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THANK YOU
FOR GIVING
Nabreshya
A NEW
BEGINNING.

Because of you,
she has joy in her
heart this Easter!



“The love here is *real*.”

“**I** thought I finally had it all together,” Nabreshya says. “I was clean and sober. I had regained custody of my kids. I had enlisted in the Air Force, and all I had to do was pass my physical exam. My ship-out date was set for February 8.”

But a week before she was set to leave, Nabreshya’s drug test came back positive for methamphetamines... a drug she had never even used.

Authorities immediately took her children again. She requested another drug test, but it would be 10 days before she would get results. In one day, she thought she had lost her Air Force career and her children.

After years of childhood trauma and drug abuse, which cost Nabreshya custody of her kids, she had already endured so much. **She’d worked hard to turn her life around and got her kids back.** Then that positive drug test came back.

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“Fortunately, the second drug test came back negative,” Nabreshya says. “But I had to wait until May for the court to decide whether I could have my kids back. In the meantime, I came to the Bay Area Rescue Mission. **I was suddenly surrounded by all these powerful testimonies of how God had worked in their lives.** The staff encouraged me to surrender everything to Him. Everyone here loved me so much, and I felt at home.”

Here at the Rescue Mission, Nabreshya gave her life to God and began to take classes, attend Bible studies and pray. She gave everything to God and believed that everything would turn out okay. **Slowly, her fear and anxiety turned to peace.**

Two days before Mother’s Day, the court gave her custody of her children! Her goal now is to return to the Air Force.



With Jesus’ love in her heart and hope for the future, Nabreshya is grateful for your support this Easter. “The greatest gift the Rescue Mission gave me is help discovering a relationship with God,” Nabreshya says. “That’s something that will never leave me. I hope the donors continue supporting this place because the love here is real.”



A Message from BRAM BEGONIA

THE GIFT OF *Hope*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? 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.

That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at the Bay Area Rescue Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the hope God freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Bram Begonia
President/CEO



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ A hot meal for \$2.09 – often the first step to a transformed life
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Faith-based care & healing in our discipleship programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✨ Give online anytime at **BayAreaRescue.org.**

Easter²⁰²³
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Life transformation starts with YOU!



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 blessing those in need this Easter!

ATTENTION GOLFERS: SAVE THE DATE!



Whether you're a budding golf pro or just an occasional duffer, please come join the Bay Area Rescue Mission's **New Life Golf Tournament on May 15 at BlackHawk Country Club.**

The tournament will feature various golf-related activities, such as a putting contest, a long drive competition, and a chipping contest. The tournament will also feature a breakfast for participants.

All proceeds will benefit the Rescue Mission's efforts to support people devastated by homelessness in the Bay Area.

To learn more or to participate, please contact Dean Hollenbeck at **DeanH@BayAreaRescue.org**.

See you on the green!



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!

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV
