

Sharing Hope



Providing Life Essential Services to those in Need

God will provide

Every day, I see firsthand the truly miraculous changes that take place in the lives of people like Gino, whose story I'm sharing with you today.

God has demonstrated His love by taking hold of men and women who are suffering from abuse, addictions, hunger, or homelessness and He's given them the strength to turn their lives around!

He has also seen to our provision through your partnership and invaluable support that provides the food, clothing, shelter, care and counseling that makes these transformations possible.

That's why, in our prayers here at the Mission, we give thanks for God's grace and love, and, thanks for you. Because your gifts really do make a difference in the lives of Valley neighbors who are



without food and shelter or friends and family to help them through difficult times.

Bless you for all you do!

Ken Craft
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President/CEO

"The Mission's given me my life back!"

Despite a previous addiction to heroin, Gino was doing well. "I had a job and a truck and a place to live. Then, I got laid off, lost my place and my truck was repossessed. After that, I just didn't care anymore and started getting high again."

But ultimately, addiction was a road Gino "didn't want to go down again." So, he looked for help. Unfortunately, he had no family in the area, and he

hadn't been in touch with his sister for nearly 40 years.

So he began calling recovery programs here in the Valley. The first one didn't have a place for him, so he called Hope of the Valley and **we got him in right away.**

Once he was settled in our John E. White House of Hope, Gino began our nine-month recovery program. There was structure, which Gino needed,

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Gino unloads donations for the Mission.

www.hopeofthevalley.org (818) 392-0020

Every gift counts:

This summer, the Mission will:

- Serve 24,750 meals
- Provide 5,850 nights of shelter
- Save and change hundreds of lives!

Your gift does make a difference!



Work is underway!

It wasn't easy. But we are overjoyed to announce that a permit was received in April and work is now underway on the Mission's new Recuperative Care Center. In addition to providing shelter and care for homeless individuals who have been recently released from local hospitals, the center will house a mental health clinic and a community health clinic – both of which will be open to the public – and emergency shelter services for homeless men and women being discharged from local hospitals with nowhere to go to recover and find housing. To be part of this great project providing life-transforming services for our community's neediest people, contact David Faustina at (818) 392-0020, ext. 102 today.



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along with the spiritual guidance, life skills training and other resources necessary to rebuild a life of dignity, purpose and hope!

The program didn't just give Gino a roof over his head and food to eat. It helped him **grow spiritually and emotionally**. "I'd done a lot of bad things," Gino says. "But they [the staff here at the Mission] aren't against you for where you've been or what you've done. They take you in with open arms!"

And Gino learned to do the same, because one of his responsibilities at the Mission was helping others who were homeless. "They'd come in for a shower and we'd give them clean clothing

including underwear and socks. Just showing them that someone cares can make their day!"

After graduation, Gino moved on to The Bridge, our transitional housing program that provides support while men get jobs and get back on their feet. He eventually became Assistant Manager at The Bridge, and this winter, Gino worked in our Cold Weather Shelter. He's doing what he encourages others to do: Stay connected and keep working!



Give it up... for good!

5 good reasons to donate your gently used clothing and household items:

- 1 You get to clean out your drawers, closets and garage
- 2 Homeless men, women & children get much-needed clothing free of charge
- 3 You get a tax deduction
- 4 Clothing and goods that are not given away to those in need are sold to provide money for Mission programs and services
- 5 There's a Hope of the Valley Thrift Store near you:

Sun Valley
8165 San Fernando Rd.
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Granada Hills
18167 Chatsworth St.
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Santa Clarita
19379 Soledad Canyon Rd.,
Canyon Country
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



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How much of a difference can one gift make? Here at Hope of the Valley, the answer is plenty!

With more than 8,250 monthly meals to prepare and serve, 1,950 nights of shelter to provide and hundreds of hours of care and education to offer, your donations are always welcome, especially during the summer – when needs continue, but giving drops off.

Here's another example of the power of 1: One gift, your gift, will help end hunger, homelessness and addiction for one or more people.

Every gift you give has the power to change a life. But it doesn't happen overnight.

Long-lasting, permanent change takes food, shelter, care and education to help individuals and families become self-sufficient...able to take care of themselves so they don't have to rely on us.

One gift – your gift – is vital to the continuing success of this ministry and our ability to truly make a difference in the lives of men, women and children in need.