



sdrescue.org • (619) 687-3720

The San Diego Rescue Mission is a non-profit recovery and rehabilitation center serving thousands of men, women and children experiencing homelessness in San Diego since 1955.

2018



IMPACT REPORT





DEAR FRIEND,

For the past 21 years, my wife Jackie and I have been fortunate to call San Diego our home. We have raised our children here and built lasting friendships in this community. When God opened my eyes to the issue of homelessness, (Prov 21:13) I began to ask, **why are so many people living on the streets and what are their stories?** Through a prayerful process, God led me to the San Diego Rescue Mission, a ministry on the front lines of this issue. This year, I have seen God transform the lives of even the most broken individuals and I've learned *one very important thing* - there are A LOT of people living on the streets, that don't want to be on the streets. Every week I do intake with the new men and women coming to our doors. and I have seen, firsthand, their hope and desire for a new life.

That's why I believe we can change the state of homelessness in San Diego and that you are a very important part of the solution. In this year's impact report, I want to share with you the stories of the men and women that we serve. Through their stories, I hope you will discover that true restoration is happening here and that together, we can make this America's finest city for **ALL!**

A stylized, handwritten signature in orange ink, appearing to read 'Donnie Dee'.

Donnie Dee
President / CEO

TO SEE GOD
TRANSFORM THE
LIVES OF THOSE
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS,
IMPACTING
SAN DIEGO
ONE LIFE AT
A TIME.



48 PROGRAM
GRADUATES
IN OCTOBER



TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

Lives are changing here at the San Diego Rescue Mission. Through your partnership, those once broken and lost are receiving the compassion, tools and resources they need to heal from past issues and to restore their lives.

Together, we share this journey to see the state of homelessness changed in San Diego – by investing in one life at a time and knowing that full restoration is only possible through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We invite you to dive deeper into our 5 Goals for Every Client – to better understand how healing and rehabilitation take place here at the San Diego Rescue Mission. With your help, we can make a long-lasting impact in the lives of those experiencing homelessness.

OUR 5 GOALS FOR EVERY CLIENT

ENCOUNTER GOD
EXPERIENCE RECOVERY
ENGAGE JOB TRAINING & PLACEMENT
ESTABLISH HOUSING
ENLIST SUPPORT NETWORK

2018 IMPACT

1,522 CLIENTS SERVED
THROUGH OUR PROGRAM



1

ENCOUNTER GOD

Christ-centered teaching is at the focus of everything we do. Through our Spiritual Training and Discipleship Programs, our clients are given the opportunity to learn, to ask the tough questions, to receive counseling and to discover the true heart of Jesus Christ.

JOHN'S STORY

When John's job became too stressful, he realized that no matter how much he accumulated, he couldn't find peace or happiness. After being estranged from his only parent, he suffered an emotional collapse and gave up everything he had worked for. After ending up in the hospital, John left with nothing but the clothes on his back.

"They told me that I did not find the Mission, but it was God reaching out to bring me in. They have taken me in and provided me with the necessities of life, but more importantly, they gave me a safe environment to contemplate my life and to introduce me to the Lord Jesus Christ as my path to salvation. Now I know that Christ died for my sins and I am forgiven."

2

EXPERIENCE RECOVERY

Through our 12-month Rehabilitation Programs, Clients held captive by their addiction are given the tools they need to resolve past issues and to achieve long-term recovery through counseling, therapy, and our Genesis Addiction Recovery program.

DONALD'S STORY

Donald was 3 years old when his mom first gave him scotch to help with his asthma. By 10 years old, he had his own 12 pack of beer in the fridge and by 15, he recalls being called a drunk. He doesn't remember a day from his childhood when he wasn't drinking.

"In the end, I had no one, I had destroyed all of my relationships. I became homeless and lost everything living on the streets. But, today is a great day for me. Today, I make smarter decisions being sober. It's a miracle that I'm here. The Rescue Mission saved my life – they gave me the tools and resources I needed. Now, I put God, first instead of letting my own self-interest run my day. They showed me that life is possible."

2018 IMPACT

OVER 150,000 NIGHTS
OF SHELTER PROVIDED
FOR OVER 400 MEN,
WOMEN & CHILDREN



3

ENGAGE JOB TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Our Job Training and Placement Program helps our clients identify their goals and strategize on how to achieve a sustainable lifestyle after they leave the Rescue Mission. Through education, work therapy and job training, we provide opportunities for clients to develop their skills and to pursue the career path that's right for them.

SARAH'S STORY

After escaping an abusive marriage, Sarah struggled to start her life over and to support her young son on her own. *"I felt like giving up. I know I did the right thing by leaving but I was having such a hard time."* Eager to get back on her feet, Sarah enrolled her son in our preschool and began our 12 Month Recovery Program.

Through her program, she discovered her passion for teaching, health and helping other women like herself. She's now pursuing a career as a Yoga teacher, where she aims to bring healing to other survivors of domestic violence. Sarah is working at her local health food store while she pursues her Yoga Teacher Training and begins rebuilding a stable life for her and her son. She's excited about the future and pursuing an independent life she can be proud of.

2018 IMPACT

**335,880 MEALS
SERVED WITH
2,778,417 POUNDS OF
DONATED FOOD**



2018 IMPACT

**SECOND PRESCHOOL
CLASSROOM OPENED TO
DOUBLE CAPACITY**

4

ESTABLISH HOUSING

Through our Case-Management, Client Advocacy and Community Partnerships, our clients receive the support they need to find housing solutions. This is a key goal and objective for 2019 as we explore new partnerships in San Diego that will allow our clients to find affordable, long-term housing.

CAMILLA'S STORY

Camilla was in elementary school when she first became homeless. Her childhood was full of substance abuse, domestic violence, as well as mental and physical abuse. When she turned 18, she came to the Rescue Mission with her daughter, desperate to build a better life. Camilla recently graduated from her 12 Month Program. She and her daughter have just moved into their own apartment, while Camilla continues to work and go to school.

"When I came here, I told myself I would break the family cycle. I wanted to change my frame of mind, grow and be independent. I wanted a better life and I believed if I put in the work, it could happen. I'm going to give my daughter the best and I'm going to be the best that I can be. I refer to my daughter and I as butterflies, because we've come such a long way. We've had to persevere at its finest and now, we're beautifully made."



5

ENLIST SUPPORT NETWORK

Our vision is to send the men and women who come to us back into their community, restored and ready to rebuild their lives. In order to do this, they need a loving, supportive network of friends and mentors who can walk with them through life. This is the final phase in their journey here at the San Diego Rescue Mission.

DANIEL'S STORY

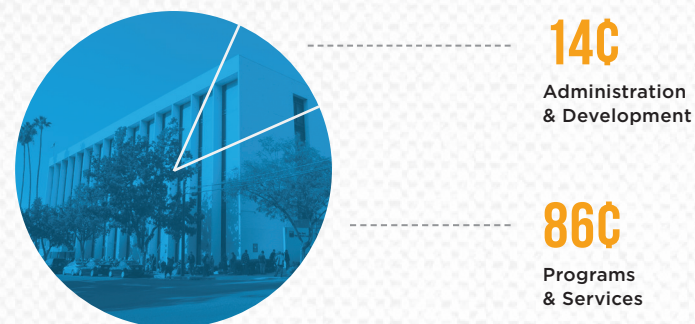
Struggling with health issues and under great financial stress, Daniel ended up homeless on the streets. He came to the Rescue Mission desperate for physical healing and an opportunity to rebuild his life. In his time here, he's developed a strong support network of friends and mentors at his local church that will continue to walk with him in life.

"A lot of people think its just about accountability, but I wanted a community. Personally, I don't have any more family or anyone I know in San Diego - now I do. Now I have people. I prayed for it and God provided like-minded people in my life who are funny, relatable and kind. My community gave me humanity back - it gave me connection. They mentor me in any situation or problem I'm having. We have a great friendship and I love them so much. I'm leaving here with life-long friends."

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We are committed to the highest level of financial integrity and are dedicated to ensuring that we maximize the use of every dollar to benefit those we care for.

WHERE EACH DOLLAR GOES



INCOME *

Donated Income	\$7,147,502
Business Revenue	\$2,033,697
Material Donations	\$2,166,417
Food Donations	\$7,762,811
Total Income	\$19,110,427

EXPENSE *

Programs	\$17,007,153
Administrative	\$1,094,119
Fundraising	\$1,685,209
Total Expenses	\$19,786,481

*Fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 31, 2018. These numbers are unaudited. We receive an annual independent financial audit at the end of every year. Tax ID 95-1874073