

Sharing Hope

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RESCUE MISSION

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Providing Life-Essential Services to Those in Need



Thanks to you...
Bill and Amy
have been given a
life-changing gift
this holiday season.

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The homes may be tiny... but they are making a BIG impact in our community! In this issue, you'll meet two residents in our Tiny Homes Villages, Bill and Amy. You are giving them a place to stay, safe from the streets, and help to get back on their feet.

Keys to a NEW LIFE

Bill never imagined that at 82 years old he'd be sleeping on the cold, hard ground in a park. Sadly, five years before, he'd lost his job. Without a stable source of income, he soon became homeless. Night after night, he tried to stay warm in his sleeping bag.

Then Bill heard about our Tiny Homes at Alexandria Park, and his life began to change. Here he found interim housing with a safe bed to sleep in, access to daily meals and showers, and the support of our Hope of the Valley staff as he took steps to rebuild his life.

Recently, our housing navigators helped Bill secure permanent housing and he received the keys to his apartment! This holiday season, he is overwhelmed with gratitude to have a place of his own to call home.



Bill, with the keys to his new apartment

“It’s just a GODSEND.”

Amy, her partner John, and their dog, Smalls, have been homeless for the past three years. So, she was intrigued when she saw construction begin on our Tiny Homes Village across from the Los Angeles park where they occasionally camped. A short while later, they were among the first to receive keys to their very own 64-square-foot temporary residence.

She says, *“Right now, it’s home. It’s a safe place to come to every day. Some familiar, welcoming faces – something a lot of us haven’t had in a long time.”*

Being able to lock the door and have a place to sleep is huge. Just being able to fall asleep! That’s so hard to do when you’re on the streets.

We know that this is a transitional place... that there are other people out there that need help. This was a place where we could get our thoughts together and get help. It’s just a godsend. It’s really the best thing that has happened to us in a long, long time.”



Tiny Homes Village Staff

To learn more about how your support of our Tiny Homes Villages is strengthening our L.A. community, visit hopeofthevalley.org/tinyhomes/

A Message from
KEN CRAFT

The Year of Tiny Homes

This year, we had a big dream: To build Tiny Homes Villages to provide transitional housing and services to overcome homelessness. Thanks to you, it's become a reality!

We opened six communities here in Los Angeles – one of which is the largest in the state. At the end of 2020, we only had 507 beds. A year later, we have 1,532 beds... offering hope for real change to people like Amy and Bill.

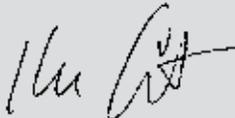
These homes don't just give people a place to sleep and store their possessions. They offer them a chance to reclaim their dignity and rebuild their lives.

Your support helped us build strong partnerships with local agencies to provide mental health services. Substance abuse counseling. Onsite healthcare. And that's in addition to the showers, laundry facilities and meals to meet their physical needs.

These tiny homes are resonating with our community and the people we serve. They recognize that this is not a forever home, but a stepping stone on their journey of transformation. A place to catch their breath and focus on the future. And it's working... many guests have already moved on to permanent housing!

Thank you for believing in the work that we do. Your heartfelt support gives our neighbors hope not just for the holidays, but for a better life.




Ken Craft
Founder and CEO

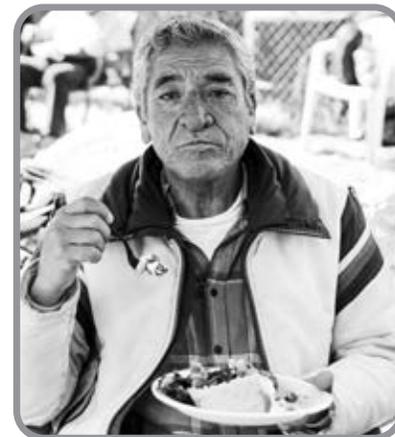
A delicious holiday meal for our homeless neighbors...

... *STARTS WITH YOU!*

As you prepare to celebrate the joy of the holidays, please remember our hurting neighbors. It's been another really tough year for so many in our community – and the very best gift you can give them is the help they need right now!

Just \$2.05 provides a meal and care for one person.

That meal is often the first step toward a new life through God's love.



\$2.05
for 1 hot meal



\$22.00
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing
Hope
And a Second
Chance!**

Please Send Your Holiday Gift Today!

**SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE AMY AND
BILL'S LIVES!**

The Trebek Center: From Skateland to Hopeland



You've probably heard the Mission purchased Skateland, an iconic roller rink in the San Fernando Valley. We are renovating and renaming it the Trebek Center in honor of Alex and his incredible legacy of generosity to help our homeless neighbors.

There are four ways you can help support this incredible renovation:

- Sponsor a Room – Choose from 107 cubicle bedrooms to encourage a resident on his/her journey.
- Become a Plank Sponsor – Have your name etched into one of the original roller rink wood planks on our special wall.
- Support the Trebek Tribute Wall – Have your own Jeopardy Wall square memorializing your generosity.
- Bed-in-a-Bag – Purchase new, clean sets of bedding to welcome our guests in comfort.

To learn more, contact Ken at ken.craft@hopeofthevalley.org or visit hopeofthevalley.org/trebekcenter. Thank you!

Give 2X the *Help* on GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 30

Giving Tuesday is the perfect time to give back... especially because of our **\$50,000 Matching Challenge!** During this special day of giving, your dollars will double to provide life-changing essentials and services. That's 2x the meals... 2x the shelter... and 2x the recovery services that help people right here in our community.

This is a time for neighbors to help neighbors - especially those who are still struggling to overcome hardships and rebuild their lives on solid ground.

Why Wait? Celebrate GIVING TUESDAY Now!

- ✓ Add your special Giving Tuesday gift on the reply card and send it today.
- 📧 Give online at hopeofthevalley.org.

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Holiday!

FEED HUNGRY FOLKS



Want to nourish your neighbors? Donate these foods to help prepare thousands of meals this holiday season. Please deliver them to

11076 Norris Street, Pacoima, 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

turkeys & hams * boxes of stuffing * bags of potatoes * canned fruits and vegetables * coffee, creamer & sugar



MEET BASIC NEEDS



Looking to cover the basics? These essential items keep Mission guests safe and comfortable during their time in our care. Please drop off donations at **11076 Norris Street, Pacoima, 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

garbage bags * paper towels & toilet paper * laundry detergent

GIVE GIFT CARDS



No time to shop? Donating gift cards for these merchants helps purchase holiday gifts as well as year-round necessities. Please mail or deliver them to our new corporate offices located at **16641 Roscoe Place, North Hills.**

Walmart * Target

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS HOLIDAY A TIME OF JOY!