LUIS WANTS TO THANK YOU

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Luis grew up in a world of addiction and neglect, with no guidance or sense of purpose. “My mother was an alcoholic, and my dad left when I was young,” he says. “I didn’t have any structure in my life or good role models to follow.” Instead, when he was a teenager, he followed in his mother’s footsteps and began abusing alcohol. Then, when he was 20, his older brother introduced him to hard drugs. “I thought if he was doing it, I should too,” Luis says. “I created a monster on my back and it had to be fed.”

For 31 years, Luis’s addiction controlled his life, destroying his marriage, landing him in trouble with the law and, finally, leaving him homeless. He was living in a tent nearby when he came to our Help Center for a shower and a meal, but he found so much more. “I got into AA and other faith-based classes here and connected with God,” he says. “Now I’m grounded in my relationship with Jesus Christ, and I’m going on 19 months clean.”

Through our “Purpose Driven Life” class, Luis found the motivation to pursue his dream to become a drug and alcohol counselor. “The teacher lit a fire in me,” he says. “I got my social security card and driver’s license and enrolled in college.”

He’s now working towards a degree in Addiction Studies at Pierce College, will soon be moving into low-income housing and enjoys volunteering here at the Help Center, sharing with others what was given to him. “The Mission helps you get your life together,” he says. “I found hope at Hope of the Valley.”

Because of your generosity, Luis’s heart has been filled with thanksgiving… and God’s love! “The Mission gave me direction, and now I’m on the right path.”
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J oin us Thanksgiving morning for the 5th Annual Drumstick Dash LA and help bring healing and hope to those in need in the San Fernando Valley. Walk or run alongside other compassionate Angelenos as we raise funds and awareness for the hungry and homeless here in Los Angeles.

This year’s 5K/10K run will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the corner of Lankershim and Chandler Blvd in North Hollywood. We anticipate over 4,000 participants!

Registration for the 5K is $45, for the 10K is $50 and for the Lil’ Gobbler is $20. All proceeds from the event support our programs to help sustain and transform the lives of impoverished individuals, families, seniors and vets in our community. Your participation may give someone in need a wonderful reason to be grateful this Thanksgiving.

For more information or to sign up to run, volunteer or be a sponsor, visit drumstickdashla.com.

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A MESSAGE FROM KEN CRAFT

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Please bless our homeless and hungry neighbors with a special Thanksgiving by donating any of these food items. Drop off your donations at 11076 Norris Ave., Pacoima.

**Thanksgiving Season Needs**

- Turkeys
- Hams
- Canned Sweet potatoes or yams
- Stove Top stuffing
- Brown sugar
- Butter
- Canned corn
- White onions
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Fried onions

BE A VOLUNTEER.

With thousands of people to serve this fall, we really need YOUR help!

Call: (818) 392-0020
Email: volunteer@hopeofthevalley.org

Or visit hopeofthevalley.org to find out more or sign up now!

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Your HEART OF THANKSGIVING today, tomorrow & beyond

Do you want to minister to those in need far beyond your lifetime? If so, we have many wonderful giving options that allow you to make a positive impact in hurting and homeless lives today, tomorrow and beyond!

To learn more, please contact Donielle Arbon about remembering the Mission in your will or estate plan.

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