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RESCUE MISSION

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Providing Life Essential Services to Those in Need

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blessing."

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HOMELESSNESS LEFT BRUCE DIRTY AND FORGOTTEN.
THE MISSION GAVE HIM A FRESH START.

Today, through your gifts and prayers, he has a joyous new life and a heart of thanksgiving!

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Bruce grew up in the ghetto. His mom was working, and his dad battled alcoholism, so Bruce was often left to himself.

He found a job after high school and saved enough money to buy a car. He aspired to be a driver for the disabled. But sadly, life took a turn for the worse. "I got involved with the wrong people," he says. He fell victim to their negative influences, including alcohol abuse, and before he knew it, his dream was shattered. **"I lost my car. I lost the respect from my family... everything."**

He ended up homeless. Bruce describes the streets as cold and tough: "Nobody really cares about nobody." He had nothing and says he "wandered around for so long...

looking for a way off of the street."

That's when Bruce says "blind faith" brought him to the Mission. He remembers how good it felt to be treated like a human being. **"If it wasn't for the Mission, we wouldn't have any clothes, any place to wash up and at least feel**

"Feeling clean affects you in so many ways."

clean," he says.

Bruce has also seen God in a new light. **"I wasn't really a church person until I started coming to Hope of the Valley,"** he says.

Describing the transformative power of the Mission, Bruce says, "So many people come in here lost... like

walking zombies... **It's a real blessing that the Mission is here,** especially with the support from the church and all the other people donating. Without them, there would be a lot more crime and homelessness happening." And he adds, **"I probably would've been living like an animal if it wasn't for the Mission."**

Bruce is sober and focused on living each day at a time. "I'm trying to be of service in any way... Because **the love you cast out returns to you tenfold.**" With a heart of thanksgiving, he's even come up with a slogan for the place that's helped him so much:

"Hope of the Valley: the greatest place in Van Nuys."

.....**CALLING ALL TABLE SPONSORS!**.....

Bring a joyous Thanksgiving to hungry and hurting neighbors by sponsoring a table at our Thanksgiving meal! Each table costs \$400 and comes with 4 volunteer positions at the event. For more information, contact Grace at grace.loewen@hopeofthevalley.org.



A Heart of Thanksgiving

Our guests may never meet you, but their hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving for the care and opportunities you provide every day!



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THANK YOU
FOR BEING GENEROUS!

A MESSAGE FROM KEN CRAFT



Your heart of Thanksgiving... brings a harvest of joy!

The human need for food is fundamental and remains the center of our ministry outreach. **But the people who turn to Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission hunger for more than a meal.** Their emptiness extends to all areas of their lives.

Their spirits are tired of searching for something to believe in. They lack the training to change their dead-end paths. Friends and loved ones have long since turned their backs. They come to us hungry, homeless, broken and alone – and through your kind compassion, we fill their plates with hope... and their hearts with thanksgiving.

From faith-based counseling to life-skills courses and vocational training, **your gifts and prayers empower men, women and families** to overcome troubled circumstances and rebuild lives that are stable, meaningful and a blessing to their communities.

As we look forward to serving our less-fortunate neighbors this holiday season, **I pray you will continue to demonstrate your heart of thanksgiving.** Your ongoing partnership will bring a harvest of joy to men, women and children who are longing for hope. God bless you for your gift today and throughout the months ahead.

Ken Craft
Executive Director



THANKSGIVING DINNER...

add our shopping list to yours!

- * *Turkeys*
- * *Dinner rolls*
- * *Pumpkin pies*
- * *Stuffing mix*
- * *Cream of mushroom soup*
- * *Milk*
- * *Recyclable cups + napkins*
- * *Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, onions, potatoes*

Please drop off donations at the Mission,
11134 Sepulveda Blvd., in Mission Hills.
Thank you!

Don't have time to shop?
Donate now! (818) 392-0020 or
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2017 Thanksgiving 5K/10K Run

Join us for our 3rd annual Drumstick Dash on Thanksgiving morning at the CBS studio lot. Registration is just \$35. Each runner receives a technical running shirt with the DD logo, a goodie bag and a professional finisher's medal.

Run through your favorite TV shows! The route takes you on a trip through iconic TV sets

and roads for shows like "Gilligan's Island," "Seinfeld" and "CSI: NY." The 10K route will take you out to Colfax and Moorpark Rd. before finishing back at the CBS lot.

All proceeds will go toward helping the thousands of people in our community who are in need this Thanksgiving, including families and seniors.

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