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# A NEW DAWN



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## FROM **DESPAIR** H **TO** P E

Carina was living out her lifelong dream to bond with her mother. Then her mother passed and Carina's grief threatened to destroy her.

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT,  
you share new hope with people like Carina





## ON PAR FOR SAVING LIVES

*Thank you to all our  
golfers for supporting the  
14th Annual Charity Golf  
Tournament!*



This year, friends of Coachella Valley Rescue Mission gathered once again to enjoy a game of golf, while raising \$20,000 to support the Mission's vital programs.

A huge thank you to each of our sponsors for your support, and to the golfers who took part! Because you played, people's lives have been changed for the better.

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### 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

### S P O N S O R S



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WHAT MATTERS MOST

## A Message from Darla

### SHARING HOPE STARTS HERE

**What does it look like to share hope?**

Compared to a plate of nourishing food or a warm blanket, it's often hard to visualize how hope changes lives.

But for the homeless and hurting people you're helping through your gifts, hope is transforming their lives in very tangible ways.

Take Alex, who's featured in this issue – at his lowest point, he turned to us. He didn't know if a new life was even possible.

Meals, shelter and care changed Alex's life from the inside out. Experiencing God's love showed him that a new life is possible. He began believing in a better future – and began living that life every day!

**When you see Alex today, you see hope... made real in his life through your generosity.**

Just as Christ shared hope with

you and me through His glorious resurrection on Easter, you share His hope with men and women through your prayers, your acts of service and your generous financial support of this ministry.

Thank you for sharing with our community's homeless – and for making Coachella Valley Rescue Mission a refuge of encouragement and hope for everyone in need.



*Darla Burkett*

Darla Burkett  
Executive Director

### THIS IS RICHARD.



You'd never guess that he once believed all hope for his life was gone... until he came to the Mission.

There are so many like Richard – in need of new hope for a new life.

**You can share new hope this Easter by sharing meals, shelter and God's love with homeless and hungry people.**

A meal is just \$1.88!

📄 Share online at [CVRM.org](http://CVRM.org).

✉ Share now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.

Thank you for sharing new hope with hurting people in the Coachella Valley!



# "THE MISSION LOVED ME

# UNTIL I COULD LOVE MYSELF."



Carina was born into a cold, unhappy home. "My mother was an addict, my father was killed when I was six months old, and my stepdad used drugs," she says. **"I grew up on the streets, with no discipline."**

Carina turned to drugs when she was 17, and spent the next nine years battling her addiction. Then she got clean at the Indian Recovery Opportunity Center. "My mom got clean around the same time and we started to bond," she says. "For three years, it was beautiful."

But her mother died tragically and, though Carina carried on, she was falling apart inside. "My husband and I had two children, and I kept on working and doing what I had to do, but I was depressed, angry, grieving my mother," she says. "It was an open wound."

Eventually, Carina relapsed and her life spiraled downward. "I divorced, and lost my job, my car and my place," she says. **"I was living the addict lifestyle, trying to numb the hurt and loss."**

Then Carina and her children came to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and found a new life. "The Mission

has helped me with grieving, depression, and forgiveness," she says. "They've helped me work on me so I can show my children what's right."

*"I wanted to be a good mom – the mom I didn't have growing up."*

Carina has also received training in job acquisition, finances, and other life skills. **"This is a safe haven, but they prepare us to leave and live a normal life,"** she says.

Carina has now graduated from the program, secured employment, and moved her family into their own place. She's also attending the College of the Desert to become a drug and alcohol counselor and plans to intern at the Mission. **"Their love, their spirituality, everything they do here has changed my life,"** she says. "They loved me until I could love myself."

EASTER CELEBRATION

**04/16** Sunday  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Easter For Everyone!

Will you join in and help us provide more meals for hungry people this Easter? We need your help!

Just look at our needs this Easter season:

**41,667 meals**  
for men, women & children

**800**  
food boxes for families

And there's no way we can serve them without you!



### DONATE FOOD

Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items **before April 12:**

*Drop off donations at the Mission, 47-470 Van Buren St. in Indio. Thank you!*

- Spiral sliced hams
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Butter
- Canned vegetables
- Powdered milk
- Desserts (homemade or store-bought)
- Coffee
- Coffee creamer



### VOLUNTEER

You can help from now until Easter Sunday.

For more information, visit our website at **CVRM.org** and click on "Volunteer Central."

**Don't have time to shop?**



### DONATE NOW!



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**41,667**  
meals



**14,167**  
nights of shelter

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