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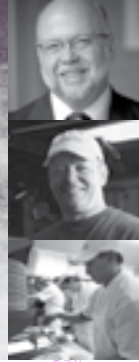
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DESPERATION

TO

HOPE

Jeremy turned to drugs as a teen, becoming an addict, just like his father. But he was desperate to break the cycle of addiction for the sake of his son...

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT,
you share new hope with people like Jeremy





22nd Annual NEW LIFE Golf Tournament

Enjoy a day on the links while raising money to support our vital programs.

This year's event will be held on May 15, at the Rossmoor Golf Course in Walnut Creek, CA.

- Register to play: Visit **BayAreaRescue.org**.
- Become an event sponsor: Contact Mimi Wells, Tournament Coordinator at **(510) 215-4869** or **MimiW@BayAreaRescue.org**.

SHARING HOPE STARTS HERE

What does it look like to share hope?

Compared to a plate of nourishing food or a warm blanket, it's often hard to visualize how hope changes lives.

But for the homeless and hurting people you're helping through your gifts, hope is transforming their lives in very tangible ways.

Take Jeremy, who's featured in this issue – at his lowest point, he turned to us. He didn't know if a new life was even possible.

Meals, shelter and care changed Jeremy's life from the inside out. Experiencing God's love showed him that a new life is possible. He began believing in a better future – and began living that life every day!

When you see Jeremy today, you see hope... made real in his life through your generosity.

This Easter, you share the hope of a new beginning with men and women through your prayers, your acts of service and your generous financial support of this ministry.

Thank you for sharing with our community's homeless – and for making the Bay Area Rescue Mission a refuge of encouragement and hope for everyone in need.



Rev. John M. Anderson
Executive Director

THIS IS DEBORAH.



You'd never guess that she once believed all hope for her life was gone... until she came to the Rescue Mission.

There are so many like Deborah – in need of new hope for a new life.

You can give new hope this Easter by sharing meals, shelter and God's love with homeless and hungry people.

A meal is just \$2.05!

Give online at **BayAreaRescue.org**.

Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.

Thank you for sharing new hope with hurting people in the Bay Area!



God healed me here.

When Jeremy was a little boy, he was abused by his mother and stepfather. “My grandmother got custody of me when I was six and showed me real love, but the damage was already done,” he says. **“I turned to drugs and alcohol in my teens.”**

noticed the presence of God and an authenticity in the staff,” he says. “I told them I was done using drugs and that I wanted to be back in my son’s life. They prayed for me and a feeling came over me that I’d never felt before. I met the Lord.”

son has now been restored, as well. “He’s really happy that I’m back in his life, and I’m in a position now to be the best father I can be,” Jeremy says. “My father used drugs – and probably his father before him. It feels good to break the cycle of addiction.”

“I BURNED ALL MY BRIDGES.”

In the years that followed, Jeremy’s addiction took over his life, and alienated him from his son and the rest of his family. “I became a full-blown addict,” he says.

A Christian friend told Jeremy about the Bay Area Rescue Mission and he felt God calling him here. “When I got here, **I immediately**

Through our Men’s Discipleship Program, Jeremy has grown strong in his faith, and now serves as a leader for men new to the program. **“I’ve learned to put God first, honor Him, be an example, and give back to others what I’ve received,”** he says.

Jeremy’s relationship with his

Jeremy, who is entering the last phase of the program, plans to complete a computer certification course, graduate from the program, and find a job. “I’m excited to be a productive member of society again,” he says. “God healed me here. **The Spirit of God is working at the Rescue Mission.**”

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Sunday, 6 a.m. – 8 a.m.
SUNRISE SERVICE

EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

Will you join in and set more places at our table for hungry people this Easter? We need your help!

Just look at our needs over the next 60 days:

152,083 meals
provided to men, women & children

7,500
food boxes & other emergency items distributed through our Food Pantry & Distribution Center.

This won't be possible without your help!



VOLUNTEER

You can help from now until Easter Sunday. Contact Marshelle Wilburn:

☎ **(510) 215-4865**

📄 **BayAreaRescue.org/
get_involved/volunteer**

Don't have time to shop?

DONATE NOW!

☎ **(510) 215-4555**

📄 **BayAreaRescue.org**



DONATE FOOD & EASTER BASKET GOODIES

Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items:



Drop off donations at the Rescue Mission, 123 Macdonald Ave. in Richmond. Thank you!

- Ham, bacon, sausage
- Eggs
- Pancake mix
- Fresh or canned fruits & vegetables
- Coffee
- Creamer
- Sugar (white & brown)

- Children's/Youth books on the meaning of Easter
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, dried fruit, pretzels)
- Crayons/markers & coloring books/art pads
- Small stuffed animals
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Lip balm

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152,083
meals



14,566
nights of shelter

VISIT US ONLINE

to learn more about our outreach, read stories of hope & securely donate anytime!

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