

MISSION *in* MOTION

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The power of
your love...
in action

DEBRA IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given
her new life!



“I’M MOVING FORWARD WITH GOD BY MY SIDE.”

Debra never expected she’d end up living in her car.

“I used to work full-time as a nurse,” she says. Sadly, a domestic violence situation forced Debra to give up everything to seek safety. “I wasn’t sure where to turn... I felt very lost.”

Then, when her car broke down, she became stranded. “I had nowhere to go and I hadn’t eaten in two weeks,” she says.

Debra ended up at the hospital, unsure where to look for help when they guided her to the San Diego Rescue Mission. She spent her first night here in our emergency shelter, so thankful for the safety, peace and comfort she

found through our doors.

Soon after, Debra moved into our long-term program, which has provided her with stable housing while she completes coursework to become a nurse practitioner.

Daily devotions, chapel and the encouragement of our staff have also helped Debra grow in her faith in God and restore her self-confidence. **“I’ve learned how much God cares about me, and that He’s always with me,”** she says.

She’s also found support through our classes and counseling to heal from the trauma and violence she experienced in the past. “I have

a better understanding of why things happened... and I’ve learned to set boundaries.”

Today, Debra has a job, a place of her own and a new lease on life. “Being at the Rescue Mission has given me a more positive outlook... I’ve learned it’s not about having everything, but about appreciating what you do have.”

Debra is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given her peace and hope for the future. “The Rescue Mission is a sanctuary... It’s given me the space and resources I needed to start a new life and move forward with God by my side.”



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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.05!



A Message from DONNIE DEE

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

*“Dear friends,
since God so
loved us, we also
ought to love
one another.”
- 1 John 4:11, NIV*

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Rescue Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in San Diego County. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and

often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future. Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting in San Diego County – we need it!

Donnie Dee
President/CEO

THESE “Summer 6” CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the “Summer 6”? These essentials are in high demand for our Rescue Mission guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

1. Bottled water
2. Sunscreen
3. Liquid soap
4. Toilet paper
5. Flip-flops/sandals
6. High-efficiency laundry soap

You can drop off donations to 120 Elm Street in San Diego, Monday – Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can also shop our Amazon wish list at **sdrescue.org/amazonsmile**. Thank you for caring for Rescue Mission guests during the summer season!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



102,900 meals



34,300 beds



housing
assistance



countless hours
of counseling &
education



life-transforming
decisions for
Christ



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**DONATIONS SLOW
DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**

Give now! sdrescue.org
Support our Summer Campaign now!

Help Neighbors in Oceanside!

Exciting news! The San Diego Rescue Mission is partnering with the city of Oceanside to open the first ever permanent shelter for men, women and families experiencing homelessness in the community.

Located at the former Ocean Shores High School, the new **Oceanside Navigation Center** will offer 50 safe beds, plus meals, showers and case management for our neighbors in need of short-term, transitional shelter.

As we open this new facility, we are looking for caring friends like YOU to help...

- Provide and serve meals
- Support in outreach efforts
- Assist with shower trailer ministry & daily activities
- Donate clean clothing, towels & hygiene items

For more information about how you can help, please call **(760) 420-1759** or visit **sdrescue.org/oceanside**.

Thank you for loving your neighbors in North County!



Your monthly gift makes a HUGE impact!

When you set up ongoing support as a monthly Home Team partner, the San Diego Rescue Mission can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors. That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our homeless and hungry neighbors *all year long*.

For someone like Carlos, that generosity transformed his life!

"Being at the Rescue Mission has helped me grow in my connection with God... and it's given me a dream for my future! I want to become a lawyer, and I'm now taking the first step of pursuing that goal by going back to junior college... Since coming here, I've found the road to restoration."



If the Lord is leading you to become a Home Team partner, simply visit **sdrescue.org** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form. Thank you!