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“An Addict for Years...”

“In My Family, That Was Normal.”

Adam grew up in a family of hippies in San Francisco. Mimicking the adults around him, Adam started smoking marijuana when he was only five years old!

He had his first drink at age 7 and started using cocaine by the time he was 12. Adam thought, “If I was able to take care of myself, then using drugs and drinking alcohol was not a problem.”

Yet, Adam’s life was crumbling around him and the problem became progressively worse when he began using Meth.

Adam only associated with other drug users. And it wasn’t long before a series of arrests and jail sentences was just a regular way of life.

Every time Adam was released from jail on probation, he’d immediately go back to the drugs.

He moved back to the Bay Area, but since his addiction was still the center of his life, nothing was changing...

With no hope and no money, Adam entered a “program,” but it didn’t address the issues of his addictive behavior and before long he was back on drugs.

“I needed help and didn’t know where to go.”

Fortunately, he ran into an old friend who had the answer: the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

Adam thought he was coming to the Rescue Mission just for an interview, but he was immediately invited to join the Recovery Program.

“Coming to the Rescue Mission and joining the recovery program was the best thing I ever did!”

With all Adam has learned and

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achieved at the Rescue Mission, he says the most important thing has been accepting Jesus and developing a personal relationship with the Lord.

Knowing that there is a communication line for him and the Lord has made all the difference in Adam’s life. And the counseling, guidance and training he received are helping to make him a new man.

To help him with a job when he leaves the Rescue Mission, Adam is taking computer classes. “It’s a whole new world for me,” he says, “and something I want to pursue as a career.”

“There are so many people who need the Rescue Mission to bring them back into a positive, productive life... people, like me, who were not able to help themselves. The Bay Area Rescue Mission focuses on healing us mentally, physically and spiritually.”



A Message from the Director



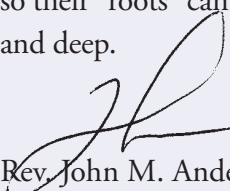
Their Hope Is In the Lord!

Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will it cease from yielding fruit."

We want those who come to us in need to put their trust and hope in the Lord. His Word is necessary for their life and growth.

But before they can "yield fruit," they need to be fed, clothed and sheltered. That's why we're dedicating each day between now and Easter to **turning hunger into hope.**

With your help, we will continue to provide both the physical and spiritual nourishment that reaches deep into people's hearts and souls so their "roots" can grow strong and deep.


Rev. John M. Anderson
Executive Director



Please join us for the Bay Area Rescue Mission's 16th Annual New Life Golf Tournament on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the beautiful Rossmoor Golf Course in Walnut Creek. Our sponsors rank this five-star tournament as their favorite community golf event!

Please join us to benefit the Rescue Mission's Center for Homeless Women and Children and change lives for a brighter tomorrow.

Contact us soon to save your spot. Call Jill Davis at (510) 215-4021 or email JillD@bayarearescue.org.



Fill this plate and **turn hunger into hope**



Lent is about to begin. On March 9, we start counting the days leading up to Easter Sunday, April 24, when we celebrate Christ's resurrection!

During those 40 days, the Rescue Mission's kitchen will fill more than 207,692 plates with hot, nutritious, home-cooked food. And that food will do so much more than nourish hungry bodies...it's 207,692 chances to really

change the lives of those in need!

You can help us fill those plates to **turn hunger into hope** – and open the door to lives free from despair, homelessness and addiction.

Your gift of \$16.40 will help fill 8 plates. \$26.65 will help feed and care for 13 hungry people. A special gift of \$53.30 will help provide 26 meals!

Please use the slip enclosed or visit www.BayAreaRescue.org to make your Easter gift today to help us **turn hunger into hope.**

"Thank You for helping make the M



The Great Thanksgiving Banquet: thousands of meals were provided.

Christmas at the Rescue Mission was special for underprivileged kids.



"I Was Tired of Struggling..."

"I Felt So Alone"

Shyeen and her daughter moved to the Bay Area to help care for her brother, who was very ill. At 57, Shyeen's brother was still a young man, but was quickly reaching the end of his life.

"He was very sick and on life-support. He had tubes in his mouth, and he looked like he was in such discomfort and pain. I could tell he didn't have any joy left in his life. I prayed that God would take the pain from him, and soon, he passed on.

"We were sad, but knew that he was no longer in pain and suffering – a revelation that God was looking out for us. However, rent here was much higher than I was used to and, to keep us from becoming homeless and on the streets, we came to the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

"When I walked through the Rescue Mission's doors for the first time, I hoped that we would find a place to

call home while our lives stabilized. I remember thinking that what we really needed was a place to stay for at least two years."

"I found Christ!"

Shyeen joined the Rescue Mission's Recovery and Transitional Living Program and, during a chapel service, she asked Jesus into her heart. And when the Lord entered her life, he began to heal her broken heart.

"I kept hearing that I needed to be forgiving. I didn't think I had animosity toward anyone...but, I soon realized that I had been angry with my brother all the time he was dying. It was amazing the pain and shame that God removed from my heart when I forgave my brother."

"A time to move on..."

Shyeen was accepted as one of the first women



in the Rescue Mission's renowned Culinary Arts Program. Although she was a former employee in a school food program, she now shares... "I was overwhelmed that I would be able to fulfill my dream of becoming a chef!"

Shyeen started the Rescue Mission's Culinary Arts Program last July, working in the Rescue Mission's kitchen during the day and taking college classes at night. "It has been such a blessing! The people at the Mission are so supportive and respectful of us...we're all here because the Lord has given us new hope!"

Easter Celebration!

On Sunday, April 24, there will be a very special Easter Sunrise Service at the Mission and a traditional Easter dinner and service. You can take part by joining us, or by donating some of the food we'll need to serve more than 207,692 meals this Easter season. Please call the Rescue Mission at (510) 215-4555 or visit BayAreaRescue.org for more information.

Sharing Christmas Blessings



Thanks to your assistance, we provided 10,513 Christmas meals for the hungry and hurting in our community. Christmas Day was celebrated by honoring the birth of our Savior and giving toys to needy children. Smiles from the children, their parents and volunteers made for a memorable event.

For more information on holidays at the Rescue Mission, visit www.BayAreaRescue.org.

Miracles of Rescue Possible in 2010"

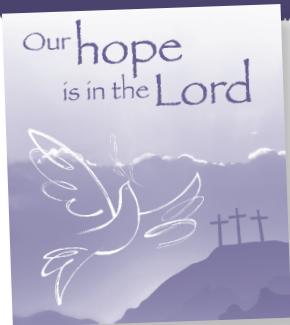


June 2010: congratulations Rescue Mission graduates!

In 2010 we provided:

- 1,540,912** meals
- 86,557** nights of lodging
- 2,864** people received Jesus

The holiday food bag giveaway helped thousands of needy families.



Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry. May you and those close to you feel the Lord's presence not only this Easter, but throughout the year.

Social Media

We are posting Rescue Mission updates and news via Twitter and Facebook. Read about ways to help, events and happenings around the Rescue Mission. Share your thoughts and questions that you may have about helping the homeless and poor. Join the conversation by going to BayAreaRescue.org and click on the Twitter or Facebook logo.



Check Out a New Section on Our Website: Legacy Giving

An Online Resource for Charitable Gift Planning

Have you ever wondered what the advantages are to making a will? Do you know what types of gift arrangements will pay you an income for life? We have built a website that will help you answer these and other questions to help you plan for today . . . and tomorrow. Our new site will allow you to:

- Discover a virtual encyclopedia of information on how and what to give.
- Access hundreds of up-to-date articles on making the most of your charitable giving.
- Calculate your income tax deduction for charitable gifts.

You won't find a more complete resource



for estate and charitable planning anywhere else on the Web. Visit BayAreaRescue.org and click on "Ways to Help."

Thanksgiving at the Mission

During the week of Thanksgiving, we served over 29,450 meals to hungry men, women and children. Thanks for making it possible to provide for those in need. Consider joining us next year as a volunteer... hats and aprons available!

For more information, call (510) 215-4555 or visit BayAreaRescue.org.

