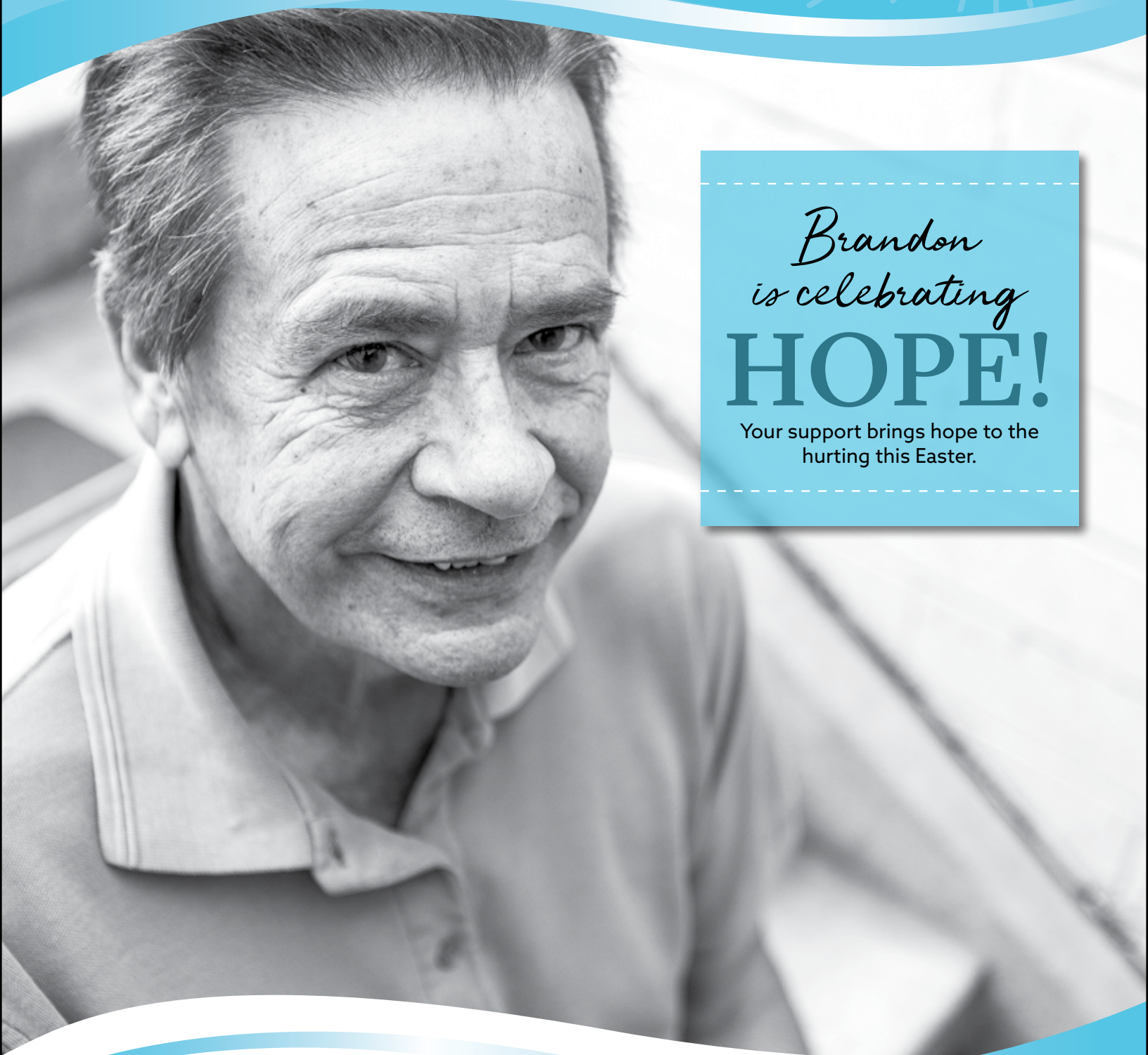


# MISSION *in* MOTION

A NEWSLETTER OF SAN DIEGO RESCUE MISSION • EASTER 2021

The power of  
your love...  
in action



*Brandon  
is celebrating*  
**HOPE!**

Your support brings hope to the  
hurting this Easter.

# “I’ve been born again.”

**B**randon blamed himself for his father’s death. “I know I didn’t give my father kidney failure... but I just wondered if there was something I could have done to make everything different.”

Brandon and his father had always been close. They even ran a successful business together. So when his dad ended up in the hospital – and it was terminal – Brandon was devastated.

To honor his father’s dying wishes, Brandon sacrificed job opportunities to care for his dad in their home and make his final moments as comfortable as possible.

When his father finally passed, Brandon was heartbroken. He started drinking... a lot. At his lowest point, he became homeless, living in his truck for eight months. “I knew my dad would be ashamed of me... and that shame just seemed to build.”

The turning point came when one night, on a trip to the liquor store, Brandon fell and hit his head. **“I was**

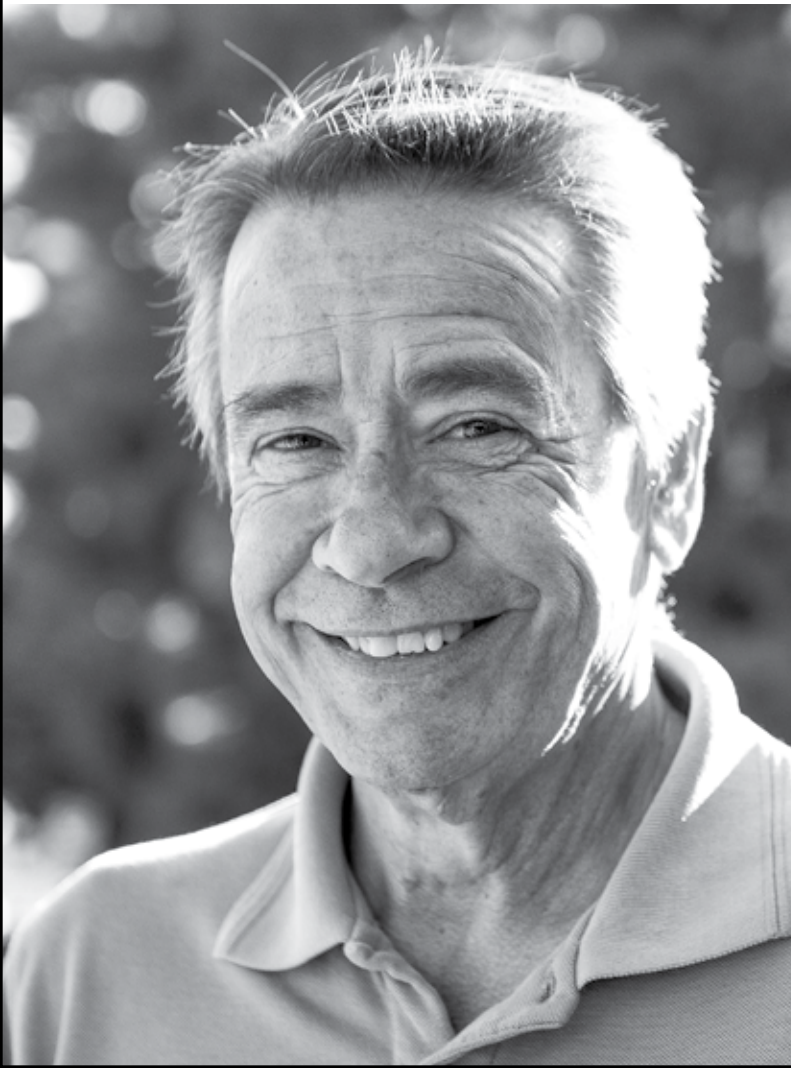
**lying in the gutter, out cold... and that’s when God reached out to me.”**

As Brandon recovered in the hospital, he became determined to change his life. Coming to San Diego Rescue Mission was key to his transformation.

Today, Brandon is grateful for the Bible studies, spiritual guidance and loving support he received at the Rescue Mission to help him begin healing from his grief and grow in a relationship with the Lord.

“Being here and hearing the Word has shown me how I can apply the Bible to my life,” he says. When he graduates our program, Brandon looks forward to finding a job where he can serve the Lord and show God’s love to his community.

**Thanks to the blessing of your support, Brandon is celebrating Easter as a new creation in Christ.** “I’m not living alone in my truck anymore... I am surrounded by God, by Jesus Christ. I know He is with me all the time.”



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# Easter 2021

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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Celebrate hope by caring for our most vulnerable neighbors!



**47,250**  
meals

*\$2.05 for a meal!*



**15,750** nights  
of shelter



**Hundreds** of men  
& women cared  
for in our recovery  
programs



**Thousands** of  
hours of education  
& counseling

*Thank you for your  
compassion & support!*

## Celebrate NEW LIFE this Easter

This Easter, YOU can give a nourishing meal & care to a hungry neighbor. **A meal is only \$2.05, but it's often the first step to a new life!**

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

*"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10, NASB*



## A Message from DONNIE DEE



## THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *lives on in you*

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in San Diego County today. Every chain

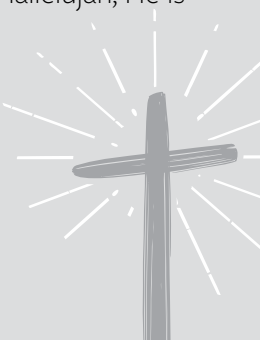
that's broken... every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

*And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!*

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Brandon (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

Donnie Dee  
President/CEO



## LEAVE A LEGACY

**How can you be a good steward of all God has blessed you with?** Writing a will is one of the most important steps you can take.

Share your passion to help San Diego's homeless by leaving a legacy of generosity that will continue to transform lives! Please consider including San Diego Rescue Mission in your will or estate planning today.

For more information, contact Sonny Pyon, Donor Relations Officer, at **spyon@sdrescue.org** or **(619) 819-1849**. Thank you!

# Thank you

for making a difference  
during COVID-19

2020 was such a challenging year – but your support and compassion helped so many people find help here at San Diego Rescue Mission.

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL  
FOR YOU!**

Thanks to you, we continue to provide the care our community relies on: Food. Shelter. Clean clothing and hygiene items. And special assistance for those struggling through extremely tough times. We do so while following safety precautions to keep our guests, staff and volunteers protected and healthy – and to minimize the impact of COVID-19.

Thank you again, and may God bless your generous heart!



## OUR EASTER MEAL

**Saturday, April 3:  
Our Easter Community Meal is from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.!**

Easter is almost here! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're following COVID-19 safety requirements and preparing to distribute **thousands of hot boxed "to go" meals**. Plus, we'll provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care**. *Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!*

Donate now!

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*Thank you – these meals change people's lives!*