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From Hunger and Fear to the Power of *God's Love*

Because friends like you *give where you live*, Angela and others like her are rebuilding their lives.

GIVE *where you* LIVE

92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

A Message from
REV. JOHN M. ANDERSON

Help Meet the Challenge Here at Home

While many in the Bay Area are enjoying summer rest and relaxation, those who are homeless have no escape from their physical discomfort, mental anguish and spiritual despair... without our help and yours.

So here's the challenge:

During the summer months, our donations typically decline. Yet the meals we will provide throughout June, July and August cost nearly \$414,920 alone!

I'm so grateful for your partnership – and during this critical time, I pray you will continue to stand alongside us. Please *give where you live* through our summer campaign, which is underway now.

Your generous gift will provide hot meals and nutritious food boxes, cool shelter, discipleship and faith-based guidance to people who have lost all hope. Your ongoing support will relieve burdens and rebuild lives right here at home.

God bless you for remembering those who are hurting this summer. Your compassion lets them know they're not alone.



Rev. John M.
Anderson
Executive Director

Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer your gifts will provide...



202,400 meals



20,240 beds



hundreds of
clothing items



heartfelt &
life-transforming
spiritual
decisions



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education

**Give Where You Live!
Our 92-Day Summer
Campaign is underway now.**

✉ Send your gift today.

🖨 Give online at **BayAreaRescue.org**.



This time of year, gifts typically drop off, so we need your help now more than ever!

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We Need Your Helping Hands

The Bay Area Rescue Mission offers countless opportunities for volunteers to bless others with their time and talents:

- Food drives
- Office duties
- Tutoring
- Meal service
- Improvement projects
- General maintenance
- and more!



For more information or to volunteer, contact Marshelle:

📞 (510) 215-4865

✉ volunteers@BayAreaRescue.org



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what hungry
feels like.”**

Angela was a happy and devoted wife and mother, grateful for her hard-working husband and the comfortable home they shared with their four teenaged children. Then, after years in recovery, her husband relapsed and lost his job.

“I was depressed, but I didn’t have time to sit and cry,” Angela says. “My children needed me, so I got a job.”

She thought her husband was using her income to pay their rent until the day she came home to an eviction notice. “I went into survival mode,” she says, her eyes filling with tears. “I sold furniture, clothes, a car, to get a hotel so we wouldn’t end up on the streets.”

Amidst the chaos, she lost her job and, before long, the money was gone. Their grown son took the children, but Angela refused to abandon her husband, and moved with him into their truck. “It was rough. I was hungry to the point where my stomach hurt,” she says. **“Finally, I prayed, ‘Lord I need you right now!’”**

Just then, her husband was pulled over and arrested for an outstanding warrant. Angela doesn’t know how to drive, so she sat in their truck, crying and praying for direction. “God led me to call the Rescue Mission,” she says.

Angela found food and shelter at our Center for Women & Children, then entered our Women’s Life Transformation Program, where she’s healed and grown stronger in the Lord. “Prayer and reading the Bible are everything to me now,” she says. “And the staff have helped me process my pain.”

**— “I felt relief just walking
in the doors.” —**

Her husband is now in our Men’s Shelter, and Angela is praying he’ll enter our Men’s Life Transformation Program. She’s also looking forward to getting her own place where her children, now grown, can stay; pursuing a career in women’s ministry; and continuing her walk with the Lord.

And she’s grateful to friends like you for your continuing support of the Rescue Mission. “They’ve given me the strength to take care of myself and, whatever happens, stay prayerful.”

Changing Lives on the Links

Thank you to all of the golfers, sponsors and volunteers who helped make our **24th annual New Life Golf Tournament**

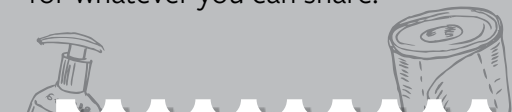
a rousing success! Your generosity enables the Rescue Mission to continue our programs that are saving and transforming lives in the Bay Area.

We couldn't do it without you!

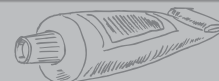


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Our "Summer Six" are items we need all summer long to provide our guests with a comfortable environment and life-changing assistance. Please deliver your donations to 123 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays until 3 p.m. We're grateful for whatever you can share.



1. Bottled water
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Toothpaste
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. High-efficiency laundry soap



24th Annual New Life Golf Tournament Sponsors



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Let's be friends!



I'll Give Where I Live!

John, here's my special summertime gift to provide meals, shelter, care – and hope!

- \$25 \$50
- \$75 \$150
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