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A NEW DAWN




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for the future."

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A black and white portrait of a woman with long, light-colored hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a patterned top. The background is dark and out of focus.

Victoria is
celebrating
HOPE!

Your support brings hope
to the hurting this Easter.



“I was lost,
but now I
have hope for
the future.”



Victoria had a happy life, a loving fiancé, a home and a beloved daughter who'd grown up to be her friend. Then tragedy struck, tearing her world apart. “My daughter died,” she says, her eyes filling with tears. “It’s so hard when you lose your only child.”

She was overwhelmed with despair, but she couldn't bring herself to ask God for help. “I blamed Him. I couldn't even go into a church without crying,” she says. “I didn't have anywhere to turn.”

Victoria began numbing her grief. It was a coping mechanism she'd used in junior high school when she was coping with terrible family life. “It was the only way I knew to ease my pain,” she says.

But she'd gotten clean at 18 and stayed clean for 29 years... until her daughter's death. For three years, Victoria struggled with addiction, eventually landing in trouble with the law. It was then a judge referred her to our Gateway Program, where she found shelter, food and the emotional healing she so desperately needed.

“Through grief support groups, I've learned to understand and deal with my feelings in healthy ways,” she says. “Before, I couldn't even think of my

daughter without getting hysterical, but now I can talk about her without falling apart. It's like night and day.”

Through chapel services and Celebrate Recovery, Victoria's faith is also being restored. “I now know God didn't give my daughter to me just so He could hurt me by taking her away,” she says.



I'm growing close to the Lord
once again.



Victoria's fiancé stuck by her throughout her trial, and after she completes the program, she plans to return home to him and continue grief counseling. “Now I know I'm not alone,” she says.

Thanks to the blessing of your support, Victoria is celebrating Easter with restored faith in Christ. “I was lost, but the Mission gave me the help I needed. Now I have hope for the future.”

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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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Celebrate hope by caring for our most vulnerable neighbors!



53,000 meals

\$1.88 for a meal!



13,846 nights of shelter



300 men & women in our residential recovery programs on average



2,885 hours of case management & counseling

Thank you for your compassion & support!

"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10, NASB



A Message from **DARLA BURKETT**

THE MIRACLE OF EASTER

Lives on in you

Can you imagine what it must have been like to gaze into that empty tomb that Easter morning? To rise from the depths of despair to heart-pounding, indescribable joy... realizing Jesus conquered the grave?

That's the power of the resurrection. And that same power is still transforming hearts and lives today.

Jesus came that we may have life abundantly, and we embrace that as our calling. **We exist to help our neighbors experience life to the fullest, as God intended.**

As we celebrate the miracle of Easter, we also celebrate the miracles God is working in the Coachella Valley today. Every chain

that's broken... every heart that turns to Him... every life that's restored is a cause for rejoicing.

And it's all thanks to caring friends like you!

This Easter, I pray that you will see God move mightily in your own life, just as you have given generously so He can work miracles in the lives of your neighbors like Victoria (whose incredible story is on page 3).

May our hearts be as one as we cry out together, "Hallelujah, He is risen!" this Easter.

Darla Burkett

Darla Burkett
Executive Director



Celebrate **NEW LIFE** this Easter

It's hard to have hope when you're hungry and homeless. This Easter, we'll warmly welcome our neighbors in need with immediate help like:

- **A hot meal for \$1.88**
- An overnight stay in our shelter
- Clothing, hygiene items & Christ-centered care

YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care this Easter. A nourishing meal, served with love, is often the first step to a new life in Christ!

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **CVRM.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!

Thank you

for making a difference during COVID-19

2020 was such a challenging year – but your support and compassion helped so many people find help here at Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

Thanks to you, we continue to provide the care our community relies on: Food. Shelter. Clean clothing and hygiene items. And special assistance for those struggling through extremely tough times. We do so while following safety precautions to keep our guests, staff and volunteers protected and healthy – and to minimize the impact of COVID-19.

Thank you again, and may God bless your generous heart!



OUR EASTER CELEBRATION NEEDS LIST

Sunday, April 4: Our Easter Dinner is served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.! All are welcome!

Easter is almost here! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals...** and provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.** *Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!*

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

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ (760) 347-3512

👉 CVRM.org

HELP WITH EASTER MEALS

Drop off any of these urgently needed food items by Friday, April 2:

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- PASTAS
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CEREALS
- DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- COFFEE
- CREAMER