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**Lanesha's life
is changed
forever**

**AND SHE WANTS
TO THANK YOU!**

Your support touches
lives with new hope.

“I BELIEVED IN GOD BUT I’D LOST MY WAY. NOW HE’S THE BIGGEST PART OF MY LIFE.”

When Lanesha was a little girl, she longed for her parents’ love and attention, but they were struggling with serious addictions. She was left to care for herself and grew up believing she wasn’t worthy of love.

At just 13, Lanesha began numbing her pain with drugs and alcohol, the beginning of a 12-year struggle with addiction. “I wound up homeless, living on the streets and staying in motels,” she says. “My life was a mess.”

Then Lanesha became a mother and couldn’t bear to see her son growing up like she had, longing for love and security. **“I wasn’t going to put my son through the same things I’d gone through** – not having a stable place to stay and seeing his mother using. It was time for a change.”

Lanesha decided to come with her son to our Center for Women and Children, where they found food, shelter and the support of loving staff. **“My son**

is content and comfortable and I’m at peace knowing he’s in a safe place,” she says.

Meanwhile, Lanesha has completed our Women’s Discipleship Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and spiritual guidance have strengthened her faith. “I was spiritually broken. I believed in God but I’d lost my way,” she says. “Now God is the biggest part of my life. I always put Him first.”

Through our program’s life skills classes, Lanesha has also developed healthy coping skills and parenting techniques. Now she’s working on her GED and completing our Culinary Arts Training Program with plans to start a catering business and create a happy, stable home for her son.

Because you gave from your heart to help Lanesha, her life has been changed by your goodness and God’s love forever! “Now I know I’m worth more than the way I was living. God has good plans for me. My future is bright.”



“
I’VE LEARNED TO SIT STILL
AND **LET GOD GUIDE ME.**
”

A Message from
REV. JOHN M. ANDERSON

**Give Where You Live...
to Meet Our Summer
Challenge**

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July and August cost \$410,770 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for faith-based discipleship and practical guidance that empowers our guests to change their lives.

We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion now more than ever.

Please *give where you live* to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to the Bay Area Rescue Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially in times like these.



Rev. John M. Anderson
Executive Director

**Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer
your gift today helps provide...**



200,376
meals



19,228
beds



thousands
of clothing
items



life-transforming
spiritual
decisions



countless hours
of counseling &
education

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

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

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

GIVE  LIVE
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

PLEASE HELP WITH OUR
SUMMER



Our "Summer Six" are essential items in high demand for our Rescue Mission guests all season long. Please deliver your donations to 123 Macdonald Ave. in Richmond, 7 days a week. Those in our care will be deeply grateful for whatever you can share this summer!



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





SAVE THE DATE

9.25.2020

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our **55th Annual Banquet**. You'll be inspired by moving testimonies of our program graduates.

Silent and live auctions throughout the evening will give you the opportunity to continue supporting our programs that save and transform lives here in the Bay Area.

Enjoy a delicious meal and the fellowship of other Rescue Mission friends as we celebrate what God has done through your generosity and support, transforming lives in His name.

We hope to see you there!

When: 6 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2020

Where: Hilton Concord, 1970 Diamond Boulevard, Concord

How: RSVP with Mimi ☎ (510) 215-4869 or
✉ mimiw@bayarearescue.org

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