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NEWSLETTER | EASTER 2020

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Providing Life-Essential Services to Those in Need

Meet the *Davis Family* They can't thank **YOU** enough!

Because of you, their hearts
are filled with *new hope*
this Easter.

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“GOD ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS.”

Adam and Ashley had everything they could want – a good marriage, steady jobs and a happy home in Mississippi for their two small children. Then the unthinkable happened. “Our house was destroyed by a hurricane,” Adam says.

They moved to California to make a fresh start, found jobs and rented a house. But the landlord sold it out from under them and they found themselves homeless, living in their car. “We were working 20 hours a day doing Postmates and DoorDash, trying to make enough money for a hotel room,” Ashley says.

“I was worried sick every night,” Adam adds. “Some nights we made enough for a hotel, but many nights we didn’t.”

Eventually, they couldn’t make their car payment and it was repossessed, leaving them with no way to work and no place to sleep. “We had no money. We had nothing,” Ashley says. **“At 3 o’clock in the morning, we were sitting on the side of the road with our kids. We didn’t know what to do.”**

It was then a stranger referred them to 211 LA

County, and through LA Family Housing, the Davises were placed in our Genesis House. “A weight was lifted off our shoulders,” Ashley says.

Within a week, Ashley was hired at OnTrac and Adam will soon be starting work as a painter. “All we needed was a stable place for a couple of weeks so we could get work,” he says.

They plan to save money and find an apartment as soon as possible. “It will be amazing to have our own sanctuary for our children to grow,” Ashley says.

“It felt amazing to have shelter and safety.”

You may never meet the Davis family, but they’re eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, their hearts are filled with new hope for the future. “When we were at our lowest, Genesis House helped us and made us feel like we weren’t alone in this,” Ashley says. “God answered our prayers.”



Here's how **YOUR** gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



*just \$2.05
for a meal!*

49,035 meals to serve



316 beds of shelter nightly



100 children staying in our family shelters



Hundreds of hours of education & counseling to provide

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!



A Message from KEN CRAFT

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon, and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate the hope of new life this joyous season brings.

But for many staying at the Mission right now – men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction – it can be hard to have hope.

At Easter, it's our joy and privilege to refresh hurting hearts with the good news of God's love. It's a message that changes lives and restores hope! As our guests begin to believe God loves them, and experience the love of our staff who stand by their side, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

Love is a doorway to new life. Knowing they're loved, our guests can walk in freedom. Past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. **Empowered by love, they see that they too can overcome!**

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the blessings of love in your life... God's love and the love of family and friends who surround you. Thank you for surrounding hurting people with love that leads to new life. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by this life-changing love.

Ken Craft
Founder and CEO



DERRICK CAME FOR A MEAL...



**... AND IT WAS THE START
OF A NEW LIFE!**

Derrick didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.05
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$22.00!)
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

Each meal you give makes a big difference!

This Easter, as Derrick celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life of hope!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

Thank you again for your support of our Mission guests! Happy Easter!



We're excited to announce the opening of two new facilities to meet the needs of men, women and children experiencing homelessness in the Los Angeles area!

- **The North Hollywood Navigation Center**, which opened in February, provides case management, housing navigation, showers, and 120 storage bins.
- **The Bridge Housing Project** is an 85-bed crisis housing facility in North Hollywood opening in May.



Founder and CEO Ken Craft at the site of our Navigation Center.

Thank you!

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Sponsors



Because of you and more than 2,400 runners, in spite of the rain, our 2019 Drumstick Dash was a great success! Your generosity helped raise more than \$90,000 to support our programs that save and transform lives.

We couldn't have done it without you!