Dear Mr. Sample,

Healing broken lives is like baking a very complicated cake. You need exactly the right ingredients. You must mix them in a very specific order. Then, you have to allow time for them to bake at the proper temperature. Miss a step or omit a vital ingredient and you’re risking disaster.

Here at the Mission, we’re not just healing lives: we’re healing minds and bodies destroyed by alcohol, addiction and neglect. We’re restoring souls wounded by abuse and abandonment. The ingredients are not complicated: food, shelter, time, encouragement, counseling, care and a huge helping of God’s love.

But there are no short cuts, no substitutions.

This Thanksgiving season, many broken bodies and souls will come here to the Mission. Whether you volunteer your time, take part in a special event, donate food or send a gift, you play a vital role in making them whole again. Let the healing begin!

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Today, after years of drug use, Zack is clean. “I wake up in the morning, drink my coffee, look at the sky and feel so grateful to be alive. I was blessed to find God in this program.”

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But here at Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, you can still provide a hot, wholesome, home-cooked meal for just $2.05. We’ll be serving a lot of those great meals this Thanksgiving season, including between 1,000 and 2,000 festive Thanksgiving Dinners with turkey and all the trimmings!

Your $2.05 gift can provide a meal that’s a turning point in the life of a person who’s lost all hope, along with the care and counseling that helps end homelessness and addiction. If you think that’s amazing, imagine what a gift of $25 or $50 or even $100 can do!

If you’re on Facebook or Twitter, please, urge friends to help. You can even give them our address, www.hopeofthevalley.org, as a place to get more information. THANKS!

Building Hope for ALL in the Valley

When I went to the hospital, I wasn’t afraid of dying...I was scared because I had no place to go after the surgery.”

What happens to a homeless patient when he or she is released from the hospital? Ready or not, they go back to the streets. Many are too ill to return there, but not ill enough to remain hospitalized.

But now, Hope of the Valley’s new Recuperative Care Center will bridge that gap, providing a “temporary home” for men and women recovering from illness or surgery where they can receive the care they need to recuperate and recover.

In addition to 24/7 support, patients will have access to onsite mental health and substance abuse counseling, help with public assistance, and other services that can provide the housing and vocational skills they need to heal!

If you would like to be part of this amazing project, please contact Mission President Ken Craft at (818) 392-0020.

Thanksgiving Table Sponsors Needed

Our Thanksgiving volunteer roster is full. But we’re still in need of sponsors for several tables at the big All Valley Thanksgiving Feast. Table sponsors are $1,300 and they come with 4 volunteer spots at the Great Thanksgiving Banquet.

You can become a sponsor by checking the special box on the attached reply, or by contacting Laurie Craft at (818) 392-0020.

We are grateful that you work with us to end hunger and homelessness year round!

So Nov. 15-23 is a great time to encourage others – friends, family, and coworkers – to join you, and help fix the problems that cause hunger and homelessness by volunteering, organizing a clothing or food drive, or making a special donation to the Mission.

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