# A Message from Ken Craft

“I’m on God’s path, not mine.”

# Easter for Everyone!

## A Legacy of Hope

Jeremy found a new path by God’s grace.

Because of you, there is help & hope for people like Jeremy – at Easter and always.
Jeremy was just 13 when he started experimenting with drugs, carrying on his family’s legacy of substance abuse. “My uncle and my grandmother died of alcoholism. And my mother was a big pot smoker,” he says.

When he was 19, Jeremy began drinking instead. “I just wanted to fit in. It was a social thing. I didn’t realize I was becoming addicted.”

That was the beginning of a 20-year battle that took over his life. “I was still working, but I’d rather spend my money on alcohol than rent, so I lived in my car and took showers at different places.”

He was homeless for nearly three years. Then, one day, he had a moment of clarity. “I wanted a drastic change in my life, to leave everything behind and start new,” he says. “I cried for hours and asked the Lord how to change, and the word ‘program’ popped in my head.”

Jeremy called a friend who told him about our House of Hope Recovery Program, and he knew it was for him. “I was led here, but I didn’t think it would change my life this drastically,” he says. “In a lot of ways I was spiritually dead when I came, and now I’m strong.”

Jeremy graduated from the program and is now the House of Hope Program Manager, creating a new legacy, as he helps men successfully navigate their way through the program, including work therapy at our Help Center. “Every day that we go to work, we’re helping people. Every day we get home, we’re being helped. We have a beautiful roof over our heads. We eat wonderful meals. We have great fellowship.”

Because of your support, Jeremy, and others like him, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission – at Easter and always. “This is the first time in my life that I truly feel hope, knowing that I’m on God’s path, not mine.”
It’s terrible to feel like you’re out of chances in life.
And that’s exactly why it’s so frightening for men, women and children to come to Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission. All other options are gone. There’s no one and nowhere to turn for help.
They come here with heavy hearts… and often without hope that a new life is possible.
Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible!

It’s an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: We serve a God of second chances and new beginnings!

God loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where they’re at so they feel safe. Giving them grace so they feel valued. Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.
That’s what new life through God’s love looks like here!
Thank you for creating a refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for men like Jeremy (his story is on page 3) who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.

Ken Craft
Executive Director

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This Easter season, we’ll provide 21,920+ meals for men, women & children!

With your donation of any of these items, YOU will make Easter special for our local homeless and hungry.

Drop off donations by Monday, March 26 at the Mission, 11134 Sepulveda Blvd. in Mission Hills, 7 days a week. Thank you!

Don’t have time to shop? Donate now! (818) 392-0020 • hopeofthevalley.org

Volunteer: Please sign up to help serve others this Easter season!
Contact us at: (818) 392-0020 volunteer@hopeofthevalley.org

Ken, here’s my gift to share meals, care & Easter hope with people in need:

- $20.50 to feed and care for 10 people
- $51.25 to feed and care for 25 people
- $75.85 to feed and care for 37 people
- $88.15 to feed and care for 43 people
- $______ to help as much as possible

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