

# Sharing Hope

**HOPE OF THE VALLEY**  
RESCUE MISSION

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*Providing Life Essential Services to those in Need*

*“Nobody expects to be homeless, but there I was.”*

**HERE'S HOW YOUR GIFTS CHANGED GINA'S LIFE**

**Imagine a life like Gina's:** happily married, raising three daughters, working a job she enjoyed. Then imagine no longer being able to see that life... or anything, actually. That's what happened when Gina suddenly lost her eyesight.

**From blind to light |  
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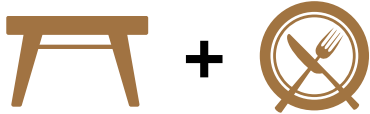
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## It's time for our Great Thanksgiving Feast –

on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m., we'll serve turkey, dressing and all the trimmings with the help of sports and entertainment celebrities...**and you!**

### Attention Volunteers & Sponsors



Sponsor a table\* + provide meals for hungry people: **\$300**



Sponsor individual meals: **\$2.05 EACH!**

\*Each table sponsor comes with 4 volunteer positions at our Great Thanksgiving Banquet!

#### SPONSOR A TABLE!

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#### GIVE NOW!

 [hopeofthevalley.org](http://hopeofthevalley.org)

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## A Message From Ken Craft



## When food and shelter are not enough...

If all we do with your most generous gifts is feed and shelter hungry, homeless people in the Valley, **we're not doing our job!**

Meals and a bed will not keep people from being homeless. They also need education and job training. They need real opportunities to thrive and succeed.

Food and shelter alone will not end addiction. People trapped in the prison of alcohol and drug use need counseling and support.

**"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."**

And every single one of the men, women and children who comes to the Mission needs God's grace.

As our busiest time of the year approaches, **I need your help** to make absolutely sure people's

physical and spiritual needs are met.

**Donate food**, or send a gift to purchase it. **Volunteer**, especially before the holidays. And **please pray** – for those who so desperately need our help, and God's love, to live better lives.

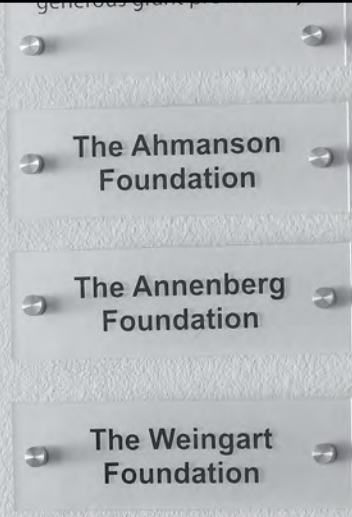
Ken Craft, President/CEO

## What's On The Menu?



### Nourishing food & God's love!

You can provide **both** with your 2016 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign gift! Please use the enclosed envelope, or give online at [hopeofthevalley.org](http://hopeofthevalley.org). **Thank you!**



*The Mission said,*  
**“We want to help.”**

**G**ina was blinded by disease. After many doctor appointments, **she was diagnosed with a rare brain disease that affects 1 in 1,000 people.**

As she struggled, her husband cracked under the pressure to support the family...and left them.

“I wound up with three kids, no house and a disease,” Gina says. **“Nobody ever expects to be homeless, but there I was.”**

Living out of the car with her kids, Gina called dozens of shelters, but only got one call back...from Hope of the Valley.

“When I walked in, they said, ‘We’ve been waiting for you. We

want to help.’ I was so relieved.”

Gina and her three daughters moved into our Genesis House, where they could finally rest and regroup with the help of our staff and other women in the house.

**“Everything my daughters and I needed was provided.”**

But Gina still needed immediate medical attention. A few weeks after coming to Genesis House, she had a surgery that was unsuccessful.

“They needed to schedule another operation that would require a longer recovery time...and it scared me. I didn’t know how I’d get through another surgery and care for my girls.”

**But Hope of the Valley stepped in once again!**

“A dear friend at the Mission said she’d watch the girls while I recovered.” And this surgery was a success!

Gina returned to Genesis House to recover...blessed by new hope in her life after her surgery and the love of everyone at the Mission.

Today, Gina and her husband have reconciled and the family has their own place. **She’s so grateful for the support she found during the darkest moment of her life.** “My life turned out happily ever after, thanks to the Mission’s help.”

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**ANNUAL  
THANKSGIVING**  
· CAMPAIGN ·



**50,000**  
MEALS



**15,000**  
NIGHTS OF SHELTER

Here's how your gifts  
are changing lives:



For people in our community just released from local hospitals, our new Recuperative Care Center offers extended shelter & medical care.

It's incredible...15,000 square feet of space to serve very vulnerable people in our community!

Thank you for your support of people who need this critical medical care and recovery time – you're helping people who are sick, homeless or with nowhere else to turn find a safe refuge off the streets.

Stop by and see what you've made possible – or to help even more, donate online now!

 [hopeofthevalley.org](http://hopeofthevalley.org)

GET READY TO RUN

## 2016 Thanksgiving 5K/10K Walk - Run



### Our 2nd annual 5K/10K.

Join the race on Thurs,  
Nov. 24 at the CBS Studios  
lot in Studio City at 9 a.m.  
Registration is just \$45.

Each runner receives a  
technical running shirt with  
the DD Logo, a goodie  
bag and a professional  
finishers medal.




**A route like no other!** Our Thanksgiving morning run route is along famous TV sets and streets like *Gunsmoke*, *Gilligan's Island*, *Seinfeld* and *CSI:NY*. The 10K route will take you out to Colfax and Moorpark Rd before finishing back on the CBS lot.

All proceeds benefit the thousands of families, seniors and community members who desperately need help this Thanksgiving.

Ready to register? Sign up now:

 [digthedash.com](http://digthedash.com)

Want to know more? Talk to Chloe!

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