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ON HER OWN SINCE 13,

Tina was forced to
grow up way too soon.

Today, through your gifts and prayers, she has
a joyous new life and a heart of thanksgiving!

READ HER MOVING STORY ON PAGE 3.



Tina spent the first years of her life in an abusive and dysfunctional home. When she was 9, she ran away for the first time. At 13 she met a boy who took her to the “hood,” where she began her life on the streets.

Drugs... gangs... prison... homelessness... unhealthy relationships. Those words describe what would become her harsh existence for nearly 40 years.

She had several children and was grateful they didn’t follow her destructive path. But when she was recently released after six years of incarceration, she found her youngest daughter emotionally unable to care for her baby grandson.

Tina took in the little boy, and the two slept in her car because they had nowhere else to go. Fearing for their safety, a friend who had once received shelter and care at the Rescue Mission suggested they come here too.

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**I’M GETTING
MY LIFE
TOGETHER!**

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My grandbaby keeps me going...him and God.

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Now, at 50 years old, Tina is building a stable life in our Women’s Discipleship Program, thanks to your loving support. “I’m off all the drugs,” she shares, “and I’m growing closer to God.” She has also cleared her credit record and can soon apply for housing. She wants to find a place where she can make a home for her grandson, a gathering place for her children and a safe refuge for anyone with nowhere else to go.

Today, with a heart of thanksgiving, she shares these words: **“I thank God for the Bay Area Rescue Mission because if it weren’t for them, I would’ve never gotten off the streets. Now I’m here... I’m fine... and I want to lead the rest of my life happy with my kids.”**





A Heart of Thanksgiving

Our guests may never meet you, but their hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving for the care and opportunities you provide every day!



202,500 MEALS



19,800 BEDS



THOUSANDS OF HOURS
OF TRAINING, COUNSELING & PRAYER

OPEN YOUR HEART THIS THANKSGIVING

FOOD. SHELTER. GUIDANCE. HOPE.
GOD'S LIFE-TRANSFORMING LOVE.

Your **2017 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign** gift will bring a harvest of joy to people in need.



Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.



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BayAreaRescue.org.

THANK YOU
FOR BEING GENEROUS!

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN ANDERSON



Your heart of Thanksgiving... brings a harvest of joy!

The human need for food is fundamental and has remained the center of our ministry outreach for more than 50 years. **But the people who turn to the Bay Area Rescue Mission hunger for more than a meal.** Their emptiness extends to all areas of their lives.

Their spirits are tired of searching for something to believe in. They lack the training to change their dead-end paths. Friends and loved ones have long since turned their backs. They come to us hungry, homeless, broken and alone – and through your kind compassion, we fill their plates with hope... and their hearts with thanksgiving.

From faith-based counseling to life-skills courses to job-readiness training, **your gifts and prayers empower men, women and families** to overcome troubled circumstances and rebuild lives that are stable, meaningful and a blessing to their communities.

As we look forward to serving our less-fortunate neighbors this holiday season, **I pray you will continue to demonstrate your heart of thanksgiving.** Your ongoing partnership will bring a harvest of joy to men, women and children who are longing for hope. God bless you for your gift today and throughout the months ahead.


Rev. John M. Anderson
Executive Director

THE
BAY AREA RESCUE MISSION
Gala Banquet
BUILDING FOR THEIR FUTURE

IT'S OUR ANNUAL PARTY IN HONOR OF YOU!
Please join our celebration to recognize you, along
with other faithful friends, for all the help you've
provided to the Rescue Mission and those we serve,
at our 52ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET.

All gifts and offerings go to the Bay Area Rescue
Mission's Bridge of Hope project, benefiting women
and children.

Ready to RSVP? Or just need more information?

Contact Rachel today!

☎ (510) 842-5261

💻 events@BayAreaRescue.org

DATE: September 22, 2017

PLACE: Hilton Concord

TIME: 6 p.m.

YOU WILL ENJOY...

- ★ A special guest speaker
- ★ Delicious food
- ★ Festive music
- ★ Testimonies from residents
of our Discipleship Programs
- ★ Silent and live auctions
- ★ And so much more!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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WE NEED YOUR HEARTS AND HANDS TO BRING A JOYOUS THANKSGIVING
TO SCORES OF HUNGRY AND HURTING PEOPLE. Individuals, families,
church groups – all are welcome to volunteer!

Call **Marshelle** at **(510) 215-4865**.

Or visit our website at **BayAreaRescue.org** and click on “Get Involved.”