

MISSION *in* MOTION

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The power of
your love...
in action



Paul has a **NEW LIFE** in Christ this Easter!

Thank you for opening
the door to his
transformation.

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MY LIFE HAS CHANGED AND I CAN LOVE MYSELF AGAIN.

Growing up, Paul considered his father his best friend. He was always inspired by his dad, a Marine who had served in three wars.

So when his father passed away when Paul was only 15, it was a devastating blow. **What was an already difficult time – navigating adolescence and peer pressure – became even harder without his beloved father to head the family.**

“Our anchor was gone and it was rough. I started drinking and experimenting with drugs to mask the pain and loss,” he said.

Paul managed to keep his addiction on the side, still working and living as best he could, until it caught up with him decades later.

“I was homeless, laying out on the pavement. It was as low as I wanted to go. **I finally reached a point where I was done.**”

When he came to the San Diego Rescue Mission, Paul immediately knew this was a place of love and healing.

Paul was broken when he first got here – tired of himself and the choices he had made. But through Mission Academy and reconnecting with God’s word, he began to change. He especially appreciated the nutrition classes and life-skills training.

“God provides so much for us in this Rescue Mission. They’re giving me the tools I can use to learn and go out and be a productive member of society.”

In addition to classes, he enjoys the daily rhythm of getting up early, serving in the kitchen to prepare breakfast and helping others.

Now, Paul is confident that God will guide his footsteps. He not only wants to experience joy for himself, but is also committed to sharing joy with others.

This Easter, Paul is experiencing God’s gift of new life! Thank you for empowering him to follow Christ’s calling in his life. “I’m going to take it one step at a time... when God has a door for me to walk through, I’m going to walk through it.”

Through the grace of God, everyone that comes through these doors has an opportunity to have a better and joyful life.”

The Gift of New Life in Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17



A Message from **DONNIE DEE**

All things new...

Men, women and families often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, experiencing homelessness and struggling with shame. For many, the San Diego Rescue Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that help rebuild their lives!**

We believe God is "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5) for our hurting and homeless neighbors. Whether they come for a meal, a safe place to sleep or life recovery - your generosity helps transform lives like Paul's, whose story you can read on page 3.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb - a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for believing in our homeless, hungry neighbors.

Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!

Donnie Dee
President/CEO



SHARE HOPE THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our homeless neighbors!

This Easter, we need your help to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with hope...



53,950 meals -
just \$2.72 each!



17,850 nights
of shelter



Christ-centered care & healing
in our residential program!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at sdrescue.org.



YOU changed lives last year!

In 2024, friends like you joined together to make an incredible impact for our neighbors who are homeless and hurting...



295,162
meals filled
hungry bellies



94,158
nights of shelter
kept people safe



1,774
people helped off the
streets immediately



331 people ended
their homelessness
permanently



179 families safe
and thriving

Thank you!

Because you showed you care, our community's most vulnerable men, women and children are looking forward to a brighter future!



HELP HUNGRY NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



What will your legacy be?

Sharing the causes you are passionate about with your family is one way to leave a lasting legacy. That's why you might want to include the San Diego Rescue Mission in your estate plan.

When you leave a legacy gift in your will or trust, you'll help bless the lives of generations to come. Your incredible legacy of love will work to help our neighbors overcome homelessness and discover the purpose God has for their lives.

For more information, contact Kaitlin Payne, Director of Development, at kpayne@sdrescue.org or (619) 819-1707. Or scan this code to visit our Legacy Giving page:



Saturday, April 12: Our Easter Community Meal is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.!

You can help provide **thousands of meals** for our homeless neighbors this Easter! Donate these much-needed food items to help welcome our guests with a good meal – and give them hope for a new life.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Monday, April 7:**

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- DINNER ROLLS
- PIES (STORE-BOUGHT)
- BOTTLED WATERS
- BAGS/CANS OF GROUND COFFEE
- GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL GROCERY STORES



Drop off donations at the Rescue Mission, 120 Elm Street, San Diego, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Attention: Alan Kennedy.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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