You Fill Hearts with Thanksgiving

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Drumstick Dash

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Today, Roberto is on a path to a new beginning – and his heart is filled with gratitude for friends like you who are making his journey possible.

YOU’LL BE MOVED BY HIS STORY, ON PAGE 3.
Roberto grew up in an abusive home, a witness of physical violence and a target of verbal abuse. “Music and drugs were a way to isolate myself, be in my own mind and get away from everything.”

He began abusing drugs when he was 16 and, over the next 12 years, became addicted to alcohol and harder drugs, costing him jobs, damaging relationships and, finally, leaving him homeless. “I’d lost everything, including myself,” he says. “I found out about Hope of the Valley’s Help Center and I would come and shower and eat.”

During one of those visits, Roberto overheard a conversation about our House of Hope Men’s Recovery Program. “I couldn’t get it out of my mind. I felt I was going to be in a never-ending cycle of addiction if I didn’t do something,” he says. “Life was out of control. I was ready for a change.”

Roberto entered the program, hoping not only to get clean, but to rebuild his relationship with the Lord. “There was a time when I’d had a lot of faith and being here has rekindled it,” he says. “I feel God’s presence more than ever before.”

Roberto has also been healing emotionally through the program. “I had a lot of negativity, but now I’m hopeful, more positive, grateful,” he says.

Through the program’s Work Therapy component, Roberto has been sharing his growing faith and newfound hope by serving others at the Help Center and our Recuperative Care Shelter. “We look out for the people who come here and I love it,” he says. “I definitely want to go into a field where I can help others.”

Roberto has a new outlook on life thanks to the Mission. “I want to get even closer to God, be a peacemaker, be an example, be a good person,” he says. “I thank God for this place.”

He’s a man with a heart of gratitude for friends like you who have made his journey possible. Thank you for your continued generosity.
A MESSAGE FROM KEN CRAFT

Your kindness fills hearts with thanksgiving

Those we care for at the Mission face a litany of challenges. Like Roberto, who you’ll read about on Page 3, each story of heartbreak and tragedy is personal and unique.

Yet all of our guests share one thing in common: **deep gratitude for friends like you who are providing a pathway to hope and healing.**

From the essentials of food and shelter to our programs of recovery and practical training, your generosity lays the financial foundation for our faith-based outreach. Sharing the love of God is at the center of all we do, and we know true and permanent life change is only possible when men and women have invited Him into their hearts.

With you alongside us, **we have the amazing opportunity to accompany homeless and hurting individuals – whom God loves deeply – on their journeys to restoration.**

The Thanksgiving season offers a special opportunity for everyone on our staff – and each man, woman and child in our care – to reflect on the many blessings of your kind compassion. With a heart of gratitude, I pray you’ll continue to share your time, talent, gifts and prayers to uplift our neighbors in need.

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Ken Craft
Founder and CEO

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2018 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

**With Grateful Hearts...**

As you give thanks for your blessings this Thanksgiving, those in our care will be giving thanks too – for you and for the gifts of comfort, compassion and life-changing opportunity you so generously provide for them.

**This Thanksgiving Season Alone...**

- **29,350** Hot Meals
- **9,020** Safe Beds
- **1,050** Turkey Dinners
- **Thousands of hours** of Training, Counseling & Prayer

Please continue your heartfelt support with a gift to our 2018 Thanksgiving Campaign. Because you care, your neighbors in need can overcome their challenges and embrace a new beginning.

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That's how many meals we'll serve this Thanksgiving season, and we need your help to do it. As you do your holiday shopping, please pick up these items for the Mission as well! Then deliver your donations to 11066 Norris Ave., Pacoima, any day of the week.

Can you help? Donate now! (818) 392-0020

Ken, please accept my heartfelt gift toward your 2018 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign:

- $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