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2 Celebrate Easter



3 "I'm a walking miracle."



4 Your prayers change lives

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ORLANDO IS

*celebrating
new life*

THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching
his life with hope.



“I’M A WALKING MIRACLE.”

Orlando slept in his car, trying to get comfortable after a long week of working two jobs.

“Not many people knew I was homeless...” he says. “And it was really hard to wash my clothes and take showers.”

Sadly, Orlando knew of only one way to ease his suffering: drugs. As a child, he’d been prescribed medications for ADHD. And as he grew older, he started self-medicating with alcohol and more serious substances.

“Then I eventually lost my car,” he says, “and I really became homeless. On the streets. I just let myself go completely.”

At his lowest point, Orlando attempted suicide, overcome with anxiety at what his life had become. “I just didn’t want to live like that anymore.”

Thankfully, a family member intervened and helped Orlando come to the Bay Area Rescue Mission, where his life began to change.

Orlando joined our Life Transformation Program, and through chapel services and the support of our Rescue Mission staff, he experienced God beginning to heal his emotional pain and free him from his addiction.

“I started repeating a Bible verse, Romans 8:1, to myself every day: ‘There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.’ And my anxiety and stress went away.”

While serving at the Rescue Mission’s front desk and on our security team, Orlando discovered he has a heart for ministry. After graduating, he hopes to complete his GED and pursue a career as a counselor so he can help others who are struggling as he once did. “Through God, I know everything is possible.”

Your generous support has filled Orlando’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “I went from being so alone and filled with anxiety to being in God’s hands... The sky’s the limit now.”

“Even through my mess, I believe God led me here to the Rescue Mission.”



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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

You can help transform
hearts and lives!



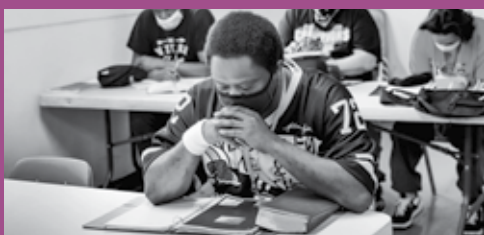
174,645 meals
\$2.09 for a meal!



9,475 nights of shelter



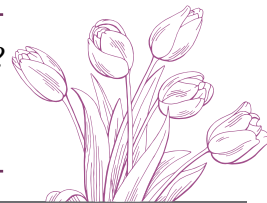
120 men & women in our
discipleship programs (on average)



124,800 annual hours of
education & counseling

*Thank you for sharing
hope & joy this Easter!*

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!" – Luke 24:5-6, NIV*



A Message from **BRAM BEGONIA**



The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

This Easter, we celebrate the incredible gift of peace and hope that has been given to us. The promise that new life is possible... even when it can seem like all hope is lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors have lost their hope. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the Easter season.

During Easter, there are blessings all around us. Through your gifts

to the Rescue Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found new life... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Bram Begonia
President/CEO



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Rescue Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.09 – often the first step to a new life**

♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter

♥ Faith-based care & healing in our discipleship programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

Thank you for your support of our Rescue Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



27th Annual New Life Golf Tournament

Monday, May 9
Rossmoor Country Club

SAVE THE DATE

You're invited to join other compassionate golfers for our **27th Annual New Life Golf Tournament!**

It will be a fun day of food and fellowship on the links, supporting the life-changing work we do each day at the Rescue Mission.

Whether you golf, volunteer or sponsor



a golfer, your participation will help raise funds to support our programs that change lives for a brighter tomorrow here in the Bay Area.

Tee off to transform lives! You don't want to miss this special event.

For more information, visit

BayAreaRescue.org.

Or call **(510) 215-4357**



YOUR PRAYERS CHANGE LIVES!

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in the Bay Area. **Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!**

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Rescue Mission.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. God bless you!