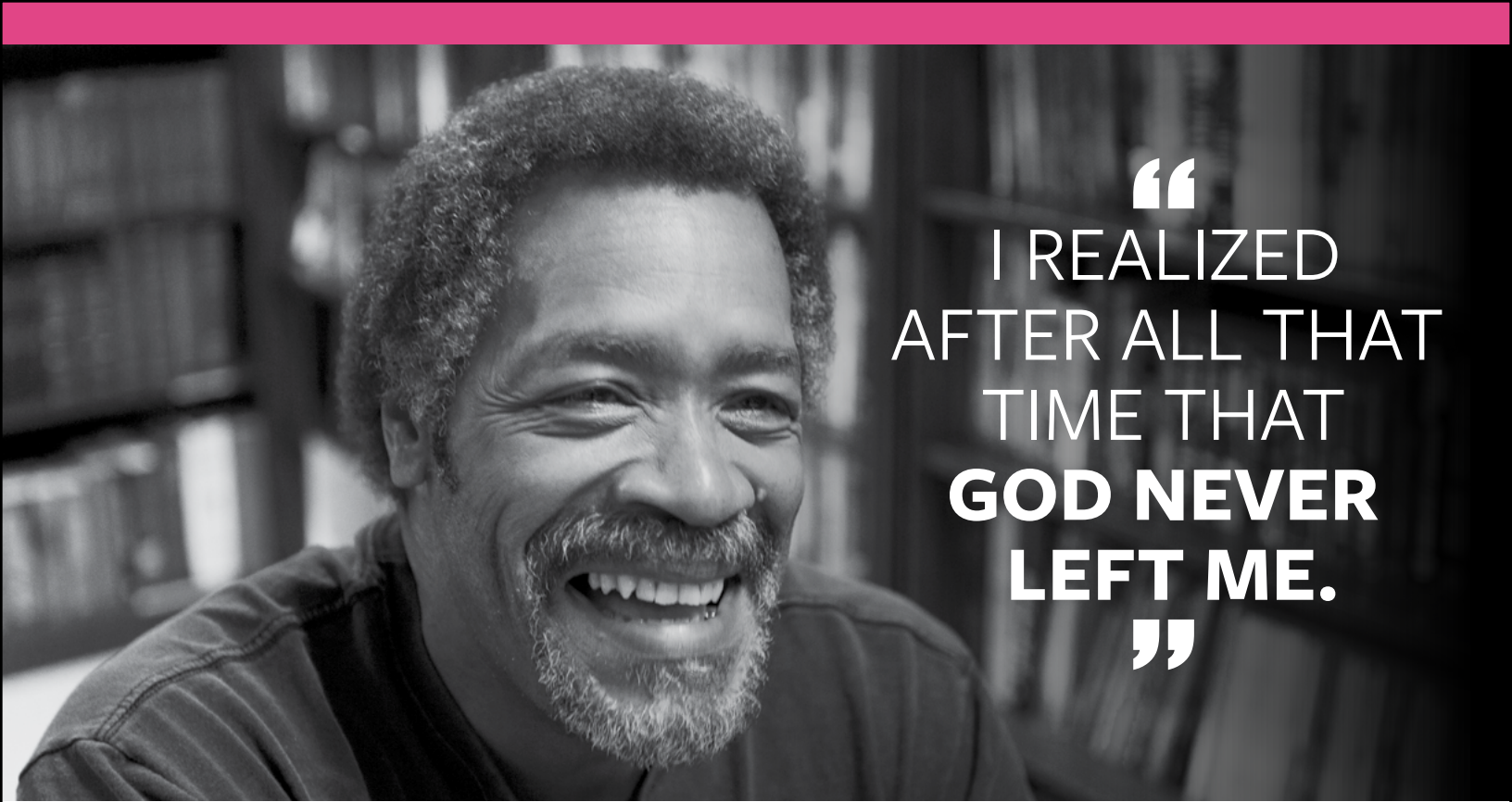
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RESCUE MISSION
SAVING LIVES SINCE 1955

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Sean was proud of the life he had built and the three children he had raised. But then a series of losses caused him to fall into despair.

“I went through a lot of deaths, starting with my father, and that threw me for a loop,” Sean said. “My life was in turmoil. I was a mess.”

Sean turned to alcohol to cope after losing close relatives and friends. “I got so choked up with loss I just couldn’t handle it. I started binge drinking.”

Sean’s addiction got so bad he lost his job as an aerospace engineer and ended up homeless on the streets. He finally hit rock bottom and prayed, “I can’t drink anymore, but I don’t know what to do. God, please help me.”

The day he came to San Diego Rescue Mission, everything changed for Sean.

“It was like I was walking in a dream,” he said. “I’m grateful that my sister suggested I come here.”

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I heard ‘give it all to Christ’ my entire life, but I never really tried it until
I came to the Rescue Mission.
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Sean met with a psychologist who helped him cope with his grief. And through classes, Bible study and the help of his discipler, Sean rededicated his life to Jesus.

“He helped me get my thoughts and actions back on track... he also suggested going to church and getting more spiritual food.”

Today, Sean’s family is proud of the progress he has made. He’s active in his church and is working as the Rescue Mission librarian while he figures out next steps since he graduated.

He’s also excited to spend Easter with the family he’s found at the Rescue Mission. “I have friends here. Some of these guys mean a lot to me because we’ve been here together for so long.”

You may never meet Sean, but he’s eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, his heart is filled with new hope for the future. “I’m blessed that the Rescue Mission is here because now I have clarity, motivation, optimism and joy. I’m ready to embrace life now.”



Here's how YOUR gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



51,400 nourishing meals



16,846 nights of shelter



Hundreds of men & women cared for in our recovery programs



Thousands of hours of education & counseling

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



A Message from DONNIE DEE

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon – and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, “He is risen indeed!”

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at the Rescue Mission right now... men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer hope to a hurting world resonates with our guests.

In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome! As they begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

Forgiveness is a doorway to

new life. It opens up our guests to accepting love – not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the cross too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

Donnie Dee
President/CEO



NINA CAME FOR A MEAL...



... AND IT WAS THE START
OF A NEW LIFE!

Nina didn't have much hope left when she came to our door. Thanks to you, she was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored her hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.05
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

Each meal you give makes a big difference!

This Easter, as Nina celebrates the hope in her life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at **SanDiegoRescueMission.org**.

Thank you again for your support of our Rescue Mission guests!
Happy Easter!

YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

Sunday, April 12: Our Easter Celebration is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.!

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **51,400+ hot meals...**

and provide hundreds of men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and vital care.**

Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!

Donate now!

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✦ SanDiegoRescueMission.org



Get a closer look at how YOUR support is changing lives.

TAKE OUR RESCUE MISSION TOUR!

- It's easy to sign up!
- It's fun to visit!
- Best of all, you'll see your gifts at work!

To join our next Rescue Mission tour, contact

Michael Babida! ☎ (619) 819-1851

Hope to see you at the Rescue Mission soon!



Leave a Lasting Legacy Through Planned Giving

Have you considered what kind of legacy you want to leave behind after your passing? In addition to caring for loved ones, you can ensure your favorite charities are remembered by including them in your estate planning.

One of the simplest ways you can continue to support the life-changing work of San Diego Rescue Mission is by including us in your will.

If you would like to learn more about how Planned Giving can work for you, email Michelle Smith at msmith@sdrescue.org or call (619) 819-1892.

Thank you for caring!

