

MISSION *in* MOTION

A NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN DIEGO RESCUE MISSION • EASTER 2023

The power of
your love...
in action

THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Tony* A NEW BEGINNING.



Because of you, he
has joy in his heart
this Easter!



San Diego
RESCUE  MISSION
SAVING LIVES SINCE 1955

**DON'T
MISS...**

2 Help our homeless
neighbors this Easter

3 "Blessings just
keep coming."

4 Help meet our
Easter needs

“Blessings just keep coming... every minute, every hour, every day.”



Tony enjoyed a close relationship with his mother, even as an adult. So losing her left a gaping hole in his life.

“For five years after her death, I was empty inside,” he says. Although his grief was constant, Tony learned to live with it, turning to alcohol to numb the unending loneliness and loss.

“I was able to maintain a job and was functional for a while, but then people started to notice,” he says. At his lowest point, Tony lost his job... fell into trouble with the law... and was sleeping in his truck.

“I knew I was struggling... but I couldn’t accept the fact that I was homeless,” he says.

Then his vehicle was totaled. In shock, Tony felt like he’d lost his home. With nowhere else to stay, he came to the San Diego Rescue Mission and his life began to change.

After losing everything, Tony was grateful for the support of our Mission Academy program. He was paired with an advocate who helped guide him on his recovery journey. “She holds me accountable,” Tony says. “I’m developing new habits, and my health is excellent now.”

Through classes like anger management and financial literacy, Tony has also learned valuable skills to help him build a stable life. “I’m learning how to budget and manage my money,” he says. “The real test doesn’t start until I leave here, but here, they give you the foundation and the tools.”

“The Rescue Mission gave me the foundation and tools I needed to rebuild my life.”

Thanks to the guidance of our staff, he even started the process of looking for long-term housing! He recently graduated from our program and has been applying to jobs.

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Tony is grateful for your support this Easter. “The Rescue Mission showed me love when I didn’t love myself... Now I put God first every day, and the blessings just keep coming.”



A Message from DONNIE DEE

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at the San Diego Rescue Mission. We invite them to be part of our family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us all when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed in San Diego County through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Donnie Dee
President/CEO



HELP OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men, women and children this Easter!

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.44 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**

♥ Safe shelter & housing assistance

♥ Faith-based care & recovery in our life-change programs

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at sdrescue.org.

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV

Easter²⁰²³
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Life transformation starts with YOU!



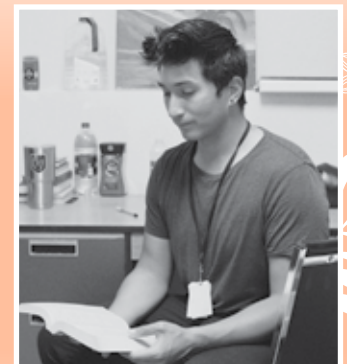
52,690 meals
\$2.44 for a meal!



16,950 nights of shelter



1,002 men, women & children served



Thousands of hours of education, job training & counseling

Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!

HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



Saturday, April 1: Our Easter Community Meal is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.!

Easter is a day of joy and celebration. But right now, far too many of our neighbors are struggling with the rising costs of housing and food. They're turning here... and YOU can help welcome them with love and a special meal!

Drop off donations at the Rescue Mission, 120 Elm Street, San Diego,
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Attention: Alan Kennedy.

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (619) 819-1888 ✨ sdrescue.org

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, March 31:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIRAL SLICED HAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE CREAMERS
(individual size) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DINNER ROLLS | <input type="checkbox"/> SUGAR PACKETS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PIES (store-bought) | <input type="checkbox"/> GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL
GROCERY STORES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTLED WATERS | |



"We desire our legacy to be more than what we did here in this life... Why not include a portion for the homeless, those who are less fortunate?"

– Mike & Sandy Dunn, Legacy Donors

LEAVE A LEGACY

Sharing your passion and causes you care about with your family is one way to leave a lasting legacy.

For over 25 years, Mike and Sandy Dunn have partnered with the San Diego Rescue Mission. As active volunteers at the Rescue Mission, they wanted to continue their service, even after they are gone.

This passion guided them to include the San Diego Rescue Mission in their estate plan. **"We believe those who have been blessed are to be a blessing to others,"** they share.

Leave your own lasting gift in your Will or Trust to help those experiencing homelessness. For more information, contact Sonny Pyon, Donor Relations Officer, at spyon@sdrescue.org or (619) 819-1849 or just scan this code to visit our Legacy Giving page:

