

# A NEW DAWN



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## Who cares?

Dear Friend,

In these days of instant, worldwide communications, we are bombarded with one crisis after another.

Often, the needs overwhelm our desire to help.

We are blessed that you have chosen to help people right here in our community!

**Who cares for the homeless? You do!**

Your support provides a roof and meals for those in our Emergency Shelter and Women's and Family Shelter.

**Who cares for men and women who want to return to their families and the community? You do!**

Your gifts support our life-changing Gateway and New Life Programs.

**Who cares for those who want to find jobs and become self-supporting? You do!**

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## A life full of MIRACLES

here's how your gifts changed Anyse's life

**A**nysel got out of the car and looked at the Mission's front doors. She really did not know what to expect, and was very nervous about taking the first steps toward the unknown. As she took that leap of faith, **she knew this was her last chance to save her relationships with loved ones, and also save her own life.**

"My troubles started small and innocent," Anyse remembers. "But soon enough, I was headed down a path that led to darkness and despair; alienating me from my true self, my family, friends, and the values that I held dear."

Anyse became lost in the true sense of the word, homeless and bouncing around from couch to couch. Having lost the means to support herself, she quickly lost everything, including hope.

"I had to find help. I was quickly losing touch with myself and my loved ones because of the path I was on. I knew if I didn't make a drastic

change soon, there would be no coming back," she recalls.

Anyse didn't really know where to turn at this point, and really had nowhere to go. Then she remembered the Mission, and the warm, Christ-centered environment which she had

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Your donations provide job training and skill building to help men and women work their way out of homelessness.

Along with our gratitude for your care comes this promise from Psalm 41:

*Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble. The LORD protects and preserves them—they are counted among the blessed in the land.*



*Darla Burkett*

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Executive Director

>>> **Anyse** *continued*

visited several months before with a friend. **“I can’t believe that something like the Mission exists,”** she remembers thinking.

Anyse started diving into all the structured classes that help clients learn about conquering life’s challenges. Through the grace of God and the encouragement of the staff, she committed herself to change...and worked hard to regain hope!

Now, more than two years later, Anyse is a firm believer that miracles happen at the Mission. She has found a new life and a new hope. Her relationship with her family, friends, and especially herself has been restored.

Anyse is working full time, living independently, and taking great steps to better herself in her new life. She is currently working toward her goal of obtaining a law degree. Anyse is beyond grateful that she was led to the Mission, a place that truly saved her life. “If you had asked me five years ago what my life would be like...**I could never have guessed the amazing life that was in store for me.** The Mission is not just feeding people and providing shelter – they are helping people restore their lives and become contributing members of society again.”

## 7th annual BACKPACK DRIVE

These kids need  
your help...  
3,500 backpacks  
to fill!



Ten-year-old Joseph was bubbling with excitement at the start of a new school year...until his parents told him that they couldn’t afford new school supplies or clothing. He would go to school without pens and pencils, or even shoes that fit.

If you’re short on time, send a gift in the enclosed envelope and we’ll buy and fill a backpack for you.

Or donate online now!

[CVRM.org](http://CVRM.org).

This year, our goal is to fill 3,500 backpacks – or even more.

For many families throughout the Coachella Valley, this struggle is a reality. Parents scraping by to put food on the table each day just can’t afford school supplies for their children.

That’s why we created our annual Backpack Drive! So that children like Joseph can go back to school, looking ahead to learning with confidence and pride.

Last year, our Backpack Drive provided brand new backpacks filled with school supplies for 3,500 boys and girls.

Join in to give kids their best school year yet! Here’s how you can help our Coachella Valley kids:

- Purchase supplies from the shopping list
- Drop the supplies off at the Mission before August 5

### Backpack Drive: *The Shopping List*

Backpacks	12" Rulers
Pencils	Colored Pencils
Pencil Holders	Felt-Tip Markers
Blue/Black Pens	Crayons
Notebook Paper	Erasers
Spiral Notebooks	Hole Punch
3-Ring Notebooks	Pocket Portfolios
K-3 Writing Tablet	Art Pads
Highlighters	Glue sticks
Pencil Sharpeners	School Glue
Subject Dividers	Protractors
Calculators	Safety Scissors
	Dictionaries

For a printable copy of the list, please visit [CVRM.org/backpack](http://CVRM.org/backpack).



## TWICE THE FOOD

Step up to the challenge and help provide 50,000 meals in 97 days.

Donate NOW and double the impact of your gift!