

MISSION *in* MOTION

A NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN DIEGO RESCUE MISSION • EASTER 2024

The power of
your love...
in action

Chanel is
celebrating
Easter
with **JOY** –
because of you!



Thank you for
showing her that
new life is possible.

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“I’ve been made whole again.”

Chanel grew up in a world of abuse and betrayal and came to believe she wasn’t worthy of love. “I experienced so much trauma, heartbreak and loss,” she says.

She felt empty inside and eventually turned to alcohol to fill the hole in her soul. But instead she lost what little she had and wound up homeless. “I had nowhere to go and nobody to turn to. I was lost.”

Over the years, Chanel sought help in shelters and rehabs, trying to put the pieces of her life back

has addressed the root causes of her addiction and healed from her trauma. “I’ve finally processed my pain and learned to love myself,” she says. “And through Bible studies, prayer and positive, supportive people, I’ve grown closer to God.”

With the help of her case manager and our life skills classes, Chanel has also developed the tools and confidence she needs to achieve her career goals. Now, she plans to earn degrees in cosmetology and business and fulfill her dream of



“
Mission Academy
has set me up to
succeed.
”

together, but nothing filled the emptiness inside. She felt trapped in her despair.

Then a mustard seed of hope arose in her spirit and led her to reach out for help one last time.

That’s when she came to our Mission Academy and found the holistic, trauma-informed care she needed to turn her life around. “They gave me a roof over my head, a bed to sleep in, hot meals and the chance to get back on my feet.”

Through therapy and spiritual mentoring, Chanel

owning a salon. “I’m excited about my future.”

A graduate of Mission Academy, Chanel is now settled in her own home, the first she’s ever had. “I’m finally independent and I’m going to make my home a place of peace,” she says.

Thank you for sharing God’s love with Chanel this Easter. Her life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel! “I’ve been made whole again and now I’m happy and blessed.”



A Message from DONNIE DEE

THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at the San Diego Rescue Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our program residents celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

You too are a part of their stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women and children in our community find help through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our homeless neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!

Donnie Dee
President/CEO



"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:



SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our homeless neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...



50,890 meals – just \$2.72 each!



16,350 nights of shelter



Christ-centered care & healing in our residential program!

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✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

👉 Give online anytime at sdrescue.org.

HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



Saturday, March 23: Our Easter Community Meal is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.!

Now through Easter, your help is needed to provide **thousands of meals** for our homeless neighbors! Help welcome these special guests with love and a good meal by sharing a donation of these needed food items.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

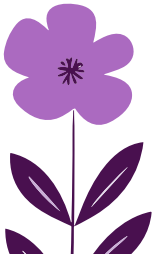
Drop off any of these items **by Monday, March 18:**

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- DINNER ROLLS
- PIES (store-bought)
- BOTTLED WATERS
- BAGS/CANS OF GROUND COFFEE
- GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL GROCERY STORES

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!

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God's Promise of Joy

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11



YOU changed lives last year!

Throughout 2023, friends like you joined together to make an incredible impact for our homeless, hurting neighbors...



243,961
meals filled
hungry bellies



92,974
nights of shelter
kept people safe



1,433
people helped off the
streets immediately



314
people ended
their homelessness
permanently



132
families safe and
thriving

Thank you.
What a blessing you are!