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With **Joy!**



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4 Year-End Matching
Opportunity!

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Because of you...

“MY STORY HAS A
NEW BEGINNING!”

Your gifts bring **JOY** to people like Jim
at Christmas and all through the year!

“The Rescue Mission **helped me reconnect** with **the ones I love**. This is a **place of healing**.”



Jim was a happily married man and a loving father with a good job. Then an accident at work brought his world crashing down. **“I went on disability, had multiple surgeries on my neck and back, and was put on pain medications.”**

For years, he treated his chronic pain with those medications, but they were slowly destroying his life. **“They left me emotionally and spiritually void.** Everyone could see it but me,” he says. “Eventually, my wife and son left.”

Then one day, while visiting his son, Jim had a rude awakening. “My son had reached the age where he was aware that something was wrong. He said, ‘Dad, you’re acting weird. What’s going on?’ I realized I needed to stop what I was doing and go a new direction.”

“My son needed a **father who is present, spiritually connected** and a **role model**.”

Then Jim entered our Men’s Discipleship Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and counseling led him to recommit his life to the Lord. **“I had become spiritually disconnected but, when I came here, I put my faith and trust in God again.** And I asked Him to heal me and mend my relationships.”

The Lord answered his prayers. Jim’s ex-wife and son now visit him at the Rescue Mission and he’s able to cope with his chronic pain without medication. “God’s healing hand has lifted much of my pain. It’s amazing,” he says.

Jim plans to graduate from the program, get his own place and find a job that will allow him to share with others the kind of help he’s received. “The Rescue Mission has made me a better person and I want to give back.”

This Christmas, because of your compassion and God’s love, Jim’s story has a new beginning. Through the gift of Christ’s birth, his future is filled with joy and meaning. “The Rescue Mission helped me put God first and reconnect with the ones I love. This is a place of healing.”

A MESSAGE FROM
REV. JOHN M. ANDERSON



Your Gifts
Fill Hearts
With *Joy!*

God's love for the world isn't fiction, fable or fairytale. It's reassuring Truth!

He brings hope to a troubled world and healing to broken souls. That's the joy-filled message we're honored to share with our guests this season, and remain faithful to every day of the year.

God changes lives, but for a new story to begin, an old one often must end. Through the care your generosity provides, we help individuals close chapters of loneliness, pain and tragedy in their lives and find heavenly strength for their futures. I invite you to partner with us in the coming weeks to provide gifts of food, shelter and life-restoring guidance, as we celebrate the joyous new beginnings the season brings.

The redemptive story of Christmas continues today, each time friends like you reach out with compassion to those who are homeless, addicted and downtrodden.

Thank you for keeping the story of Christ's birth alive – and filling hearts with the joy of Christmas – every day of the year.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season and into the New Year.

Rev. John M. Anderson
Executive Director



Give a Meal... *Change a Life*

69,750 meals by Christmas!

A plate of hot, wholesome food can change someone's story from struggle to strength... from heartbreak to hope... from despair to joy. With each meal you give, you offer so much more:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



It costs only \$2.05 to provide a meal and care for one hungry person...

Please Send Your Gift Today!



✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

📄 Give online anytime at BayAreaRescue.org.



December 3 is
**#GIVING
TUESDAY**



PLEASE REMEMBER your hurting neighbors by making a donation this **Giving Tuesday**. On this special day, your gift to the Bay Area Rescue Mission will provide life essentials and life-changing guidance. Thank you!

📄 Mark December 3 on your calendar and don't forget to give at BayAreaRescue.org.



**YOUR GIFT
TODAY...**

**HAS TWICE
THE IMPACT!**

\$50



\$100

\$100



\$200

\$150





\$300

DEADLINE TO GIVE: DEC 31

Exciting news! **Give today to match the \$150,000 challenge grant** from a group of generous partners... for a total of \$300,000 to provide food, safe rest and care for our homeless guests!

That's right... your year-end gift will provide **double the help!**

-  Give online at **BayAreaRescue.org**.
-  Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.

THANK YOU for helping us meet
this year-end challenge!

We've **remodeled** our **website**.
Come see what's new!

Our website has a brand new look! Visit us at **BayAreaRescue.org** to see our makeover, find upcoming events and read inspirational stories of how your gifts are helping save and transform lives here in the Bay Area.



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