

Sharing Hope

HOPE OF THE VALLEY
RESCUE MISSION

Providing Life Essential Services to those in Need

Why do we give thanks?

Here at the Mission, we are thankful for so much: For food that nourishes hungry men, women and children. For being able to shelter our neighbors who are homeless. And for the programs and services that transform their lives!

More than 150,000 meals are served to hungry men, women and children annually. 110 homeless mothers and children are sheltered at Genesis House each year as they receive the help they need to stabilize their lives.

50 men enroll in our 9-month recovery program at the House of Hope each year. And in November, we'll open up our new Recuperative Care Center to provide medical care for countless men and women.

But it is only through you and your partnership with this ministry that this is able to happen, Mr. Sample.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, we will be giving thanks for the blessings we have received, and thanks to you for helping make those

blessings available to people in need!



Ken Craft
Ken Craft
President/CEO



“This place transforms people’s lives!”

Jeff had once struggled with drugs and alcohol, but through a Christ-centered program, he got clean and sober. He'd maintained his sobriety for 20 years – then, he lost his job.

“I was getting unemployment, looking for work, and had a lot of extra time on my hands. I started drinking again,” he says. “I ended up homeless, living in a tent up in Topanga Canyon for nearly a year.”

“No food...no water.”

Finally, he'd had enough. “I got to the point on the mountain where I said, ‘I can’t do this anymore,’” he explains. “I decided to quit drinking...I ended up down in some gully for days and days with no food and water.”

Jeff was finally able to climb out, and spent three days in the hospital. “I was dehydrated and they fed me and got me well,” he says.

Jeff continued >>>

Tell a friend about:

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

Far too many of our neighbors live in poverty. Some have trouble “making ends meet.” Others “do without” to

pay rent or utility bills or buy medicine. Many are homeless, fighting for survival each and every day.

You may not see these neighbors where you work or shop or worship, but they are here, and with your support, Hope of the Valley is working hard to help them.

Nov. 14-22 – **National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week** – is a great time to encourage your friends, family, and coworkers to join you and help fix the problems that cause hunger and homelessness by volunteering, organizing a clothing or food drive, or making a special gift to the Mission.

If you're on Facebook or Twitter, please urge friends to help and share our website with them, hopeofthevalley.org, to find more information.

THANKS!

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Pray for neighbors who are hungry, hurting and homeless.

Pray for those who want to be free of addictions that are keeping them from their families this Thanksgiving.

Pray for the Mission that we may continue, with your help, to meet all their needs.

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“I wanted to rededicate my life.”

He then went to a sober living home, where he was referred to Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission and our Life Recovery Program. “What I wanted out of this program was to rededicate my life...to build a relationship with Jesus again,” he says.

Jeff has graduated and is now in the Mission's Fresh Start Program, which is helping him get back on his feet again. He also began working at our brand

new Thrift Store in Santa Clarita, which benefits the Mission and our local community.

Jeff credits the Mission with changing the course of his life. **“Going from homeless, living in the tent up in the mountains, to being employed in less than a year – that’s awesome,”** he says. “This place totally transforms people’s lives.”



Host a Thanksgiving Table

More than 1,500 of our Valley's most needy men, women and children will be gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 25, for the Mission's All Valley Thanksgiving Feast. And right now, we need at least 35 more table hosts to make sure every one of them has enough to eat!

Please join some of our most generous supporters by becoming a table host. Your gift of \$300.00 will defray the

cost of ALL THE FOOD FOR A FULL TABLE FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT!

In addition, while our Thanksgiving volunteer roster is already full, your sponsorship also comes with the opportunity to have up to four people volunteer at this Valley-wide event.

For more information, check the special box on your reply slip, or call Laurie Craft at **(818) 392-0020**.



Start a great new tradition

Move your feet so others can eat!

Bring your friends, neighbors and co-workers and join us for Hope of the Valley's First Annual 5K Drumstick Dash Thanksgiving Day at CBS Studio Center.

For registration and more information, go to www.hopeofthevalley.org. Sign up today!

A 1,500 pound turkey?

The day before Thanksgiving, the Mission will serve a bountiful holiday dinner. Right now we're expecting 1,500 people to join us.

That means we'll need 1,500 pounds of turkey plus the mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, veggies and pie that will make it a really great feast!

You likely won't meet the people who will be enjoying this bountiful meal. You won't get to hear their stories.

But hopefully you can imagine the smiles on their faces and the thanks in their eyes!

It's so amazing that just \$2.05 can do all this...not only provide a meal, but a caring touch, a listening ear and an open heart.

Please help us reach out to those who need a hot meal and hope this holiday by making a special Thanksgiving gift today.

Use the enclosed envelope, or make a safe, secure donation online at www.hopeofthevalley.org.

THANK YOU!

