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“I was in a living hell... I cried out to God to deliver me.”

Today, Anne is on a path to a new beginning – and her heart is filled with gratitude for friends like you who are making her journey possible.

YOU’LL BE MOVED BY HER STORY, ON PAGE 3.
Anne was living in a homeless encampment by the railroad tracks, desperate, wondering how her life had come to this. “I was in a living hell,” she says.

Not so long ago, she’d had a home, a job, and a husband, then a divorce brought her world crashing down. “Depression kicked in. I turned to drugs and alcohol and I turned away from the Lord,” she says.

Eventually, Anne found herself homeless, living by the railroad tracks. Then, after months of struggling through the endless days and nights, she had a moment of clarity. “I cried out to God to deliver me,” she says.

The Lord answered her prayer. Anne stopped using, but it was only the beginning of God’s intervention. “I prayed the Lord would rescue me from the dirt, from the mud, from that life,” she says.

It was then a police officer and representatives from the Court-Community Outreach Program came to the encampment. “They asked me, ‘Do you want to have a life or do you want to stay here?’ I said, ‘I want a life.’ So, they brought me to the Rescue Mission.”

Since entering our Life Transformation Program, Anne’s relationship with the Lord has been restored. “Now, I trust God with my life. I know He loves me, and I see myself as His child,” she says.

Anne’s growing faith has brought emotional healing, as well. “Gently and lovingly, the Lord has shown me pain that was buried deep inside and how it caused my negative thinking,” she says. “Now, I leave all the hurt at the feet of Jesus.”

Though she isn’t certain what she’ll be doing after graduation, Anne knows she’ll be seeking God’s will for her life. “I’m not the same person I was,” she says. “The Rescue Mission has given me a place to heal. It’s given me hope.”

She’s a woman with a heart of gratitude for friends like you who have made her journey possible. Thank you for your continued generosity.
As you give thanks for your blessings this Thanksgiving, those in our care will be giving thanks too – for you and for the gifts of comfort, compassion and life-changing opportunity you so generously provide for them.

Please continue your heartfelt support with a gift to our 2018 Thanksgiving Campaign. Because you care, your neighbors in need can overcome their challenges and embrace a new beginning.
Plan Now to Help at the Holidays!

Open Your Heart... Lend a Hand

It takes careful planning and organizing—and scores of caring volunteers—to bring a meaningful holiday to hundreds of homeless and hurting people. That’s why we’re starting NOW, and we hope you’ll join us. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Marshelle Wilburn, for opportunities and details. 

(510) 215-4865

A Gala Banquet in Your Honor...

Please join us for our 53rd Annual Fundraising Banquet to honor you and all those who make it possible for the Bay Area Rescue Mission to bring help and hope to those in need.

It will be an evening of inspiration as residents of our Discipleship Program share their stories of transformation. And it will be an evening of celebration with music, live and silent auctions, a delicious meal, and so much more!

Don’t miss the festivities on September 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Hilton Concord.

All proceeds from the event will go to our Bridge of Hope Project, benefiting women and children.

For more information, or to RSVP contact
(510) 842-5261 or
events@BayAreaRescue.org

Add Our Shopping List to Yours

202,500!
That’s how many meals we’ll serve this Thanksgiving season, and we need your help to do it. As you do your holiday shopping, please pick up these items for the Rescue Mission as well!

Then deliver your donations to Bay Area Rescue Mission Food Pantry at 123 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

- Turkey
- Potatoes
- Carrots
- Onions
- Celery
- Bell peppers
- Canned vegetables
- Sausage for dressing
- Cornmeal for dressing
- Butter
- Sage
- Pepper
- Brown sugar
- Honey (for turkey brine)
- Dinner rolls
- Potato peelers
- Plastic tablecloths
- Napkins
- Compostable (city requirement): forks, spoons, knives, dinner plates, salad/dessert plates

Did You Know? It costs only $2.05 to provide one meal for a hungry person.

John, please accept my heartfelt gift toward your 2018 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign:

- $20.50 to feed and care for 10 people
- $51.25 to feed and care for 25 people
- $75.85 to feed and care for 37 people
- $92.25 to feed and care for 45 people
- $______ to help as much as possible

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