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A NEW DAWN



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Don't miss...

2 Our Thanksgiving Campaign has begun!

3 "I have another chance at life."

4 Help Us Get Ready!

JACY IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given her hope and
new life this holiday!





“The Mission gave me
ANOTHER CHANCE
AT LIFE.”



When Jacy was a little girl, she longed to feel safe and loved, but it wasn't to be. “My parents were addicts and my home was dysfunctional,” she says. “I was totally broken.”

By the time she was 12, she was numbing her pain with drugs, and before long, she found herself in trouble with the law. But God used it for good. “I found Jesus in Juvenile Hall, when I was 17.”

Her faith changed her. She was doing well, happy and hopeful, so the authorities sent her back home, where nothing had changed. Jacy relapsed. But, in the days to follow, in spite of her addiction, she sensed that God had something wonderful in store for her life. “Even through all the dysfunction, I knew it.”

That hope led her to seek help

through our New Life Program, where Bible studies, chapel service and Christian fellowship have drawn her back to the Lord and shown her how to live a godly life. “I pray all the time and God talks to me through Scripture,” she says. “Now I know how to be a better person. I’m more caring,

program and is married now, to a man who also found freedom in Christ here at the Mission. The couple have a home of their own, good jobs and a beautiful baby, everything Jacy could want. “The Mission gave us a new life, the chance to be a family and reach our goals and dreams.”

“Now, I feel beautiful, positive and confident.”

loving and understanding.”

Through life skills classes and Christian counseling, Jacy has also addressed the underlying issues of her addiction. “Letting everything out and talking about it has helped me heal, forgive and learn to love myself.”

Jacy graduated from the

Her heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave her the confidence and support to rebuild her life. “I was broken, but the Mission saved me, changed me and gave me another chance at life.”

Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from DARLA BURKETT

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24)

During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Darla Burkett
Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

90,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$1.88 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at [CVRM.org](https://www.cvr.org).**

Read Jacy's story – a life you helped change!



Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve men, women and children here at the Mission? **We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!**



Reach out today to see how you can help...

Email: **Shannon** at scurtis@cvmr.org. Or visit CVMR.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/ to find out more or sign up now!

Help Us Get Ready!



You wouldn't believe how much we still have to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season... **you can help!** Host a food drive or shop for these critically-needed items, then drop them off at **47-470 Van Buren Street in Indio, 7 days a week.**

Don't have time to shop? Send a gift in the envelope provided to help us purchase what's needed on our food list.

Turkeys
Pies
Potatoes
Butter/Condiments
Stuffing Mix
Canned Vegetables



Thank you for making these meals extra special!



Leave a Legacy of Blessing

Thank you for your generous spirit. It's reflected in all you do to share your blessings with those in need. Would you like to continue bringing healing and hope to the broken beyond your lifetime? When you include Coachella Valley

Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan, you can do just that. For more information on planned giving opportunities, contact Scott Wolf at ☎ (760) 347-3512, ext. 239 or ✉ swolf@cvmr.org.