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Sharing Hope

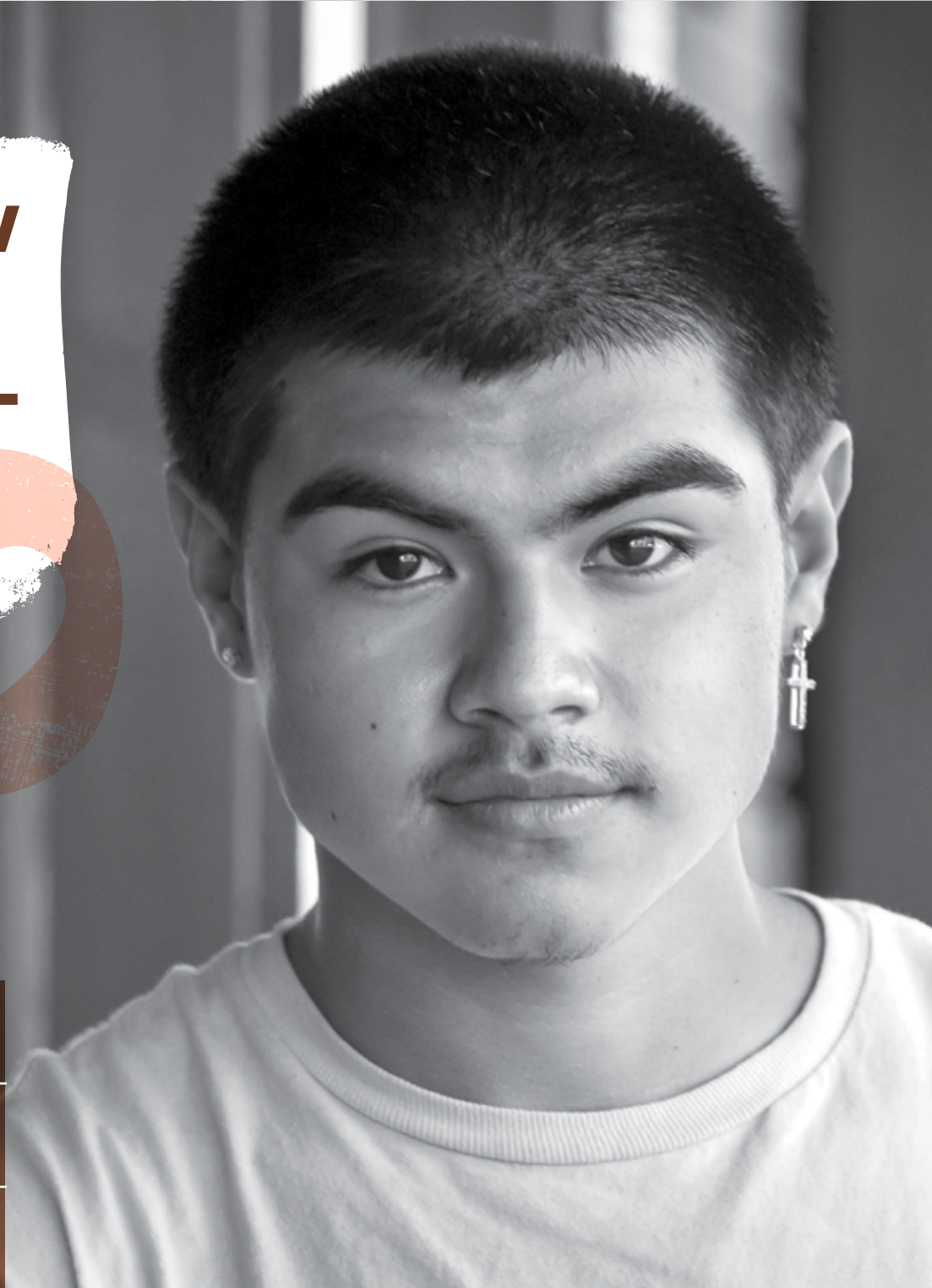
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RESCUE MISSION

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Providing Life-Essential Services to Those in Need

MATTHEW IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given
him new life!



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Matthew was forced to grow up way too fast. “I never had a father figure and my mom was always using drugs. She couldn’t take care of me, so I had to take care of myself.”

When he was 15, Matthew left home and stayed with friends while he worked and went to school. But, when he was a senior, his friends no longer had room for him. “I dropped out of school and was sleeping in my car and working. I didn’t have a plan. I wasn’t thinking about long-term goals, I was thinking about survival,” he says. “That’s when I found out about The Landing.”

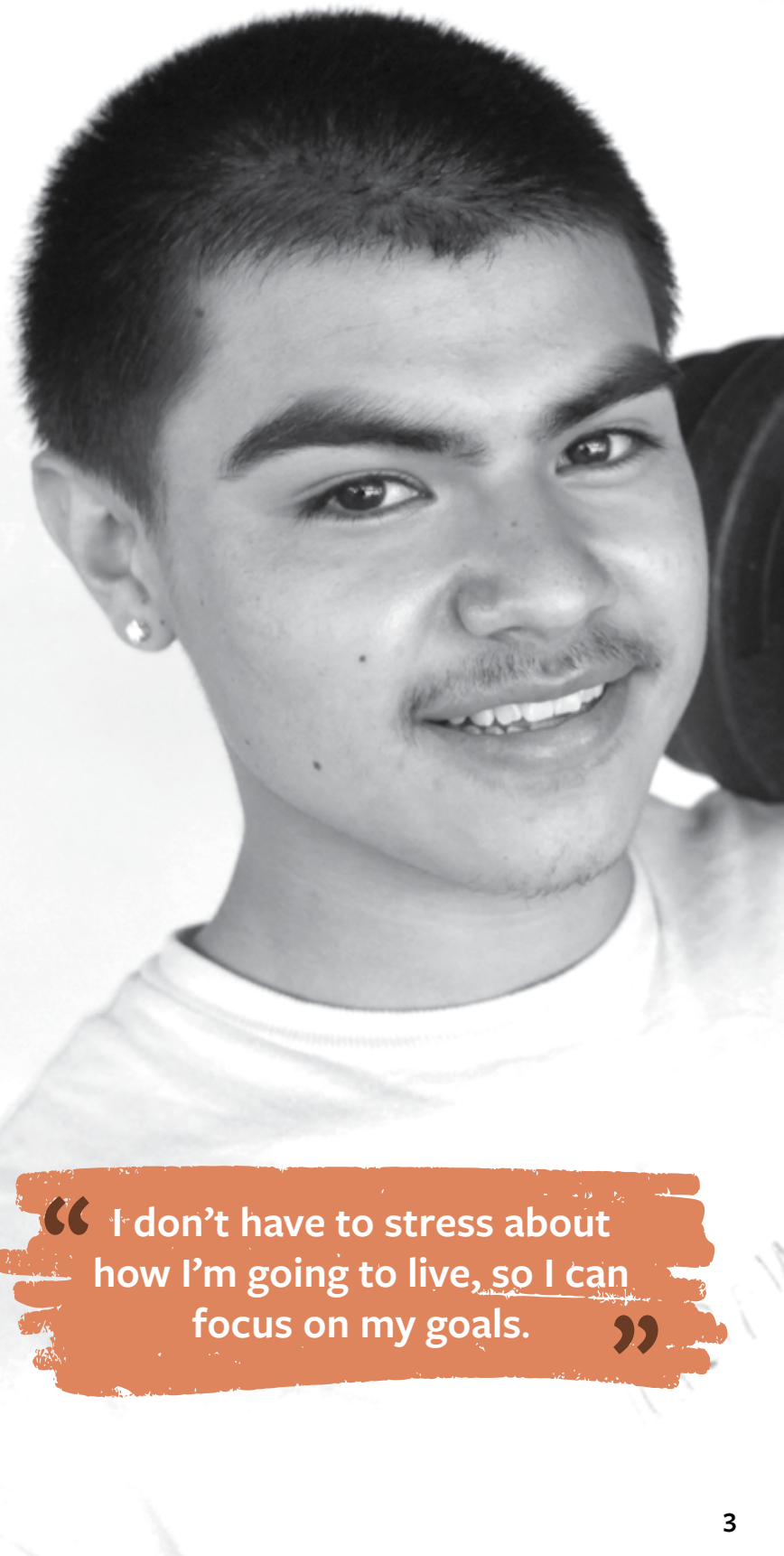
Matthew came to our facility for Transitional Age Youth, where he found safe shelter, nutritious meals and the opportunity to make his dreams come true. “I’m working full-time and I’m going to get my GED and go to college,” he says, happily.

He also plans to get an apartment with his sister, where they can care for their two little brothers currently in foster care. “The Landing will help me with the down payments to get into a place.”

Matthew came to The Landing without any of the documents he’d need to go to school or get housing, but his case manager made sure it wasn’t an obstacle to his success. “She helped me get my birth certificate, my social security card, my driver’s license and even a bank account,” he says.

Now his future is filled with hope, something he plans to share with other at-risk young people. “I’m a musician and I want to start a record label to help kids who want to play music and are in the same situation I was.”

Matthew is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future. “I was homeless and confused, but The Landing gave me a chance to create a plan and achieve my goals. It’s changed my life.”



“ I don’t have to stress about how I’m going to live, so I can focus on my goals. ”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$2.05!



A Message from KEN CRAFT

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly God calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys and surrounding areas. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people

are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting - we need it!

Ken Craft
Founder and CEO

*"Dear friends,
since God so
loved us, we also
ought to love
one another."
- 1 John 4:11, NIV*



Wheels OF HOPE

It's hard to imagine that an old car could change someone's life. But that's just what

happens when you donate your used vehicle to our Wheels of HOPE!

Proceeds from selling or recycling your donated vehicle support our programs that sustain and transform the lives of hungry and hurting people right here in the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys and surrounding areas.

We want your cars, trucks, vans, RVs, travel trailers, hauling trailers, boats and motorcycles. We'll even pick them up! All donations are tax deductible.

For more information or to schedule a pick up, contact Steve Morse, Chief Operating Officer, at ☎ (818) 392-0020, or 💻 steve.morse@hopeofthevalley.org

Thank you!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



79,749 meals



24,401 beds
(including 918 beds in
467 Tiny Homes!)



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours
of counseling &
education



hundreds of
hours of job
training



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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

Give now! hopeofthevalley.org
Support our Summer Campaign now!

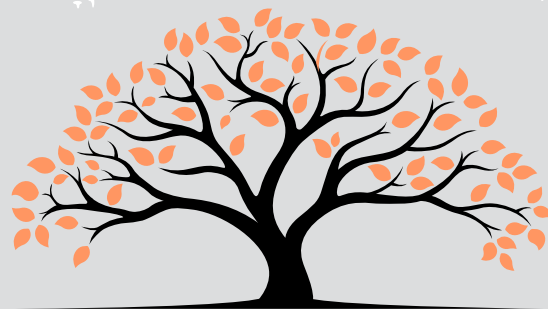
How can you shop and strengthen our community?

Your support of the **Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission Thrift Stores** helps your neighbors who are struggling. Look at how you help change lives at these stores:

- You can donate clothes or household items you no longer need.
- Guests in our recovery program learn on-the-job training and employment skills.
- Our neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from the Thrift Stores support the Mission's life-changing programs and services. **Everyone benefits!**

To donate items, fill out our Online Donation Form at **hopeofthevalley.org/thrift-stores/**, or call **(818) 392-0020** to schedule a pick-up right from your home. 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/**!

Thank you for supporting our
Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission
Thrift Stores!



Leave a Heritage of Compassion

You have a compassionate heart. You touch the lives of those in need in tangible ways. And you want to continue blessing them now and for years to come.

Planned Giving makes it possible for you to continue ministering to those in need beyond your lifetime. When you include Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan, you'll be leaving a legacy of hope and God's goodness for the hurting people who will come through our doors.

For more information, please go to **hopeofthevalley.org** and click on Gift Planning.

Thank you for your giving heart!