How Your Gifts Bring Joy

“I was 53 and homeless.”

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FROM Homeless TO Healed

Your gifts bring joy to hurting people like Corrine at Christmas and all year round.

On Page 3: Read how your partnership and prayers changed the life of this homeless and heartbroken woman!
Corrine had been working as a live-in nurse’s aide for many years when the woman she cared for suddenly let her go. “I lost my job and a place to stay at the same time,” she says. “I was 53 and homeless. I’d never been homeless in my life.”

She had struggled with depression throughout the years, even in the best of times, but when Corrine found herself living on the streets of Richmond for several days, she fell into despair. “I didn’t want to live anymore,” she says.

Finally, she sought help at a respite care facility, and they brought her to our Center for Women & Children. “I started watching the ladies in the Life Transformation Program. They walked with their backs straight, with confidence. I wanted to carry myself the way they did, so I entered the program.”

Since then, Corrine has found confidence in Christ through Bible studies, mentoring, life skills classes and counseling. “I used to only call on Jesus when I was in trouble. Now, I depend on Him completely,” she says.

She’s also gained confidence in how to deal with her depression. “It used to be a dirty secret I didn’t want anyone to know,” she says. “Now, I’m more open. I’ve talked with the counselors, and they’ve given me the help I need. It’s made me a more positive person.”

Recently, Corrine had emergency surgery for a life-threatening intestinal issue and has been recuperating at the Rescue Mission. “They’ve taken good care of me,” she says. Corrine graduated, but is staying here while she continues to heal. Meanwhile, she’s working in our Clothing Closet, caring for others. “I clothe the program ladies and shelter guests,” she says. “I love helping people, and I hope to work at the Rescue Mission one day.”

This Christmas, as Corrine celebrates Christ’s birth, she’ll also celebrate the joyous new life she found inside our doors... because of your compassion. “Before I came to the Rescue Mission, I was dead inside. Now, I’m alive in Christ and my future is bright.”
Your generous contributions are not only blessings in themselves, but they’re multiplied exponentially by the countless gifts they allow the Rescue Mission to share with those who are hungry, hurting and homeless.

The food, shelter and clothing we provide are gifts that fulfill the most basic human needs. Guidance, education and job training are gifts too – and when accepted with commitment and dedication, they can lead to lives filled with promise and purpose.

Yet the greatest gift we offer inside our doors is the message of God’s love and grace, which can transform lives for eternity!

This issue of Bay Area Hope is all about sharing gifts – a subject that’s especially appropriate during the holiday season as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth. Yet God’s work, the Rescue Mission’s outreach and our partnership with friends like you is focused on giving all year long!

Of course, none of our ministries would be possible without the gifts you first give to us. And I’m so very grateful for your selfless giving, which brings joy to our hurting guests at Christmas and every day of the year. God bless you this holiday season and always.

Rev. John M. Anderson
Executive Director

A single nutritious meal is often the first step toward a new beginning for those who are hungry, homeless and struggling with life’s challenges. Most importantly, it’s an opportunity to share God’s love – the greatest gift you can give!

It costs only $2.05 to provide one meal for a hungry person, at the holidays and all year round!

GIVE NOW using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

GIVE ONLINE anytime at BayAreaRescue.org.

Discover what’s happening at the holidays!

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Many Rescue Mission partners choose to make an extra financial gift by December 31 to maximize their tax deduction for the current calendar year, while helping the Rescue Mission assist those in need well into the year ahead. Your generosity will touch countless lives!

Add your special holiday gift to the reply card and send it today!
Select the perfect gift with #GIVINGTUESDAY™

Make your #GivingTuesday gift now by shopping our Christmas Gift Catalog. It's full of ways to bring the joy of help and hope to people in need.

- $25 provides nourishing meals
- $50 provides safe shelter
- $100 provides education and training

Shop online at BayAreaRescue.org/GiftCatalog.

Or, add your special holiday gift to the enclosed reply card.

These Christmas gifts are representative of the needs of those we serve. Donations may be used to support the area of our ministry with the greatest need.

John, please use my Christmas gift to bring joy to those who are hungry and homeless.

- $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
- I've also enclosed $_______ as a special holiday gift.

Donate now! ☏ (510) 215-4555
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