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**Martina has
a NEW LIFE
this Easter!**

Thank you for opening
the door to her
transformation.





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Martina grew up with a lot of relatives in one house where she experienced abuse and trauma as a child. “I started to think I was the problem in the family,” she says.

She ran away from home at age 11 and soon was introduced to drugs. She had her first kid at 15 years old, and got caught up with the wrong people. “I was doing anything to survive and did things I’m not proud of,” she admits.

The father of her kids walked out on them, and for months, they slept in the back of Martina’s truck. “I remember praying to God to help me and my children,” she recalls. Soon after, Child and Family Services took her kids. “I felt a sense of relief but was sad because I also promised I wasn’t going to lose them.”

As long as Martina was living in her

truck, she knew she wouldn’t be able to get her kids back. Determined to change her life and restore her family, she came to the Rescue Mission for help.

“I felt grateful that I had a bed, warm blankets, and no longer had to throw a tarp over the windows to stay warm,” Martina reflects on her arrival. “I promised my kids that I was going to be a better mom. I just remember that feeling of hope.”

Since joining the Life Transformation Program, Martina has learned to create healthy boundaries, have self-respect, and break the cycles that held her down. “The Rescue Mission is helping me so that when I go out into the world, I can overcome life’s challenges with the confidence and self-esteem God intended for me.”

This Easter, Martina is experiencing the gift of new life! She has been transformed and empowered to begin her next chapter – thanks to your support! “I’m thankful to the Rescue Mission for giving me a safe place to grow and bring my kids to so I can repair the bond I have with them.”

“Without the Rescue Mission, I don’t think I would’ve felt this good inside and had this peace and relationship with God.”



A Message from BRAM BEGONIA

All things new...

Men and women often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry and struggling with shame. For many, the Bay Area Rescue Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that help rebuild their lives!**

We believe God is "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5) for our hurting and homeless neighbors. Whether they come for a meal, a safe place to sleep or life restoration – your generosity helps transform lives like Martina's, whose story you can read on page 3.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb – a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for believing in our homeless, hungry neighbors.

Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!

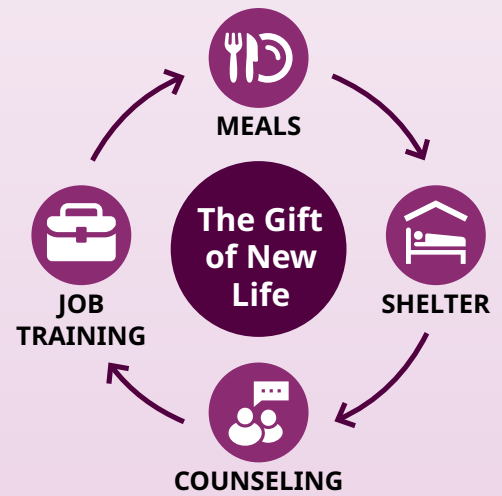
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President/CEO



GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at the Bay Area Rescue Mission need... By becoming a Bridge Builder, you can help our residents start their journey to a new life by providing:



*Start giving
monthly now!*



This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$2.49 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Rescue Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, faith-based care and healing in our restoration programs!

Every meal you provide this Easter matters!

Just \$2.49 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and shares hope for a new life in the Lord.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✨ Give online anytime at BayAreaRescue.org.





Turning Cars into Care

Your old car or truck can literally be a vehicle for change when you donate it to the Rescue Mission. Proceeds from the sale of your vehicle will help provide food, shelter and life-changing care for our hurting neighbors in the Bay Area.

You'll also help another member of the community who purchases your old vehicle – giving them affordable transportation for the necessities of life.

All donations are tax-deductible, and donating is easy!

Simply call **(510) 215-4880** or email **JohnG@BayAreaRescue.org**.

To learn more, visit **bayarearescue.org/make-a-donation/donate-a-car/**.

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