A GOD-SIZED CHALLENGE

Because of you, challenges become changed lives through God’s love.
Oswaldo and Linda were a hard-working, responsible couple who’d created a loving and stable home for their five children. Then their world came crashing down around them. Oswaldo lost his job and, while he was looking for work, the family was evicted, though they were current on their rent. “The manager threw us out on the street. We left a lot of personal things behind,” Oswaldo says. “We took it very hard.”

The family stayed in motels for two weeks, until a homeless man suggested they find a shelter through L.A. Family Housing, and they found their way here to Genesis House. “I’m thankful to God for this place,” Linda says. “They gave us a roof to sleep under, a bed to sleep on, food, and diapers for our two-year-old.”

With their children safe, warm, and fed, Oswaldo and Linda were both able to focus their attention on finding work. Within two months, Linda found a job in packaging and Oswaldo began working as a painter. Then a friend gave them a good deal on a car. “God blessed me with a job and a van,” Oswaldo says. “And since we don’t pay rent here, we’re saving money to get our own place.”

Meanwhile, their children are beginning to heal from the trauma of being ousted from the only home they’d ever known. “Being homeless made the kids really depressed and stressed, especially my 10-year-old,” Linda says. “She’s seeing a therapist arranged through Genesis House.”

Now, everyone in the family is finding reason to hope. “The staff here tell you, ‘Okay, you lost your place. Shake it off. Let’s start new. It’s a fresh thing,’” Oswaldo says.

Because of your generous support, couples like Oswaldo and Linda are facing their family challenges and being transformed by God’s love at Genesis House. “They give you a roof and enough time to save your money, to find your place, to be steady again.”
A MESSAGE FROM KEN CRAFT

A TIMELESS CHALLENGE

When we first opened our doors in 2009, the gifts of generous friends made it possible to serve hundreds of meals each day to the greater Los Angeles area’s homeless and hungry.

Today, your gifts make it possible to serve nearly 550 meals daily, in addition to providing shelter, clothing, counseling, job training, and more services and programs than Laurie and I ever imagined when God led us to start this ministry.

Yet more local people find themselves in need – and that’s the challenge we face each day. Feeding them. Sheltering them. Caring for their immediate and long-term needs. Sharing God’s love with them.

Here’s a great way to help them right now: A wonderful friend of the Mission is challenging you to match their generous $15,000 gift with an additional $15,000. That means this entire month, your gift will have double the impact!

I hope when you read Oswaldo and Linda’s story (on page 3), you’ll see just how tremendously their family’s life has been changed by gifts like yours. Now just imagine doubling that impact to touch the lives of others who are hurting and homeless.

Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission has always existed to help people facing huge challenges in their lives. I thank you for your faithful support – and pray you’ll continue to provide the means to create brighter futures for all who come here.

Ken Craft
Founder and CEO

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK
MAY 2018

16,667 meals served
94 men & women provided emergency housing
10 mothers & children provided emergency housing on average
12 men in our residential recovery program on average
2,000 hygiene kits distributed
53 individuals receiving medical care

SHARE YOUR SUNSHINE!

97-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN
Sunny summer days are here… but many in our community are experiencing dark and troubled times.

This Memorial Day, our 97-day Summer Campaign to care for our community’s homeless and hungry begins.

THANK YOU FOR CHANGING LIVES WITH YOUR GENEROSITY
YOUR GIFT TODAY...  HAS TWICE THE IMPACT!

$50  →  $100
$100  →  $200
$150  →  $300

DEADLINE TO GIVE: MAY 31

Give your most generous gift to match the $15,000 challenge grant from one of our most generous donors... for a total of $30,000 to feed and shelter our community’s homeless.

- Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.
- Give securely online at hopeofthevalley.org.

Thank you for helping to meet this tremendous challenge!

VISIT US ONLINE to read stories of lives you’ve touched, get involved & securely donate anytime.

$→$$ DOUBLE MY IMPACT

Ken, here’s my Matching Challenge gift to reach twice as many people with meals, care & hope:

- $25 to have an impact of $50
- $50 to have an impact of $100
- $75 to have an impact of $150
- $100 to have an impact of $200
- $_______ to double my impact with the Challenge

THE LANDING
A Reason to Hope

Did you ever wonder what happens to young adults transitioning from state custody or foster care to a life of independence?

These Transitional Age Youth, 18 to 24, are expected to find housing and a livable wage without the experience, skills, or support to help them find their way. Tragically, they often wind up homeless, incarcerated, or chronically struggling to live above the poverty line. A recent count in L.A. County found more than 5,700 Transitional Age Youth.

In February, Hope of the Valley opened The Landing – a 50-bed housing facility to help meet the needs of these young people – to provide safe shelter, healthy meals and a systematic transition plan so they can become happy, productive adults.

Our goal is to help each guest of The Landing address all mental, social and spiritual issues, enroll in college, find gainful employment, and save money for their own permanent housing.

Please consider a gift to support the ongoing operation of this life-changing ministry. And remember, when you donate before May 31, your gift will have double the impact because of our Matching Challenge!

Thank you!

Let’s be friends!

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