

A Message from John "A Season to Build"

I want to thank you for your partnership with the Rescue Mission. Back in 1965, we began with just 12 beds and served 35 meals each day. Last year, your gifts helped provide 325 beds every night and more than 3,800 meals each day!

Because the needs have so increased, the Rescue Mission has been bursting at the seams. In 2013, our hearts broke as we had to turn away 3,912 women and children seeking shelter.

This is why we've launched the Bridge of Hope campaign, which will enable us to help more homeless and impoverished people than ever before. When completed, we will open a new, additional center for the homeless on land that the Rescue Mission already owns. Our capacity will increase from 325 to 475 beds!

The Bridge of Hope campaign will be a positive step in meeting the needs of people who are homeless, hungry and hurting. For more information about it, see pages 2 and 3 or visit our website:

www.BridgeOfHopeBARM.org.

As we enter this exciting year, please continue to pray for our ministry as we continue to provide meals and shelter and offer the opportunity for homeless and hurting people to change their lives. Use the enclosed form and mail your gift or give online at www.BayAreaRescue.org.

Thank you again for your compassionate support!



Rev. John M. Anderson,
Executive Director

"If you don't have a friend in the world..."

Even at the lowest point and the most desperate moments of his addiction, Dan was still able to keep his job and had a place to live. It was the depression and despair from not being able to quit drinking and using drugs that haunted him the most.

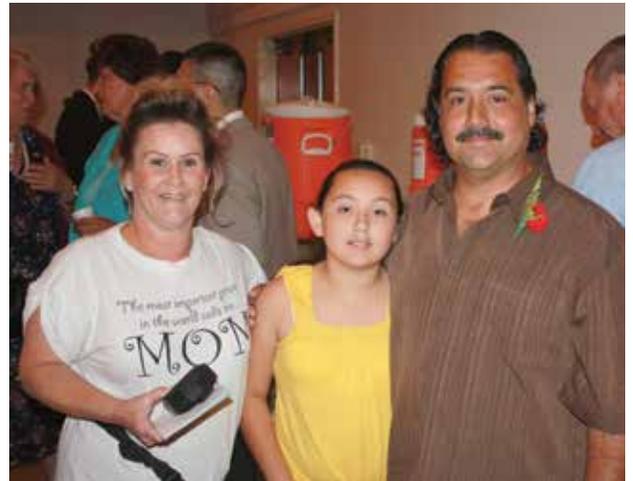
"All of this led me to take a good hard look at my life and I hated it. I found myself crying out in prayer, 'God, help me! I can't do this anymore. Please, help me!'"

In desperation, Dan told his brother about his addictions and shared that he needed to find a place that could help him to kick his addictions. Within a few days, Dan's brother was speaking to a friend about Dan and this friend handed him a "Bay Area Rescue Mission – Coupon for Care" brochure. Dan's brother read it and that night gave it to Dan.

"I looked at it, studied it, and read it several times for the next few days," Dan says, "On this coupon, it said, 'If You Don't Have A Friend In The World, You Can Find One Here.'" Dan was on verge of giving up hope, but he came to the Rescue Mission.

"I joined the Rescue Mission's long-term recovery program. It was great!" Dan shares, "I learned about the Bible and took a lot of other classes,

too." As he grew in faith and developed relationships with staff, volunteers, and other men in the program, he discovered that he just didn't have the desire to drink or use drugs anymore. He was becoming a new man.



Today, since he graduated from the Recovery Program, Dan is employed at a grocery store and at a church as a maintenance man. Before he came to the Rescue Mission, Dan had lost his driver's license but today he has it back and has purchased a car; he paid cash for it!

"Everything is going great for me! I'm so blessed. I even carry that Coupon for Care in my wallet and sometimes when life starts to get a little challenging, I pull it out and read it. It reminds me of how God transformed my life – it reminds that I now a Friend that will never leave me."

Thank you for your support in 2013!

Emergency Food & Shelter

More than 87,250 nights of safe shelter were provided for men, women and children instead of living on our cold, dangerous streets.

More than 1,450,000 nutritious meals were provided to hungry and homeless neighbors.

Center for Women & Children

1,915 homeless women and 4,013 children were given the physical, emotional and spiritual support they needed to begin living healthy, self-sufficient lives.

211 women completed various segments of our Women's Recovery Program, helping them gain the tools for long-term success and independence.

Men's Center

8,412 homeless men were cared for at our emergency shelter and in our long-term Recovery Program. They received shelter, meals, counseling, medical care, educational and job skills training, and attended chapel.

263 men completed various segments of our Recovery Program, preparing them to start new lives, reunite with their families and return to being productive and contributing citizens.



Turkey in the Tent, – a week-long celebration with Thanksgiving meals being served in our huge tent. More than 21,000 Thanksgiving meals were served while another 7,200 meals were distributed in emergency food bags to impoverished, near-homeless families.

Chapel & Classes

Attendance in Chapel services, educational and job skills training classes was **more than 120,000 men, women, boys and girls**. Staff and dedicated volunteers played a key role in helping to transform lives through these meaningful times.

Children and Youth Programs

More than 3,000 at-risk, inner-city children who are living at the Rescue Mission with a parent or are children from our impoverished community had their lives touched by the Rescue Mission. Children attended after-school Bible Studies, tutoring sessions, counseling and more.

Food Pantry Center

Thousands of near-homeless people received food and other donated items, helping to keep them in their homes. Hundreds of elderly shut-ins also had food, clothing and blankets delivered to them by volunteers. By the end of the year, more than 860,000 meals and countless pieces of clothing and household items had been given away to people in need.



Christmas Celebration – Thanks to the efforts of thousands of volunteers, we also shared traditional Christmas meals in our tent the entire week of Christmas.



Christmas for Homeless and Needy Children – More than 2,500 children received inexpensive Christmas gifts... for many of these children it was the only present they received. In addition, children of parents in our long-term Recovery Programs received a new bicycle thanks to some very special donors.



The Bridge of Hope

Full to overflowing – at the Rescue Mission our beds were filled to capacity (and beyond) 356 nights last year. Being forced to turn away homeless men, women and children from emergency shelter and long-term recovery programs in numbers that reached more than 4,000 individuals has necessitated our launching the Bridge of Hope Campaign.

“We are asking the greater Bay Area community to join with us to build the Bridge of Hope Center for Women and Children,” shares Executive Director, John Anderson, “this new center on land the Rescue Mission already owns will allow us to significantly increase the number of homeless and hurting people we can help.”

Visit www.BridgeOfHopeBARM.org for more information.



Graduations – While thousands of homeless men, women and children participate in our programs every year, it is always great to be at our three graduations that take place throughout the year. Rescued lives... changed by the power of God's Redemption Story!



Back to School – Our 20th Annual Back to School Carnival for impoverished children was so meaningful as 1,250 children received backpacks filled with school supplies and New Testaments. Even the Executives from the local Chevron Refinery got involved and read Green Eggs and Ham to the children.



Easter Sunrise Service – 335 people gathered in the Rescue Mission's parking lot at 6:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and then everyone enjoyed a hearty Easter Breakfast.

2014 Forecast



The Rescue Mission never closes. Ahead of us are 365 more days of providing food and shelter, healing and hope, to homeless, abused, addicted and poor men, women and children.

What the statistics do not count are the hundreds of thousands of hours of care, counseling and classes that help people get back on their

feet. Or the tremendous amount of compassion and generosity shown by our donors, volunteers and staff – gifts of time, talent and treasure that help achieve such outstanding successes.

Please continue to partner with us to create a better life for people who are hungry, homeless and in need of your help.

You change people's lives and give them hope!

As we marvel at all the good works that have been done in 2013 and look forward to 2014, one thing is crystal clear: **None of this would happen without your support.**

Your generosity provides meals and shelter. Your gifts make it possible for homeless men, women and children to receive the help they so desperately need. Your donations get people off the streets and into programs that will change their lives and give them hope!

The Bay Area has an enormous number of people in need right now.

We need your generous support today to feed, clothe and shelter them, heal them physically and show them the love and grace that will mend their broken hearts and souls.



Please help us start the New Year off strong. Use the coupon below to send your gift today. Or give safely and securely online at www.BayAreaRescue.org.

Thank you in advance for your compassion and love!

