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HOLLIE WANTS TO

THANK YOU

*Hollie's heart is full of
thanksgiving because of God's
love & your generosity!*



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Hollie grew up grieving, as she watched drug addiction destroy the lives of those she loved. “My dad was an addict and left when I was three,” she says. “And my sister became an alcoholic.”

Hollie was determined not to fall into the family pattern. At 28, she was happily married and all seemed right with the world. “Life was good. We had a nice house, cars, good jobs, everything we could want,” she says.

Then her husband relapsed after years in recovery, and Hollie’s world began to crumble. “I knew what was at stake, and for two years, I tried to get him to see what we were going to lose because of his addiction,” she

says. “Finally, I gave up.”

When her marriage fell apart, Hollie was devastated and, after years of standing strong, began numbing her pain as well. “I felt worthless because of it and stopped caring about myself,” she says. “I believed I didn’t deserve happiness or joy or love.”

Then, one day, she’d had enough and contacted her sister, who’d found freedom from addiction through our New Life Program. “She made the phone calls that got me here,” Hollie says.

Through our chapel services, faith-based classes and mentoring, Hollie has grown spiritually and healed

“I’ve learned to let the past go and let God heal my wounds.”

emotionally. “I believed God had turned His back on me, but now I know He never left me. His love is unconditional,” she says.

Hollie graduated from the program and now serves on our staff as a kitchen assistant, encouraging the women in the program. “I tell them it’s going to be hard, but not to give up. They’re worth it,” she says.

Because of your generosity, Hollie’s heart has been filled with thanksgiving... and God’s love! “I was trapped in darkness. But since coming to the Mission, God has brought me back to life. I’ve learned how to live free.”



YOU can make a difference in the lives of homeless and hungry neighbors. By giving today, **you'll help us prepare for some of the 90,000 meals we'll serve** from now until Thanksgiving Day.

LOOK AT WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE!



\$1.88
for 1 hot meal



\$25.12
for 1 night of
safe shelter

and often
leads to



A chance to share
**GOD'S
LIFE-CHANGING
LOVE**



Please share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2019 Thanksgiving Campaign gift now**. Our hurting neighbors will find the help and hope they need for a new beginning in their lives!



Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.



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

THANK YOU

AGAIN FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY
DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON.

A MESSAGE FROM DARLA BURKETT

My heart of Thanksgiving for you!

Each time I think of you, my heart overflows with thanksgiving. Your generosity to our homeless neighbors reminds me of the story of the Good Samaritan. During his journey, he stopped to help a man beaten and left for dead by robbers on the road – a victim others had walked right by.

Jesus then asks a simple question:

“Which... was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”
(Luke 10:36 & 37, NIV)

Many who come to the Mission have been beaten down by life... they long for a Good Samaritan to reach out and help them. This Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to take Jesus' challenge! The nourishing meals and safe shelter that your gifts provide are simple ways to give them a hand up.

I want to thank you for showing mercy to our neighbors who others often pass by. Your compassion helps our hurting guests recover and heal, and often opens their hearts to God's love today... and a transformed life forever!



Darla Burkett

Darla Burkett
Executive Director

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 **Scott Wolf** about remembering the Mission in your will or estate plan.

Call: (760) 347-3512, ext. 239

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Thanksgiving Season Needs

Please bless our homeless and hungry neighbors with a special Thanksgiving by donating any of these food items.



Turkeys

Canned Vegetables

Butter & Margarine

Powdered Drink

Mixes

Condiments &

Spices

Drop off your donations at
47-470 Van Buren St., Indio. For large
donations, please call **(760) 347-3512**
to arrange for a pickup time.

SAVE The DATE

Come join us at our **49th Anniversary Gala** as we celebrate all the Lord has done this past year through the Mission and your support!

Registration and reservation information will be available shortly, so stay tuned. We hope to see you there!

What: 49th Anniversary Gala

When: 6 p.m., February 27, 2020

Where: Hyatt Regency, Indian Wells

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