

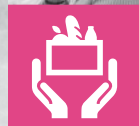
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4 Easter  
Needs

EASTER ISSUE 2020

# Bay Area HOPE

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Meet *Patricia*  
She can't thank  
YOU enough!

Because of you, Patricia's heart  
is filled with *new hope*  
this Easter.







**I'M  
NOT AFRAID  
ANYMORE**

**W**hen Patricia's son died at just a month old, a part of her heart died with him. "My depression was very severe. I withdrew and had anxiety attacks," she says.

For the next 30 years – through a divorce, raising her other three children alone and the death of her mother – Patricia's depression deepened. "It got to the point where I was missing work. When I finally saw doctors, they diagnosed the depression as really severe and said I couldn't work anymore," she says.

Patricia went on disability and started taking antidepressants, but her depression remained and she began isolating. "I lost all motivation to leave the room where I was staying. I had no desire to even see my grandkids. I was becoming a hermit," she says. "I had to find a way to change."

That's when Patricia entered our Women's Discipleship Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and spiritual counseling helped her reconnect with the Lord. **"I used to have a strong walk with God, but I'd lost my way. Now, I know He's always there," she says. "I always have someone to turn to."**

**"I'm not walking alone anymore."**

Her newfound faith has lifted Patricia's spirits and changed her outlook. "I'm no longer withdrawn. I'm enjoying people now," she says. "I'm even giving support to other women in the program."

Patricia plans to complete the program, get her own place where her grandchildren can visit, and go back to school. But, more than anything, she's looking forward to faithfully following the Lord. "I want to continue growing in Him. That's my main goal."

**You may never meet Patricia, but she's eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, her heart is filled with new hope for the future.** "I used to be fearful and lonely and broken, but the Rescue Mission was there for me. I'm not afraid anymore."

## *Save the Date*

### **25th Annual New Life Golf Tournament**

**Monday, May 11 | Rossmoor Golf Course, Walnut Creek**

Grab your clubs and meet us on the links for the **25th annual New Life Golf Tournament** to support our programs that save and change lives here in the Bay Area.

You'll enjoy the fellowship of other compassionate friends of the Rescue Mission as you share a round of golf, a delicious lunch and dinner, and the knowledge that you're helping to bring hope to homeless and hurting people.

**We need YOU to make this event a success!**

Whether you golf, volunteer or sponsor a golfer, you'll be helping to raise much-needed funds to fuel the transformative work we do every day at the Rescue Mission.

For more information, visit **BayAreaRescue.org**.





Here's how **YOUR** gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



*just \$2.05  
for a meal!*

**111,300** nourishing meals



**10,318** nights of shelter



**120** men & women to care for in our recovery programs (on average)



**14,400** hours of education & counseling

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

A Message from REV. JOHN M. ANDERSON



## YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon, and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate the hope of new life this joyous season brings.

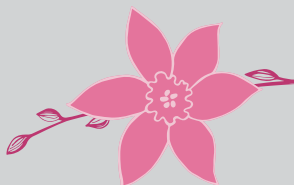
But for many staying at the Rescue Mission right now – men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction – it can be hard to have hope.

At Easter, it's our joy and privilege to refresh hurting hearts with the good news of God's love. It's a message that changes lives and restores hope! As our guests begin to believe God loves them, and experience the love of our staff who stand by their side, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

Love is a doorway to new life. Knowing they're loved, our guests can walk in freedom. Past guilt and shame fade away as they discover hope for a brighter future. Empowered by love, they see that they too can overcome!

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the blessings of love in your life... God's love and the love of family and friends who surround you. Thank you for surrounding hurting people with love that leads to new life. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by this life-changing love.

Rev. John M. Anderson  
Executive Director



### KEITH CAME FOR A MEAL...



... AND IT WAS THE START OF A NEW LIFE!

Keith didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.05
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$5.86!)
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

*Each meal you give makes a big difference!*

This Easter, as Keith celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life of hope!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✨ Give online anytime at **BayAreaRescue.org**.

Thank you again for your support of our Rescue Mission guests! Happy Easter!

# YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

**Sunday, April 12:** Easter Sunrise Service from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.  
Immediately to follow the service is Easter Breakfast.

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **111,300+ hot meals...** and provide hundreds of men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and vital care.**

Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!



## **FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!**

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10:**

- ☐ HAM, BACON, SAUSAGE
- ☐ EGGS
- ☐ PANCAKE MIX
- ☐ FRESH OR CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES
- ☐ COFFEE & CREAMER
- ☐ SUGAR (WHITE & BROWN)
- ☐ CHILDREN'S/YOUTH BOOKS ON THE MEANING OF EASTER
- ☐ HEALTHY SNACKS (GRANOLA BARS, DRIED FRUIT, PRETZELS)
- ☐ CRAYONS, MARKERS, COLORING BOOKS, ART PADS
- ☐ SMALL PLUSH TOYS
- ☐ TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE
- ☐ LIP BALM

Drop off donations at the Rescue Mission, 123 Macdonald Ave. in Richmond, 7 days a week.  
**Thank you so much!**

No time to shop?  
Donate now!

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Lend a hand this Easter season... **VOLUNTEER!**

Contact Mimi ☎ (510) 215-4869

