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NEWSLETTER | SUMMER 2021

# Sharing Hope

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# “We almost lost everything, BUT NOW WE’RE FLOURISHING.”

Jeffery and Jessica are loving, devoted parents. So when their daughter was born deaf, they committed to doing all they could to make her life better. “When we learned she was a candidate for an implant procedure, we came to California to get her the right specialist,” Jessica says.

They rented a place and Jeffery began looking for work. But their car was totaled in a hit and run accident and their housing fell through. Jeffery couldn’t find a job, and before long, their savings were gone. “Everything fell to pieces at once,” Jessica says. “We were homeless. Then we found out I was pregnant.”

They sent their children to stay with relatives and lived on the streets for seven weeks. “We slept in parks and under staircases,” Jeffery says.

Then they learned about L.A. Family Housing, who placed them and their children in our Casa de Vida. “When we got here, I felt defeated. I’d given up,” Jessica says. “But the staff and other families gave us a lot of moral support.”



“Knowing they were rooting for us made everything better.”

**“I felt hopeless, but coming here has shown me there are people who care. Now I’m hopeful,”** Jeffery says.

They’re thankful they’ll be staying in this safe place when their new baby arrives, and their other children are grateful to be here too. “They’re happy and they get along with everybody,” Jessica says.

Their daughter’s implant procedure has now been scheduled, Jeffery is working and Jessica is studying to become a certified auto mechanic. When they’ve saved enough money, the family will move into their own place.

**Jeffery and Jessica are beyond grateful for this second chance in life – and say it’s thanks to the love you’ve shown for neighbors like them.** “We almost lost everything. It was terrifying. But God took us off that path and put us in this place,” Jessica says. “Now, we’re flourishing.”

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.05!

## A Message from KEN CRAFT

### **Love Your Neighbor... And Help Meet Our Summer Challenge**

The Bible tells us in Mark 12:31 (ESV), "You should love your neighbor as yourself." And in these challenging times as many of our neighbors are hurting, those words are especially important.

You've seen how much people are struggling right now. Many are facing hunger or unemployment... or even greater difficulties like homelessness or addiction. You see their suffering and want to show them someone cares by offering a helping hand.

That's why I'm thankful for friends like YOU. The summer months can be difficult at the Mission – the meals we serve during June, July and August require \$163,485 alone. Then you factor in the costs to provide safe shelter and faith-based recovery services during the ongoing pandemic, as more of our neighbors need help, and it all adds up.

#### ***We can't meet this summer challenge without your help!***

During these busy months, I hope you will remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion more than ever. Your financial support of the Mission is also critical to help make their transformation possible.

Thank you for loving your neighbors this summer and all year long.



*Ken Craft*  
Ken Craft  
Founder and CEO

## 3 MONTHS OF *Summer*

**Help meet our community's needs!**

Your gift today provides:



79,749 meals



24,401 beds



hundreds of  
hygiene items



countless hours of  
counseling & education



hundreds of hours of job  
training

**DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER...  
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**



**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



**Give now! [hopeofthevalley.org](http://hopeofthevalley.org) Support our Summer Campaign now!**



### *Trebek Center to Bring More Hope to the Valley*

In case you haven't heard the great news, Hope of the Valley recently purchased Skateland, a 23,000-square-foot roller rink in Northridge.

After extensive renovations, the site will become a 100+ bed Bridge Housing location to shelter our homeless neighbors.

In honor of Alex and Jean Trebek and their generous lead gift of \$500,000 to purchase the site, Hope of the Valley will be naming the building The Hope of the Valley Trebek Center.

To learn more about the site and how you can help with the campaign, go to [hopeofthevalley.org/trebekcenter](http://hopeofthevalley.org/trebekcenter).

**Great  
deals  
for a  
great  
cause!**



The Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission Thrift Stores offer so many opportunities to help people in our community. Just look at how lives are changed through our stores:

- Guests in our recovery program learn on-the-job training and employment skills while working here.
- Your local neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from items sold at our Thrift Stores go directly to the Mission to support life-changing programs and services.

**Everyone benefits!** To donate items, fill out our Online Donation Form at [hopeofthevalley.org/thrift-stores/](https://hopeofthevalley.org/thrift-stores/), or call **(818) 392-0020** to schedule a pick-up right from your home. And if you'd like to shop with us, you can find our Thrift Stores in Granada Hills, Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Palmdale and Lancaster. Learn more at [hopeofthevalley.org/thrift-stores/](https://hopeofthevalley.org/thrift-stores/)!

*Your support of our Thrift Stores  
gives hungry, homeless people a  
second chance. Thank you!*



## Homeless neighbors find safety in our **TINY HOME VILLAGES**

Imagine if you had to sleep on a park bench or in an abandoned building, if you were cold and hungry, if you never felt safe.

That's the reality for thousands of our unhoused neighbors.

Now, imagine what it would mean for them to be safe and warm in their own Tiny Home, with access to meals and hot showers.

That's just what they'll find in our Tiny Home Villages!

Residents also receive case management, housing navigation, mental health services and job assistance – everything necessary to become healthy and self-sufficient.

For information on how to sponsor a Tiny Home, go to [📄 hopeofthevalley.org/tinyhomes](https://hopeofthevalley.org/tinyhomes).