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The power of
your love...
in action

THANK YOU
FOR SHARING

Christmas blessings

WITH NICKOLE!



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2 Give a meal. Share
peace and hope!

3 "I know God will
never leave me."

4 Christmas
Jubilee Jam!



“I KNOW THAT GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE ME OR FORSAKE ME.”

Throughout her childhood, Nickole faced one terrifying ordeal after another. “My life was filled with neglect, abuse, loneliness, violence and substance abuse.”

Rotating through custody from her mother, father and an abusive foster family, Nickole would pray to God for comfort and some kind of escape. Yet, she had never even been to church or heard the Gospel. “I was desperate, scared and looking for help.”

At age 17, Nickole moved in with her mother, hoping for change. Sadly, the environment was hopeless and destructive. “My mom was struggling with an active addiction and lived a life of promiscuity.”

Eventually Nickole had a family of her own... but it wasn't long before the relationship became abusive. “I was stuck in the same cycle of domestic violence, drugs, trauma bonds – the cycle my parents lived.”

Then when a tragic fire burned down their home, Nickole and her children lost everything. They ended up living in a tent in downtown San Diego. “I was beyond broken and hopeless, but I was determined that there had to be a way out.” That's when she came to the Rescue Mission.

Joining our Mission Academy program was hard work, but Nickole was determined to break the cycle and create the life for her family that she never had. “The classes, devotions,

chapel and the staff all worked together to help us heal and begin putting our lives back together.”

In addition to recovery, the staff at the San Diego Rescue Mission has helped Nickole work toward her dream of starting a cleaning business and creating a stable, healthy home for her family.

This Christmas, Nickole is experiencing the gifts of peace and hope for a brighter future. Thank you for sharing the blessings of God's love with her!

“The people here led me back to God and His love for me. They helped me find my purpose and my peace. I know that God will never leave me or forsake me.”



“I promised God that if He opened this door, I would follow Him
no matter what.”



Reflecting on Hopeful Beginnings This Christmas

We see so many nativity scenes during the holiday season, it can be easy to forget what a surprising image it is. The Son of God, come to redeem mankind, born in a stable meant for animals? It is the ultimate example of “humble beginnings.” Humble, but hopeful.

This Christmas, we are reflecting on the Rescue Mission’s own humble beginnings 70 years ago. What began as a small soup kitchen in 1955 has become a leading provider of services and programs for our struggling neighbors, thanks to God’s faithfulness and the generosity of so many people like you through the years.

Today, the meal you provide for just \$2.72 is so much more than one simple gift. It opens a door, inviting our community to experience God’s love, healing and transformation, one life at a time. Nickole’s story on page 3 is a powerful example of this.

This is why it’s been such a blessing to consider the Rescue Mission’s 70th anniversary this Christmas season. It is encouraging to remember our “humble beginnings” and reflect on God’s steadfast guidance and the support of committed partners like you throughout our history.

I hope you’ll join me in celebrating God’s faithfulness – this holiday season and beyond.



Donnie Dee
President/CEO



Give a meal. Share *peace* and *hope*!

For our neighbors experiencing homelessness or hunger, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gifts of PEACE and HOPE.** Just \$2.72 provides a nourishing Christmas meal – and opens the door to rehabilitation and a fresh start this holiday season.



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!



\$100,000 Year-End Matching Challenge **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**

1 = 2x

 **YOUR DOLLAR**  **YOUR IMPACT!**

The year is almost over, and we’ve got exciting news! **When you give between now and December 31, your gift doubles in impact, going 2x as far** to provide food, shelter and life-changing care for our homeless neighbors!

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

- ✓ Return your special year-end gift in the reply card today.
- 📄 Give online at sdrescue.org.

**THANK YOU
for doubling your
impact during
our Matching
Challenge!**

A Christmas they look forward to, thanks to YOU!

Christmas Morning:

Thanks to holiday donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our Rescue Mission guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



Holiday Feast: Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our residents and hungry people in our community – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.



Thanks to you, our neighbors don't have to spend this Christmas alone and on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals, fellowship and a reminder that Jesus is the reason for the season!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
CHRISTMAS
JUBILEE JAM



Please join us for a festive holiday concert.

El Cajon's Mayor Bill Wells and his 14-piece band will be singing Christmas favorites along with classic cover songs. Join us in supporting the Rescue Missions' upcoming expansion into East County. Proceeds from ticket sales will help fund our continuing legacy of caring for our neighbors in need.

Help us celebrate our 70th Anniversary at this fun and festive event!

Saturday, December 6, 2025
Magnolia Theatre, El Cajon, CA
Concert begins at 7 p.m.

Visit **missionconcert.org** or scan the QR code for ticket information!

