

A NEW DAWN

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Rescue Mission

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from Darla

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so peaceful."

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for All!

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I LOVE.
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Kimberly found the love of
Jesus at Coachella Valley
Rescue Mission.

Because of your generosity,
Kimberly has a joyous
new life and a heart of
thanksgiving!

READ HER MOVING STORY
ON PAGE 3.

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Kimberly's mom and dad were 15 and 31, respectively, when she was born. When her parents weren't there for her, her grandma was. "My grandma was my angel since birth," she says.

Her parents used drugs, and the idea that she could do them as well haunted her.

But, at her grandma's house, her "haven," Kimberly managed to stay on track. When Kimberly was 18, she married a Marine, and the couple had a daughter. The marriage was brief, however, and after they divorced, Kimberly began living a lifestyle she thought she missed out on by marrying so young.

It was then that her life quickly began to spiral out of control. Kimberly and her daughter moved back in with her grandma, where Kimberly used the shed out back as a meth den.

When her grandma was placed in assisted living, everything in Kimberly's life was taken away. For a time, she was still living at her grandma's house, "the home that I loved so much," she says. "But I was living in it with no electricity, with no love, no family that made it what it was." And eventually, the house was gone too, and she was homeless. **"I was just so deep in hell that I started**

praying."

Kimberly was stunned by how quickly her prayers were answered. **"God works very quickly once you reach out your hand for Him."**

She went into the Mission's Gateway Program, where friends invited Kimberly to chapel. And one night, it just hit her. Kimberly joined the New Life Program, and

"I finally knew who Jesus was."

the blessings have poured over her ever since. "I felt comfortable for the first time in a long time."

Today, Kimberly is sober and has many things to be thankful for. She has her daughter back, and, through the help of the Mission, she has a job working as a caregiver in an assisted living program, and is on her way to finishing nursing school. It's something that makes her feel connected to her grandma. "I've never had a job that suited me so much and felt so good," she says.

Today, with a heart of thanksgiving, Kimberly realizes, "Love is what made it so I can be the person I am... and **the person I am now, I love."**



THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Our guests may never meet you, but their hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving for the care and opportunities you provide every day!



68,000 MEALS



1,000+ FOOD BOXES



THOUSANDS OF HOURS
OF TRAINING, COUNSELING & PRAYER

OPEN YOUR HEART THIS THANKSGIVING

**FOOD. SHELTER. GUIDANCE. HOPE.
GOD'S LIFE-TRANSFORMING LOVE.**

Your 2017 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign gift will bring a harvest of joy to people in need.



Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at **CVRM.org**.

THANK YOU
FOR BEING GENEROUS!

A MESSAGE FROM DARLA



Your heart of Thanksgiving... brings a harvest of joy!

The human need for food is fundamental and has remained the center of our ministry outreach for more than 30 years. **But the people who turn to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission hunger for more than a meal.** Their emptiness extends to all areas of their lives.

Their spirits are tired of searching for something to believe in. They lack the training to change their dead-end paths. Friends and loved ones have long since turned their backs. They come to us hungry, homeless, broken and alone – and through your kind compassion, we fill their plates with hope... and their hearts with thanksgiving.

From faith-based counseling to life-skills courses to job-readiness training, **your gifts and prayers empower men, women and families** to overcome troubled circumstances and rebuild lives that are stable, meaningful and a blessing to their communities.

As we look forward to serving our less-fortunate neighbors this holiday season, **I pray you will continue to demonstrate your heart of thanksgiving.** Your ongoing partnership will bring a harvest of joy to men, women and children who are longing for hope. God bless you for your gift today and throughout the months ahead.

With gratitude,

Darla Burkett
Executive Director



THANKSGIVING DINNER...

add our shopping list to yours!

- * *Turkeys*
- * *Hams*
- * *Stuffing mix*
- * *Cream of mushroom soup*
- * *Milk*
- * *Recyclable cups + napkins*
- * *Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, onions, potatoes*

Please drop off your donations at the Mission, 47-470 Van Buren St. in Indio. Thank you!

Don't have time to shop? Donate now! Call (760) 347-3512 or visit our website at CVRM.org.

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A THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR ALL!

Wednesday, November 22
Thanksgiving Dinner
from 2-6 p.m.

Thursday, November 23
Breakfast 6-10 a.m.
Dinner 2-6 p.m.

**Everyone deserves a meal this Thanksgiving.
Please help us provide a warm meal for hungry people this holiday.**



WE NEED:

68,000+ meals

for men, women
& children

1,000+ food boxes

for families, seniors & people
in desperate need of food

Your help is vital in ending hunger this Thanksgiving!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

**WE NEED YOUR HEARTS AND HANDS TO BRING A JOYOUS
THANKSGIVING TO SCORES OF HUNGRY AND HURTING PEOPLE.**

Individuals, families, church groups – all are welcome to volunteer!

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