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# Bay Area HOPE

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## A GOD-SIZED CHALLENGE

*Tania was searching for a  
light at the end of the tunnel.*

*Because of you, challenges become changed lives through God's love.*





*"I don't  
keep secrets  
anymore."*

Tania awakened slowly, painfully, her head pounding from her latest binge, dreading another day living in the nightmare of her addiction.

**"Every day, I would wake up wishing I was dead,"** she says.

She'd always been an obedient daughter, an excellent student, a hard worker, but she'd done it all to please others. "I wasn't my own person," she says.

When she was in high school, Tania began drinking heavily and using cocaine to fit in with the "cool" crowd, while still playing the role of dutiful daughter and good student. **"I started living a double life,"** she says.

She earned a scholarship to college, graduated and went to work, but meanwhile, her addiction was taking greater and greater control of her life, affecting her work and devastating her family. "I felt so hopeless, helpless, vulnerable and worthless," she says.

Then, in the midst of a binge, her sister intervened, taking her money, drugs and alcohol. It was then when Tania had a moment of clarity. "I didn't want to keep going down that path. I wanted to get clean and sober."

She came to the Bay Area Rescue Mission and, through our Women's Discipleship Program, has gone from "spiritually bankrupt" to filled with hope. **"Now I have a personal relationship with Jesus,"** she says. "I focus on my relationship with Him and not on what other people want me to do. I don't need everybody to like me anymore."

She has learned to be transparent with others, as well. "I don't keep secrets anymore, because they fester inside me."

Tania plans to graduate from the program and go back to school to become a surgical technician. **"I have self-esteem and confidence now,"** she says.

**"**I have forgiven myself.

**Because of your generous support, women like Tania are facing their challenges and being transformed by God's love here at the Rescue Mission.** "I don't wake up wishing I was dead anymore. I'm looking forward to the future instead of wanting it to be over."

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JOHN M. ANDERSON



# A TIMELESS CHALLENGE

When we first opened our doors in 1965, the gifts of generous friends made it possible to serve 36 meals each day to the Bay Area's homeless and hungry.


Today, your gifts make it possible to serve nearly 2,250 meals daily, in addition to providing shelter, clothing, counseling, job training, and more services and programs than our founders ever imagined.

**Yet more local people find themselves in need – and that's the challenge we face each day.** Feeding them. Sheltering them. Caring for their immediate and long-term needs. Sharing God's love with them.

Here's a great way to help them right now: Some wonderful friends of the Rescue Mission are challenging you to match their generous \$50,000 gift with an additional \$50,000. That means this entire month, your gift will have double the impact!

I hope when you read Tania's story (*on page 3*), you'll see how tremendously her life has been changed by gifts like yours. **Now just imagine doubling that impact to touch the lives of others who are hurting and homeless.**

The Bay Area Rescue Mission has always existed to help people facing huge challenges in their lives. I thank you for your faithful support and pray you'll continue to provide help and hope for those who come here – today, tomorrow and beyond.

  
Rev. John M. Anderson  
Executive Director

## Your Invitation

Schedule a tour of the Rescue Mission... see the impact of your gifts!

Contact Monica L.  
☎ (510) 215-4873

Please RSVP!

## YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK MAY 2018



**68,440**  
meals served



**6,700**  
nights of shelter



**120**  
men & women in our discipleship programs



**Hundreds**  
of food boxes handed out



**730**  
hours of education & counseling

**THANK YOU**  
FOR CHANGING LIVES  
WITH YOUR GENEROSITY

## SHARE YOUR SUNSHINE!

97-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN  
Sunny summer days are here... but many in our community are experiencing dark and troubled times.

**This Memorial Day, our 97-day Summer Campaign to care for our community's homeless and hungry begins.**





**YOUR GIFT  
TODAY...**

**\$50**

**\$100**

**\$150**



**HAS TWICE  
THE IMPACT!**

**\$100**

**\$200**

**\$300**

**DEADLINE TO GIVE: MAY 31**

Give today to match the \$50,000 challenge grant from a special group of our most generous donors... for a total of \$100,000 to feed and shelter our community's homeless.

- Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.
- Give securely online at [BayAreaRescue.org](http://BayAreaRescue.org).

**Thank you for helping to meet  
this tremendous challenge!**

VISIT US ONLINE to read stories of lives you've touched, get involved & securely donate anytime.

LEAVE A LEGACY THAT  
*Shines On*

Nancy and Paul have been faithful friends to the Rescue Mission for years... they've even volunteered in our kitchen on Thanksgiving.

Because of their passion for serving our community's homeless and hungry, they chose to set up a bequest that includes the Rescue Mission in their will.

"My wife and I value the Bay Area Rescue Mission's God-centered approach to serving those in need," Paul says. "Setting up a charitable bequest allows us to support them in the future."

You can choose how you wish to give: cash, real estate, property or stocks.

**Have you already included the Rescue Mission in your estate plans? Or are you interested in learning about how to do that?**

Please contact Woody Tausend, our Vice President of Development, who would love to thank you for including the Rescue Mission in your will or answer your questions about leaving a legacy gift.

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Let's be friends!

