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# Bay Area HOPE

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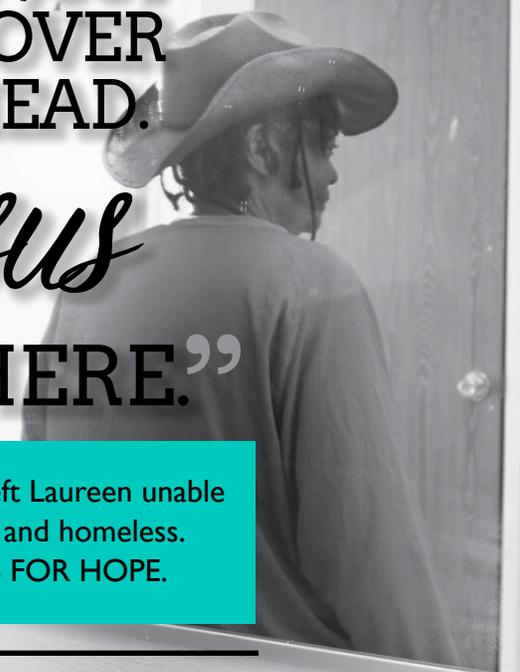
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A ROOF OVER  
YOUR HEAD.

*Jesus*  
LIVES HERE.”

Blood clots in her heart left Lauren unable  
to work, buried in bills and homeless.  
SHE TURNED TO US FOR HOPE.

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“IT’S NOT JUST A ROOF  
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# Jesus LIVES HERE.”

When Lauren 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 Lauren. On the plane, she developed blood clots in her heart.

Fighting for her life, Lauren was unable to work. A mountain of bills piled up. Soon, she was evicted from her home. Sick, homeless and with nowhere to turn, Lauren came to the Rescue Mission for help restoring her body, her spirit and her future.

Lauren 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, Lauren 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.”

“It’s not just the shelter, it’s not just a roof over your head.  
Jesus lives here. It’s like walking on hallowed ground.”

Because of your support, **Lauren, 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,” Lauren says. “But nevertheless, we still need a place to heal.”

## YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

FEBRUARY 2018



**68,440**  
MEALS SERVED



**6,700**  
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



**120**  
MEN & WOMEN IN OUR  
DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMS



**HUNDREDS**  
OF FOOD BOXES  
HANDLED OUT



**730**  
HOURS OF EDUCATION  
& COUNSELING

# Easter HOPE

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SHARE THE HOPE OF  
NEW LIFE THIS EASTER SEASON!

HOT MEALS. SAFE SHELTER.  
MEDICAL CARE, COUNSELING  
& JOB TRAINING.

A new life...  
and new hope at Easter!  
It starts with your gift today.



Give now using the  
enclosed reply card &  
envelope.



Give securely online at  
**BayAreaRescue.org.**

THANK YOU FOR  
PROVIDING HELP & HOPE  
AT EASTER!



## CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

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 Lauren (*her story is on page 3*) who found another chance for a new life at the Rescue Mission.

Rev. John M. Anderson  
Executive Director



## A DAY ON THE LINKS WILL CHANGE LIVES

It doesn't get any better than this: On May 14, you can help transform the lives of homeless and hurting people in the Bay Area by playing golf and enjoying delicious delicious lunch and dinner. Please join us for our 23rd annual New Life Golf Tournament to raise much-needed funds to fuel the transformative work we do every single day at the Rescue Mission.

Here's how you can help make this event a success:

1. Play golf. Invite your friends, family and co-workers to join you.
2. Be a sponsor. Your support will make all the difference.
3. Volunteer. We need lots of folks to make the event run like clockwork.

For more information, visit **BayAreaRescue.org.**

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Sunday,  
Easter Sunrise Service from  
6 a.m. – 8 a.m.

# EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

**90,000+ meals**  
for men, women & children!

With your donation of any of these items, YOU will make Easter special for our local homeless and hungry.



Drop off donations **by Thursday, March 29** at the Rescue Mission, 123 Macdonald Ave. in Richmond, 7 days a week. Thank you!



Don't have time to shop? Donate now!  
**(510) 215-4555 • BayAreaRescue.org**



**Volunteer:** Please sign up to help serve others this Easter season!  
Contact Marshelle Wilburn:  
**(510) 215-4865**



HAM, BACON, SAUSAGE



PANCAKE MIX



HEALTHY SNACKS  
(GRANOLA BARS, DRIED  
FRUIT, PRETZELS)



FRESH OR CANNED  
FRUITS & VEGETABLES



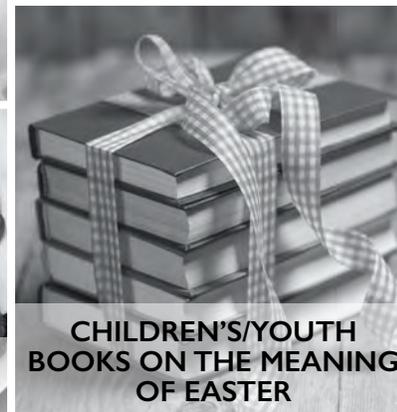
LIP BALM



SUGAR  
(WHITE & BROWN)



CRAYONS, MARKERS,  
COLORING BOOKS,  
ART PADS



CHILDREN'S/YOUTH  
BOOKS ON THE MEANING  
OF EASTER



SMALL STUFFED  
ANIMALS



TOOTHBRUSHES  
& TOOTHPASTE



COFFEE &  
CREAMER



EGGS

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get involved in our ministry & securely donate anytime.

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LET'S BE FRIENDS!

