

A NEW DAWN



CVRM
Coachella Valley
Rescue Mission

Summer 2022

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Show Them
You Care

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"I got a new life!"

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Leave a Heritage
of Compassion



**SYLVIA
IS SO
GRATEFUL**

you have given
her new life!



**“I found God at the Mission
and I got a new life!”**



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I LIKE THE
PERSON
I’VE BECOME.
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Sylvia sat alone in her tent, hungry and dirty and tired. She’d been on a dark road for such a long time and she grieved over the life she might have had and the heartbreak that led her to this place. “When my mother died, I started using drugs to get rid of the pain.”

It was the beginning of a 30-year struggle with addiction that kept Sylvia drifting from place to place and, eventually, left her homeless, living in a tent near the Mission. “I would come here and get food and go back to my tent. **Then, one day, a lady who works here said, ‘Quit running, Sylvia. Come into the Mission. Just be still.’**”

Sylvia knew the Lord was speaking to her through our staff member, so she entered our New Life Program, where chapel services and Bible studies strengthened her faith. “God says you can’t serve two masters so I turned my life over to Him.”

Her newfound faith and our case workers and Christian counselors helped Sylvia find emotional healing, as well. “They pray with you and comfort you. And they give you scriptures that speak to your pain.”

Through life skills classes, Sylvia also learned financial management, job readiness, anger management and other essential skills to prepare her for her new life. A graduate of the program, she now has a home of her own – her very first!

And she’s joined our staff as the Overnight Lead in our Annex. “When I saw how much the Mission helped me, I said, ‘Lord, I want to be a part of this. I want to help somebody else who has the same issues I had, who’s gone through the same things I did.’”

Sylvia is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given her peace and hope for the future. “I was broken. But I found God at the Mission and I got a new life!”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$1.88!



A Message from DARLA BURKETT

Will You *Love Your Neighbor* This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in the Coachella Valley. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting – we need it!

Darla Burkett
Executive Director

THESE

"Summer 6"

CAN CHANGE LIVES!

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our Mission guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

1. Bottled water
2. Underwear
3. Canned food of all kinds
4. Toilet paper
5. Bar soap
6. Clothing

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 47-470 Van Buren Street in Indio, 7 days a week. Thank you for caring for Mission guests during the summer season!

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



Your gift today provides:



70,000 meals



23,000 beds



hundreds of hygiene items



countless hours of counseling & education



life-transforming decisions for Christ



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER... PLEASE HELP TODAY!

Give now! CVRM.org

Support our Summer Campaign now!

How can you shop and strengthen our community?

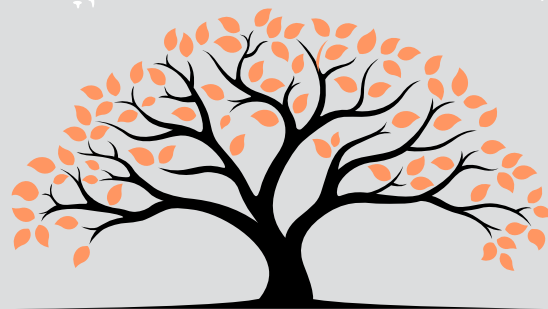
Your support of the **New Life Resale Boutique** helps your neighbors who are struggling. Look at how you help change lives at this one store:

- You can donate clothes or household items you no longer need.
- Guests in our recovery program learn on-the-job training and employment skills.
- Our neighbors can shop for the items they need at low prices they can afford.
- All proceeds from the Thrift Store support the Mission's life-changing programs and services.

Everyone benefits!

To donate items, simply call **(760) 347-3512, ext. 300**, to schedule a pick-up right from your home. To shop with us, stop by our Boutique at 1398 6th St. in Coachella, Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or learn more at **CVRM.org**.

*Thank you for supporting our
New Life Resale Boutique!*



Leave a Heritage of Compassion

You have a compassionate heart. You touch the lives of those in need in tangible ways. And you want to continue to be an instrument of God's mercy to bless them now and for years to come.

Planned Giving makes it possible for you to continue ministering to those in need beyond your lifetime. When you include the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan, you'll be leaving a legacy of hope and God's goodness for the hurting people who will come through our doors.

For more information, please contact **Scott Wolf** at ☎ **(760) 347-3512, ext. 239** or 💻 **swolf@cvmr.org**.

Thank you for your giving heart!

