

# MISSION *in* MOTION

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The power of  
your love...  
in action



## TERRENCE IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

*because of your support*

You've given him hope and  
new life this holiday!





**"GOD IS  
BLESSING ME."**

**G**rowing up, Terrence longed to have his father in his life, a male role model he could look up to.

"My mother tried everything she could to raise me... to teach me right from wrong," he says. But not having a dad left a void in Terrence's heart that he tried for years to fill.

"I looked to guys on the streets to be that male role model in my life, but that just led me into a life of crime and being trapped in a cycle of drug addiction."

Despite his attempts over the years to break free from his addiction, Terrence struggled to overcome his challenges. "I was always trying to be sober for someone else... never for me, and so I'd relapse."

The turning point came when Terrence experienced a life-

threatening car accident. Soon after, he began having vivid dreams that made him reevaluate the path his life had taken. "It was like God was warning me that if I didn't make a change, this was it."

Terrence joined our Mission

found godly men to mentor him as he continues to grow in his faith. "They have an answer for everything and can quote the Bible to me... I've got a lot of love for the people here, and I know they've got a lot of love for me."

***"Before I came to the Rescue Mission, I was completely lost... but now, I've been found."***

Academy program, where he began praying and reading the Bible. Our staff and a local pastor helped lead him to the Lord! **"The depression and heaviness I'd felt started to lift," he says. "God stepped into my life."**

Through our faith-based program, Terrence has also

**Terrence's heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence to rebuild his life.** "I'm just very grateful for the Rescue Mission... Today, I have a job and I'm prospering. God is steadily blessing me, and it's so beautiful."

# Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



## A Message from DONNIE DEE

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord

for blessings of family, food and health.

*But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?*

Each day at the Rescue Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation,

costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are higher than ever. It's even harder for local people to make ends meet... which is why the Rescue Mission is committed to meeting the needs of our neighbors – from Oceanside to downtown, and throughout San Diego County.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Donnie Dee  
President/CEO

## 2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

**YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!**

# 93,820

### Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

**Just \$2.05 provides a hot, nourishing meal.** Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



**Safe, welcoming shelter and permanent housing assistance**



**Warm clothing, coats & shoes**



**Classes & job training**



**God's life-changing love**



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [sdrescue.org](http://sdrescue.org).**

*Read Terrence's story – a life you helped change!*





# Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve?

Connect with our new Volunteer Program Manager, Vicki O'Rourke. She has a passion for creating welcoming volunteer opportunities that are fun, engaging and meaningful.



Contact us today. Email us at [volunteers@sdrescue.org](mailto:volunteers@sdrescue.org) or visit [sdrescue.org/volunteer](http://sdrescue.org/volunteer) to find out more or sign up now!

# Essential Supplies Needed!

During the holiday season, hundreds of men, women and children will call the San Diego Rescue Mission home... and **YOU can help ensure they have everything they need.** Host a drive or shop for these critically needed items, then drop them off at **120 Elm Street in San Diego, Monday-Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our list.



Shampoo & conditioner

Body wash

Deodorant

Sheets and blankets (twin size)

Pillows

Towels (bath and wash cloths)

Classroom supplies

Bras & underwear

Children's shoes & socks



*Thank you for supporting men, women & children in our care!*

## Are you connected yet? Be the first to know what's going on!

Want the inside scoop on what's happening at the Rescue Mission? It's easy...

**Follow us on social media!** Every post shows you how your partnership is transforming lives and healing our community.

**Sign up for our emails on our website at [sdrescue.org](http://sdrescue.org)!** You'll be the first to hear about urgent needs, special events and more.

And when you tell your friends about us, they can join the celebration this Thanksgiving, too!

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