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NEWSLETTER | EASTER 2021

Sharing Hope

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Providing Life-Essential Services to Those in Need

Vanessa and Luigi are celebrating **HOPE!**

Your support brings hope to the hurting this Easter.

Celebrate NEW LIFE

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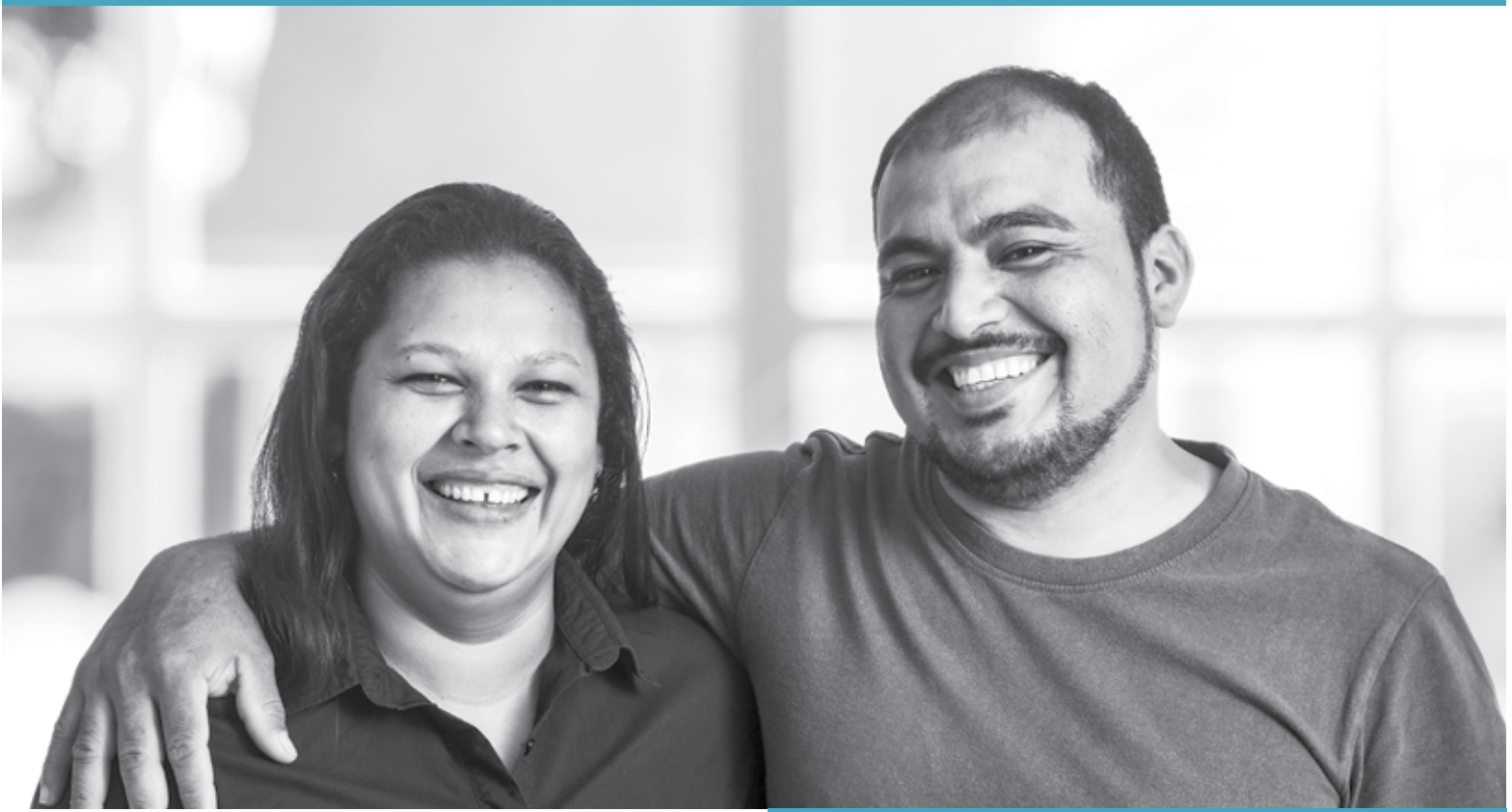
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Luigi will never forget the day he decided to change his life. "I was in a gang and, while I was eating at a taco stand, I got shot because of gang violence," he says.

He and his fiancée, Vanessa, had grown up in that violent neighborhood and made a home for themselves and their daughter. But Luigi's brush with death brought him to a moment of clarity. He wanted nothing more to do with gangs. He wanted only to protect and provide for his family, so they moved away.

"We had a two-bedroom home. Luigi was working. Life was good," Vanessa says.

Then, all at once, their world came crashing down around them. Luigi developed complications from his gunshot wound, so he couldn't work. And Vanessa's disability payments for her type 1 diabetes stopped without warning. The family lost their home and wound up living in their car. **"I couldn't sleep from worrying about how we were going to feed our daughter,"** Vanessa says.

"Seeing tears in my fiancée's and my daughter's eyes hurt so much," Luigi adds. **"I prayed, 'Please, God, put us on the right path.'"**

"Casa de Vida was an answer to our prayers."

It was then, at a friend's suggestion, that the family came to our Casa de Vida, where they found safe shelter and compassionate, supportive staff. "They make you feel at home. It was such a relief to be here," Luigi says.

Luigi's now on the mend and looking for work, and Vanessa is resolving the complications with her benefits. When they've saved enough money, they plan to get their own place. **"They're giving us everything we need to help our family move forward,"** Vanessa says. "We thank God for this place."

Thanks to the blessing of your support, Luigi, Vanessa and their daughter are celebrating Easter with new hope for the future.

"Casa de Vida helps families that are broken down and don't know what to do," Luigi says. "They changed our lives."





to HOPE LAND

Hope of the Valley is giving homeless men and women in our community another reason to hope! We've purchased Skateland, a 23,000-square-foot roller rink in Northridge, and are converting it into a 100-bed Bridge Housing shelter for our unhoused neighbors.

To learn more about this exciting development, go to

 hopeofthevalley.org/skateland.



A Message from KEN CRAFT

THE MIRACLE OF EASTER *lives on in you*

This spring, hope is on the horizon. Reminders of new life are all around us. From flowers blooming and the beauty of God's creation... to signs that pandemic-related precautions are easing and our lives can begin to move forward.

The promise of new life is powerful. And it's transforming hearts and lives today!

Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission exists because everyone deserves a second chance... a new life filled with hope... and support for a better tomorrow.

As we celebrate the hope this season brings, we also celebrate how God is working in the

San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys and surrounding areas today. Every chain that's broken... every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Vanessa and Luigi (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May we all experience the hope of new life this season, and rejoice at the lives being renewed in our community thanks to compassionate friends like you.

Ken Craft
Founder and CEO



Celebrate **NEW LIFE** *this Easter*

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and homeless. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$2.05**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items & faith-based care

YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter. A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **hopeofthevalley.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!

For many of us, the word “home” conjures images of warmth and safety, a place to rest and recharge before facing the world again. But many of the homeless men and women in our community have never known or long forgotten what it means to feel safe.

Now, Hope of the Valley is giving our unhoused neighbors the security of a home of their own! In partnership with Councilman Paul Krekorian, we’ve opened two Tiny Home Villages, providing 143 transitional homes here in Los Angeles. Each 64-square-foot unit has two beds, heat, air-conditioning, windows and a desk. And



HOMES BRING GREAT HOPE

residents have access to meals, showers, case management, housing navigation, mental health services, and job training and placement.

You can be a part of this innovative, cost-effective and life-changing effort by sponsoring a Tiny Home! Each unit costs only \$3,000 to sponsor. Monthly payment

options are available and your name or the name of the person you’re honoring will be displayed on the Tiny Home.

When you become a sponsor, you’ll be giving our homeless neighbors a safe place to call home and equipping them with everything they need to get back on their feet and find permanent housing – no more living on the streets, wondering where they’ll sleep or where their next meal will come from.

For more information or to sponsor a Tiny Home, go to hopeofthevalley.org/tinyhomes.

Thank you!



TO THE VALLEY

More than 500 men, women and children receive life-changing assistance at one of our 17 facilities across Southern California. In an effort to raise awareness and funds for these programs, our CEO Ken Craft and our CFO Rowan Vansleve will run 100 miles to all 17 of our Hope locations. Their week-long trek will begin in Lancaster on Friday, March 19th, and they need your sponsorship to make their run a success!

For more information about the run, or to sponsor Ken and Rowan, go to rallytothevalley.com.

Thank you!