Welcoming our new President/CEO

“"I'm moving toward my dreams.""

Love Your Neighbor!

Don’t miss...

Your support is giving LaQuita a second chance and she can’t thank you enough!
LaQuita was overjoyed when her first child was born, but her happiness quickly turned to despair. “I suffered from postpartum depression. If I’d known, I would’ve gotten help,” she says.

She struggled to live a productive life, working and attending cosmetology school, with plans to open a salon. Meanwhile, her family continued to grow and, with the birth of each child, her sadness grew, as well. “I had postpartum depression with each one.”

After 10 years without treatment, she was finally diagnosed with bipolar disorder, anxiety and depression. “The doctor put me on medication, but couldn’t find any that worked,” she says. “My mental health kept getting worse and I broke down. I couldn’t work.”

Then her beloved father died and her mother lost the home where LaQuita and her children had been living. It was too much to bear. “I felt hopeless, like I had nothing to live for.”

She knew she had to find help so she arranged for her children to stay with relatives and entered our Discipleship Program. We connected her with a doctor who successfully adjusted her medication and, for the first time in more than a decade, her depression was gone. “I feel great,” she says.

Through Bible studies, chapel services and Christian counseling, LaQuita has grown spiritually and healed emotionally, as well. “I’ve been learning more about God every day and I’m praying a lot,” she says. “It’s making me stronger. I’ve started to believe in myself.”

LaQuita plans to complete the program, go to work and find a new home for her family. “My future looks great,” she says. “One day, I’m going to open that salon.”

LaQuita is beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and says it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for a neighbor like her. “Before I came to the Mission, I was broken. I felt like a failure. But now I’m happy and I’m moving toward my dreams.”
A Message from retiring President/CEO
REV. JOHN M. ANDERSON

With a grateful heart

In 1991, I was a successful executive. By 1992, I was a lost, hopeless drug addict whose only goal was to die and be done with my miserably failed life. Then I walked through the doors of a Rescue Mission, and God rescued me. And He called me to share His life-transforming love with others.

As President/CEO of the Bay Area Rescue Mission for the past 21 years, my greatest privilege has been to minister to the desperately needy men, women and children who come through our doors and witness thousands accept Jesus as their Savior; their lives changed for all eternity. Our prayer partners, donors, volunteers and friends have made this possible. YOU are the heart of Rescue!

With my retirement in March, I passed the leadership of this remarkable ministry to our new President/CEO Bram Begonia, and I believe with all my heart that he is God’s man for this time in the life of the Mission. Please know he will need your prayers, your support and your resources just as much as I have.

My wife, Debra, and I thank you for being such a blessed and amazing part of our lives and of the Bay Area Rescue Mission. The heart and soul of this ministry is steadfast and focused on loving our neighbors, helping them to become contributing members of our community.

Please join with Bram for what will be the next exciting chapter of the journey of Rescue!

Rev. John M. Anderson
Former President/CEO

A Message from new President/CEO
BRAM BEGONIA

With honor and anticipation

After 15 years of working with underserved populations through ministries in West Oahu, San Jose and East Palo Alto, God has called me to a new role here at the Bay Area Rescue Mission. I am truly honored to have been selected to carry on the legacy of former President & CEO Rev. John Anderson.

The Rescue Mission has a strong Christian foundation, a compassionate team and long-standing collaboration within the community. I pledge to uphold this vital core with prayerful leadership and God-inspired resourcefulness, and I’m calling on all our partners who want to join together to meet our hurting neighbors’ needs.

As I embrace this new calling, I look forward to getting to know friends like you. Through your ongoing support and compassion, we will continue to build upon this great organization that has stayed true to its mission for nearly 60 years.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with ideas about how, together, we can best serve this wonderful community.

I appreciate your prayers as we work together to empower life change across the Bay Area.

Mahalo, and may God bless you.

Bram Begonia
President/CEO
**Why your monthly gift is **LIFE-CHANGING!**

Your monthly gift as a Bridge Builder ensures that whenever local people are in need, the Bay Area Rescue Mission will be ready to help them rebuild their lives. That’s because your partnership provides the reliable, steady source of support that ensures the Rescue Mission can care for our homeless & hungry neighbors all year long.

For someone like Robert, that ongoing support made a real difference!

“I was living in my car, then God led me to the Mission to work on my anger. Now I’m trying to walk the path like Jesus… with grace and compassion.”

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Bridge Builder today!
To join this important group, visit BayAreaRescue.org or complete the back of the enclosed reply form.

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