Blood clots in her heart left Laureen unable to work, buried in bills and homeless. SHE TURNED TO US FOR HOPE.
When Laureen learned that her long-lost daughter and grandchildren were in Atlanta, she was so eager to see them that she booked the next flight. Although joyful, the trip almost killed Laureen. On the plane, she developed blood clots in her heart. Fighting for her life, Laureen was unable to work. A mountain of bills piled up. Soon, she was evicted from her home. Sick, homeless and with nowhere to turn, Laureen came to the Rescue Mission for help restoring her body, her spirit and her future.

Laureen is an independent woman who has always worked hard to take care of herself, so being out of a job and living at the Rescue Mission as she recovers her health has weighed heavily on her. “Sometimes, I get a sense of quiet desperation, because I so wanted to work,” she shares.

But now that she’s about to graduate from our Discipleship Program, she is thankful she’s had this time to grow in her relationship with Christ. In Bible study class, she has been a sponge, absorbing the Word of God. At the Stride Center, she has developed new, marketable skills. Now, she’s excited to pursue a career in technology.

At every step of her recovery, Laureen says she has been encouraged by the love and support of the staff, other Discipleship Program members and volunteers. “The staff go the extra mile,” she says. “They helped me get back my health.”

Because of your support, Laureen, and others like her, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of the Bay Area Rescue Mission – at Easter and always.

“Places like the Rescue Mission are so important because some of us aren’t on drugs or alcohol, and we’re not being physically abused,” Laureen says. “But nevertheless, we still need a place to heal.”
It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life. And that's exactly why it's so frightening for men, women and children to come to the Bay Area Rescue Mission. All other options are gone. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through His grace!

It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.

God loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where they're at so they feel safe. Giving them grace so they feel valued. Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.

That's what new life looks like here! Thank you for creating a refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for women like Laureen (her story is on page 3) who found another chance for a new life at the Rescue Mission.

Rev. John M. Anderson
Executive Director
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This Easter season, we’ll provide 90,000+ meals for men, women & children!

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