

MISSION *in* MOTION

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The power of
your love...
in action

YOU are a blessing!

INSIDE: Serenity shares
how your support gives
her hope.



**“I know that
God brought
me here, and
I’m more
connected
to Him
now.”**



Growing up, Serenity was close with her siblings. As a young adult, she found herself in a dangerous dilemma. “I faced domestic violence in my relationship.”

Finding her courage, Serenity escaped, but her freedom came with new hardships. “I was sleeping in my car,” she says, “trying to stay in school and keep working.” Serenity’s sister was a recent graduate from the Rescue Mission’s 12-month rehabilitation program, Mission Academy, and told her it could be a place to start over.

Serenity resisted her sister’s invitation at first. “My biggest challenge was my pride. I didn’t want to admit I was stuck.” She soon realized that her sister was right. “I didn’t know what I was hoping to find, I just realized I needed help.”

As soon as she walked through the door, Serenity felt a rush of love and community that began to heal the wounds she still carried from her abusive relationship. “Having a network, a support group that I can depend on, made a huge difference for me.”

Being in a faith-based program also provided healing and growth in her spiritual walk. “I was raised

in church and had a relationship with God, but being here has added so much to that.”

Serenity has recently graduated from our program and was even a speaker at her ceremony. Now, she is looking to the future with dreams of her own. “I want to open my own shop. I want to help single-family households and start my own youth group... because our children are our future.”

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I was so angry when I came here, but my heart has been transformed.

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Your gifts are bearing fruit in the lives of people like Serenity. Now, her heart is full of hope this fall... thanks to your kindness! “The Rescue Mission changed the way I see myself. They gave me things I needed to heal – a shoulder to lean on, someone to talk to, a community. I feel prepared for my future now.”

Hearts and lives are full... thanks to YOU!



A Message from DONNIE DEE

As the seasons change, I'm reminded of Jesus' words to His disciples: ***"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."*** As one of our most devoted "workers," your support and care for our homeless, hungry neighbors is a powerful source of hope. For the people and families who come to us for help. For our staff... and for me personally!

This month, you have a special opportunity to make a difference for our struggling neighbors. September is Hunger Action Month – and we're inviting you to provide 30 meals over 30 days for our hungry guests. It's a meaningful way you can be a force for change here in San Diego County.

In September alone, we're preparing to serve 42,375 meals – and more in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Your support will help provide these life-changing meals that fill bellies with nourishment... and fill lives with hope.

Just read how your generous gifts are bearing fruit in Serenity's life, whose story is on Page 3. She is looking forward to a more hope-filled future – because of the dedication of "workers" like you!

Thank you for investing in the lives of more people like Serenity during Hunger Action Month and throughout the fall season!

Donnie Dee, President/CEO

♥ COME TAKE A TOUR ♥ See Your Kindness at Work!

We'd love to host you for a private tour at one of our locations.



Come see the life-changing work that you make possible through your faithful support! Each location features free and easy parking. Email or call today to schedule a tour.

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SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT: HUNGER ACTION MONTH

42,375

Meals Needed by Sept. 30!

September is Hunger Action Month! Join our community in this month-long movement to fight hunger... and TAKE ACTION to help even more homeless neighbors we'll welcome this fall.



Sign up to serve a meal



Send a gift for meals & care



Invite others to join you

For just \$2.72, YOU can provide a nourishing meal to end someone's hunger. Send your gift today OR online at sdrescue.org.

Scan to take action now!



DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

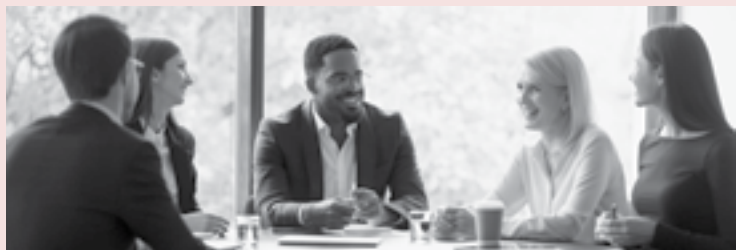
with Ongoing **Employer Matching!**

Your future gifts to the San Diego Rescue Mission could be matched by your employer!

Many companies offer matching gift programs, **doubling the charitable contributions** made by their employees.

Please visit our matching gifts page to find out if your company will match your donation!

sdrescue.org/ways-to-give/employer-matching



\$25 = \$50

\$150 = \$300

\$50 = \$100

\$500 = \$1000

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We want **YOU** on The

HOME  **TEAM**

Join this extraordinary group of people

Most people walk into the Rescue Mission with just the clothes on their backs. They're experiencing homelessness, separated from friends and family, with nowhere else to turn.

A very special group of people – The Home Team – have made a commitment to help them. It's a commitment that says, "I'll be there for you... I want to make sure you get the help you need!"

You're invited to become a monthly giving partner along with nearly 1,300 friends on The Home Team, providing support for:

- Nourishing meals and safe shelter
- Women and children fleeing domestic violence regardless of the time of night
- Educational support and parenting tools for families
- Rehabilitation and education for men overcoming addictions
- The tools needed to get people off the streets permanently

To learn more about becoming a Home Team member, visit **sdrescue.org/hometeam**.