

MISSION *in* MOTION

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The power of
your love...
in action

Eric's heart is
filled with
gratitude
for YOU!

Inside: Read how your
compassion and support
changes lives.



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SAVING LIVES SINCE 1955

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“NOW I HAVE CONFIDENCE... NOW I’M WHOLE.”

For ten years, Eric enjoyed his job as a welder, which provided a good living to support his family and raise three kids. But slowly he began to notice the steady stream of work starting to dry up.

“Jobs became few and far between,” he says. “Money got thin, and I ended up on the streets.”

Eric worked what odd jobs he could, cleaning yards to make ends meet. “But the older you get, the harder it is to get work,” he says.

Without a stable source of income, Eric couldn’t afford rent, and for the next five years, he was homeless... sleeping

next to buildings... relying on food stamps for meals. He even suffered a stroke.

To cope with all his struggles, Eric began drinking more and more. “Drinking was never a problem before... just social. But when I ended up on the streets, it got bad – big time.”

Coming to the San Diego Rescue Mission was the catalyst Eric needed to change his life. “I looked around the place and thought, ‘What do I have to lose?’”

Eric says he’d never opened a Bible before coming to the Rescue Mission. “But now I can’t seem to put it down!” Through our faith-based program and the guidance

of staff and pastors, Eric has even embraced a relationship with Christ!

“I feel a lot better about myself than I did,” he says of his transformation. “Now I can accomplish things a whole lot easier than I ever could before.”

Today, Eric is working in our kitchen, has reconnected with his children and grandchildren, and is saving up for a place of his own.

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God’s love! “I have a clear mind and a clean slate to start over, and that’s pretty cool.”

“
I’m not worried...
**GOD’S GOING TO
HELP ME OUT.**
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*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to San Diego Rescue Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God’s faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving “the least of these.”

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others’ needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you’ll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



Donnie Dee
President/CEO

100,000
MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our 2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we’ll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

***faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more!***

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**



Give now using the enclosed
reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at
SanDiegoRescueMission.org.



***Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for
your faithful support!***

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$2.05
for 1 hot meal



a night
of safe shelter

**CAN LEAD
TO**



**Practical guidance
and God’s
life-changing
LOVE**

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



Reaching More Lives in San Diego County!

North County expansion with **Bread of LIFE**
Rescue Mission

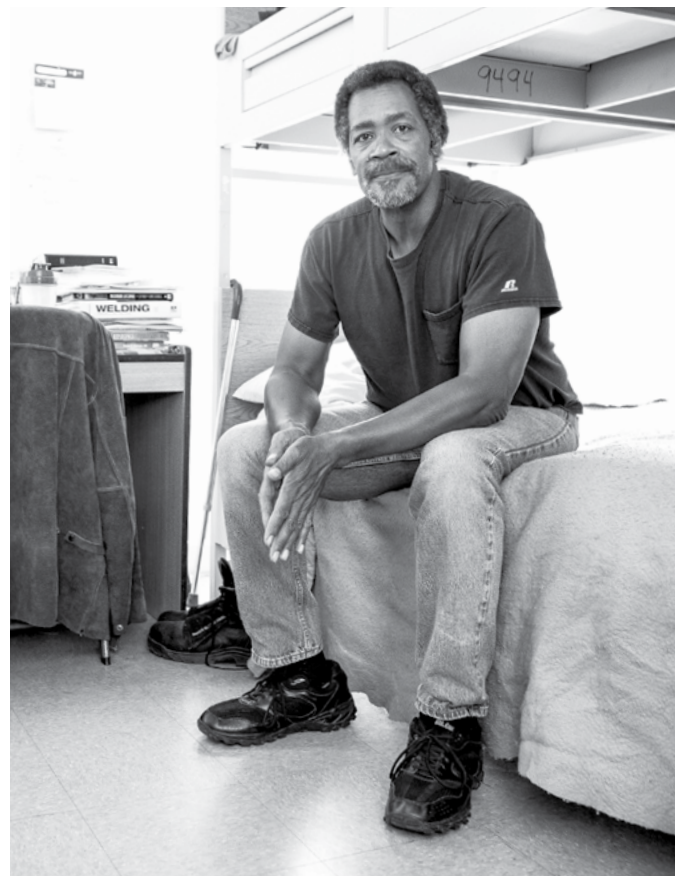
This Thanksgiving season, we have even more reasons to be grateful!

San Diego Rescue Mission is teaming up with Bread of Life Rescue Mission in Oceanside. We're uniting as one to better serve our community and impact more of San Diego County, one life at a time!

For 20 years, Bread of Life Rescue Mission has served our homeless and hungry neighbors in North County, providing hot meals, food boxes and clothing to address their immediate needs. They also share hope with people facing hardship, offering a safe, nurturing environment plus discipleship programs, life-skills classes and job training for anyone desiring a better life.

As Bread of Life becomes the North County branch of our ministry, we pray God will use our combined efforts to transform even more lives!

To learn more about this exciting expansion, and to see how you can partner with us in supporting this new ministry, please visit our website at **SanDiegoRescueMission.org**.



Bread of Life Executive Director, Tim Yzaguirre, joins our staff at San Diego Rescue Mission, bringing with him years of pastoral experience and a heart of compassion to serve San Diego County.



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Dear <Salutation>,

We know you care deeply about your neighbors who are homeless and hurting in San Diego County, so it's with great joy that we write to you today to share some truly wonderful news.

Bread of Life Rescue Mission and San Diego Rescue Mission are uniting as one to better serve our city!

As Bread of Life becomes the North County branch of the San Diego Rescue Mission, we pray God will use our combined efforts to transform even more lives in our community.

For 20 years, kind friends like you have made it possible for Bread of Life Rescue Mission to care for our struggling neighbors in North County. Through daily hot meals, food boxes and clothing, as well as discipleship programs, life-skills classes and job training, hurting individuals have been surrounded with practical help and the love of Christ that changes lives.

Through this ministry expansion, God is answering prayers for both Rescue Missions, as together, we'll impact more of San Diego County one life at a time!

In the Bible, Jesus prays for those who believe in Him to "be brought to complete unity," that the world would truly know God's love (see John 17:23, NIV). And as our ministries are brought into unity, supported by caring friends like you, it's our prayer that even more of San Diego County would experience the Lord's life-changing love!

Donnie Dee, President/CEO
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