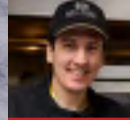


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**See how your
compassion
gave Daniel
a fresh start...**

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
SUMMER CAMPAIGN





A meal served with LOVE for a neighbor in need... just \$2.49!



A Message from BRAM BEGONIA

Sharing a story of **HOPE** this summer.

I'm grateful for how God writes each of our stories, and how He weaves them together. Through your gifts and prayers, you play a meaningful role in the stories of your neighbors' lives!

Sadly, this summer, too many of our neighbors are experiencing a heartbreaking "chapter": Extreme heat on the streets... thirst and hunger... loss of hope. Many turn to us for cool shelter, meals and water, discipleship and more.

You can help share the life-changing care our hurting and homeless neighbors need.

That is my prayer for the summer, **as we begin our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign this month.** Together, we can provide vital help to change our neighbors' stories, and their lives, for good.

I've seen these life-transformations happen right here at the Bay Area Rescue Mission, like for Daniel, whose story you can read on page 3 of this newsletter.

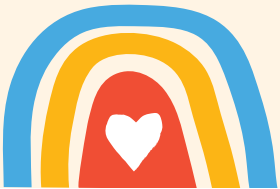
Your support this summer will help make transformations possible for people like him, whether you help once or give all three months. Your generosity across June, July and August will mean steady meals, safe shelter and faith-based care that helps write new stories of hope for our neighbors.

I'll be so grateful.

Bram Begonia
President/CEO

"Love your neighbor as yourself..."

- Matthew 22:39



You're allowing kids to dream again

Childhood should be a time of innocence... full of hopes and dreams. Children experiencing homelessness are robbed of this time. Without the stability of a safe home, they lose confidence in themselves and lose hope for their future.



Your support of the Bay Area Rescue Mission helps protect our youngest, most vulnerable guests. You help provide a safe, nurturing environment where children can learn, grow and thrive!

These kids have hope for a brighter future through academic tutoring, spiritual encouragement and counseling to heal from emotional trauma.

Thank you for caring for children in our community whose futures are at risk. Together, we're providing child-focused care that restores a vital foundation for growth and reignites their dreams for a full, healthy future.



Find out more about how we support families at BayAreaRescue.org.

YOU CAN SHOW A HURTING NEIGHBOR THEY'RE NOT ALONE!



It starts with a meal...



and ends with a life renewed!

Your gift of \$2.49 provides a hot, nourishing meal – and can lead to other life-changing services like shelter, faith-based counsel and discipleship.

Give during our Love Your Neighbor campaign... and show local people who are homeless and hurting that you care.



Give now!
BayAreaRescue.org

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**“I’m
discovering
WHO I AM.”**

Daniel was born the youngest of seven children, and his childhood was difficult. While there were family vacations and good memories, substance abuse was a constant presence. **“My parents drank and did drugs around us. When you grow up in that environment, you don’t know that it’s not normal.”**

At 17, Daniel lost his father to cancer, and his life took a turn for the worse. “That’s where my drug addiction just took off,” he remembers. What began with prescription painkillers eventually escalated into years of substance abuse, homelessness and incarceration. **“This last time before I went to jail, I was living on the streets doing hard drugs.”**

Facing the possibility of 25 years to life in prison, Daniel reached a breaking point. “I just realized, I can’t keep living like this... I was going to end up dead.” While in jail, Daniel turned to God. **“I started**

asking Him for help, to help me fight my addiction.”

A judge believed Daniel could turn his life around, and instead of prison, he was sent to the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

Daniel found more than shelter at the Rescue Mission. He found faith, family and a future. “They welcomed me with a warm meal,” Daniel remembers. And in our faith-based program, he began to see the change he had prayed for. **“Building my relationship with God has been the biggest thing for me.”**

Today, Daniel serves in the Rescue Mission’s culinary department, preparing meals for students and the community. “I believe that’s something I want to go to school for,” he says.

Because of you, neighbors like Daniel know that God loves them and they are worthy of a new beginning. Thank you for opening the door to hope and healing this summer! “This place helped me build a foundation. I was lost, but now I’m discovering who I am.”

“Everybody supported me, and everyone was going through the same type of thing.”



Keep neighbors **SAFE** this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

Our neighbors out on the street face a scary reality: Without shade or sun protection, even warm days put them at risk of heat stroke and dehydration. Hot weather is even more dangerous for seniors or families with children. **They need our help.**

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$6.27 provides a night of safe shelter for a man, woman or child in need – along with other services like these!



Cool water to drink & nourishing meals



Refreshing showers & safe shelter



Clean clothes & socks
(Socks are our most requested item!)




Sunscreen & hygiene items

Your support helps meet these ongoing needs, allowing our hurting neighbors to restore and rebuild at the Rescue Mission – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!



To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit BayAreaRescue.org/needslist or scan here!



Your gift of \$6.27 provides a night of shelter!



Healing from Homelessness:

Caring for mind & soul

Did you know? Untreated mental health struggles may also lead to homelessness. At the Bay Area Rescue Mission, we believe that addressing guests' mental health is as important as providing physical and spiritual renewal.

Many guests need only a warm meal and safe shelter, but some require more specialized care for mental illness and trauma from their past. This care is critical for helping them overcome homelessness permanently and rebuild their lives.

Your faithful support makes faith-based counseling, treatment referrals and other restoration resources possible for our community. Thank you!

Want to learn about other life-changing services you help provide?

Read about our programs at BayAreaRescue.org.

