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INSIDE: Sharrie shares
how your support
changed her life!



Giving thanks for YOU this fall



A Message from BRAM BEGONIA

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors the Bay Area Rescue Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Sharrie, whose story you can read on Page 3 – her testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing and safe shelter... to long-term healing and stability through our

restoration program – with you beside us and God as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 808,533 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at the Bay Area Rescue Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Bram Begonia
President/CEO

YOU'RE MAKING GOALS AND DREAMS POSSIBLE...

At the Rescue Mission, hopes and dreams come to life – thanks to friends like you! Because of your prayers and support, men and women in our restoration program look forward to brighter futures.



“I processed my trauma and developed healthy boundaries. Now, I can step out in faith and start my life over.”

“The Rescue Mission gave me what I needed to believe in myself and succeed so I can be there for my family.”



Thank you for believing that everyone deserves the opportunity to build a better, more fulfilling life!

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit BayAreaRescue.org.

Join Our

2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

808,533

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families.

For just \$2.49, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:


Safe, welcoming shelter


Warm clothing, coats & shoes


Classes & job training


God's unconditional love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at BayAreaRescue.org.

Meet Sharrie – who is thankful for your support!



“Now, I’m a
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children.”



When Sharrie was a little girl, she dreamed of a wonderful life. But her family abused her emotionally, and over time, it damaged her self-esteem and destroyed her hope for happiness.

She turned to alcohol to cope with her pain and her self-hatred grew, drawing her into dysfunctional relationships and filling her life with darkness. Eventually, Sharrie lost her faith, her home and custody of her children. **“I was living in a car, alone, depressed, lost in the world,”** she says. “I’d wake up crying over what I’d put my children through.”

Sharrie wanted to change her life and become the kind of mother her kids deserved, but she knew she couldn’t do it alone. Finally, she cried out to God for help. “He heard my prayers and gave me guidance,” Sharrie says.

God led her to the Rescue Mission, where she found shelter, meals and the support she needed to turn her life around. Through Bible studies and spiritual guidance, Sharrie’s faith has grown stronger than ever. **“I’ve learned to always put God first and lean on Him and His word.”**

God’s guidance, counseling and life skills classes have helped Sharrie heal from her childhood trauma,

develop self-esteem and learn to live free from addiction. Now, she’s passing on the blessings to other hurting women at the Rescue Mission through her testimony of God’s transforming power. “I share my heart and it opens theirs. It’s all about love.”

Sharrie has regained custody of her children, and after they’re settled in their own place, she plans to raise them in the love of God. “I’m a strong and positive role model for them now,” she says.

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Miracles happen here.
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The wonderful life she once dreamed of is finally within her grasp. “I’m spiritually strong, happy and thankful.”

This fall, Sharrie gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change her life. “I had gone astray, but the Rescue Mission got me back on the right path.”

NEW

HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



Donate essential items!

Help stock our pantry with food items and provide warm clothing for our struggling neighbors. OR... host a donation drive and invite others to collect much needed items for our community.

To see our urgently needed items, visit BayAreaRescue.org/NeedsList



Volunteer with us!

Sign up to serve a meal, lead a class or share an encouraging message at a chapel service. There are many ways you, your family, friends or church can volunteer with us this fall!

To learn more, visit BayAreaRescue.org/Volunteer



Start giving monthly!

Join other faithful friends who give monthly through our Bridge Builders! Start giving monthly this fall to provide a steady stream of support for our neighbors during our busiest season.

To learn more, visit BayAreaRescue.org/GiveMonthly



CURRENT NEEDS *Donate essential items this fall!*

During the busy fall season, the number of guests we welcome at the Bay Area Rescue Mission steadily increases! And with more people to care for, our needs also increase.

Imagine trying to get by even a single day without these essential items! Sadly, the struggling neighbors we serve often arrive

at our doors with little but the clothes on their backs.

This fall, you're invited to give thanks by giving back! Help us meet these and other immediate needs of our neighbors. Visit BayAreaRescue.org to see our current needs list.

There are 3 key items that consistently appear on our list of needs:

- Toilet paper
- New, warm socks
- Body wash, shampoo & conditioner