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Sharing Hope

Providing Life-Essential Services to Those in Need

The best Christmas
gift there is...

*Tania
and her
children*

have joy and new life,
thanks to you!



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When Tania was 17, she fell in love with a man she thought was kind and loving. But, before long, he began abusing her and she was left with deep, emotional wounds. “I felt like I wasn’t worth anything.”

The abuse escalated with time, but **Tania was afraid to leave because she had no way to provide for their two small children** and no family to help her get on her feet. “I had no support whatsoever,” she says.

Eventually, the domestic violence in their home led DCFS to take their older child. It was the catalyst Tania needed to overcome her fear. **She left the relationship, regained custody of her son and brought both of her children to our Casa de Vida Family Crisis Shelter**, where she found the time and encouragement she needed to change her family’s future. “The staff understood what I was going through and made us feel safe and supported.”

Knowing she and her children were safe allowed Tania to focus on healing from the trauma of her abuse, while taking steps that would lead to self-reliance. “The staff motivated me to find a therapist and go out to look for work,” she says.

She now has a job and is saving money for a home where she can raise her children in safety and love. “Being here has made me a stronger mother and a stronger woman. Now I can provide for my kids and give them a better life.”

“We feel
PROTECTED here.”

Tania is excited to celebrate the restored hope her family has been given this Christmas – and wants YOU to know just how grateful she is. “I prayed for help and God brought us here, where they gave us strength and warmth and taught me to believe in myself again. I feel blessed to be the person I am today.”



Help meet our \$100,000 GIVING TUESDAY Goal!

Tuesday, November 29

A Message from KEN CRAFT

The JOY You Share at Christmas

Thanks to your friendship, we can bring joy to our residents and guests, not only during the holidays, but also throughout the year.

Your heartfelt generosity provides an environment of love, where hurting people feel safe, welcome and full of hope for the future. Your kindness also brings them the basics of food, shelter and other daily essentials they would otherwise go without.

Most important, for hurting and frightened individuals – like Tania and her children, whose story we've shared on page 3 – your ongoing partnership empowers their lives to be strengthened and restored.

Of course, Christmas brings very special opportunities to spread cheer and lift spirits. We'll provide meaningful gifts for the men, women and children in our care – a reminder of your heartfelt compassion and the love God bestows so freely.

We're so grateful for your dedication to the neighbors we serve, at Christmas and every day of the year. I hope your holidays overflow with the fervent joy you bring to others.



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SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL...

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors who are hungry and homeless. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and to experience God's love!



\$2.05
for 1 hot meal



\$22.00
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!



YOUR COMPASSION... CHANGING LIVES TOMORROW & BEYOND

Thank you for your generous spirit. It's reflected in all you do to share your blessings with those in need.

Did you know that you can continue bringing healing and hope to the broken after you're gone? When you remember Hope the Mission in your will or estate plan, you'll ensure that your heart of compassion goes on blessing others tomorrow and beyond.

For more information on planned giving opportunities, please go to [hopethemission.org](https://www.hopethemission.org) and click on Gift Planning.

**May the Lord bless
you abundantly this
Christmas!**



As we prepare our hearts for the miracle of Christmas, we just want to thank you for being a tremendous blessing in the lives of our hurting neighbors. **This year alone, your generosity has opened the door for healing and transformation through God's unending love by providing:**

- 1,389,611 nourishing meals
- 548,960 nights of safe shelter
- We are in the process of opening 3 new family shelters with a total of 724 beds for mostly moms and kids!
- 432 people transitioned into permanent housing

Just as you have given generously to help the Mission meet our needs, may God meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory. *Thank you for your caring and compassion, and have a wonderful Christmas!*

**Shop at our Thrift Stores
Help change a life**

Gently used clothing, household items, tools, toys and bikes. Your donations – and your purchases – not only raise money to support Hope the Mission's transformational programs, but also provide work experience for guests in our residential recovery program.

Shop or drop off your donations at one of our five locations – Granada Hills, Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Palmdale or Lancaster.

For locations and shopping hours, or to schedule a donation pickup from your home, go to

hopethemission.org/thrift-stores/

Thank you!

