

A NEW DAWN



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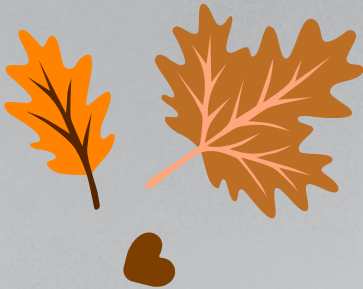
2 Help us get ready for Thanksgiving now!

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3 "God has moved mountains..."

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Valerie wants to share how your support changed her life! 



Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



A Message from DARLA BURKETT

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather will soon start to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many men, women and children who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgiving.** It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to the Mission for help, their season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that

they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire – and they **choose** a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 90,000 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling man and woman who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.

Darla Burkett
Executive Director



SAVE THE DATE! Charity Golf Tournament Feb. 12, 2024

You're invited to golf for good! Mark your calendars now for our **19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** at the beautiful Palm Valley Country Club.

Join with fellow golfers to turn your love of the game into loving our neighbors – with all proceeds going directly to Mission services that care for our community members in need.

For more information please contact:
Guido Portante at: gportante@aol.com
or **(562) 225-1467**

We hope to see you out for a fun day filled with Golf, Dinner and Prizes!

Join Our
2023 Thanksgiving CAMPAIGN

90,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Your help is needed now! This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

For just \$2.22, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:

Safe, welcoming shelter	Warm clothing, coats & shoes	Classes & job training	God's life-changing love

Please give now to help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at **CVRM.org**.

Meet Valerie – who is thankful for your support!

“God has moved mountains I never **thought could** be moved.”



Valerie had lost track of how many times she'd been abused by the father of her children. There was the time he hit her when she was eight months pregnant. The time he slammed her into the car door.

The list kept going... she had to make it stop. **“I was always beat up and too ashamed to go around my family and still I stayed with him.”**

Five years into the relationship, her pain and despair had seeped into every part of her life. She lost custody of her children, and she began using to cope with the pain.

The abuse continued even as she found herself once again pregnant. Winter of 2020 found her at her lowest point, reeling from the deaths of her uncle and mother a mere month apart. **“I was completely alone and so angry. I'd lost all hope.”**

Incarceration could have been the final blow that shattered her completely. Instead, it led her to the Mission and a new start.

As part of our New Life Program, Valerie addressed the pain and grief she experienced for so many years through our life-skills classes, counseling and spiritual guidance. **“My prayer life and relationship with God are transformed. I've let go of so much anger... I've been able to forgive myself and others.”**

Working in the Mission warehouse and as a peer support, she finds joy helping other addicts overcome the pain that she remembers so well. “You think all is lost, but it's not. Sharing my story with them, I want them to know there's hope beyond what we can understand.”

Valerie is filled with thanksgiving for God's redeeming love in her life – and your incredible generosity and support! “I'm in awe of everything God has done. He gave me my life and my children back. I've been through so much and He has me still standing strong, to face the battles and overcome the hurts.”



“I just cried out, asking God to help me... and He heard me.”





We turn cars into care

That car, truck, boat or other vehicle that's taking up space in your garage or driveway could be providing food, shelter and life-changing care. Transform your old vehicle into a new beginning for hungry, homeless men, women and children through Coachella Valley Rescue Mission's Vehicle Donation Program!

It's easy to donate your vehicle to the Mission:

- **Free pick-up** from your home or office, running or not.
- **A great tax-deduction** for the value of your vehicle.
- **Fast and easy** – no paperwork or registration necessary.

For more information or to schedule a prompt pickup, just call Randy Burke, Facilities Manager at

(760) 347-3512, ext. 227 or email at **rburke@cvrn.org**.

Or visit **www.cvrn.org/ways-to-give/vehicle-donations/** to learn more!



A Legacy Of Care



Make your will a memorial of what was important in your life.

Your compassion for men, women and children who are hungry, homeless or in need is a legacy that can live on through a gift in your will to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

To find out how you can make this enduring statement of support in a will or bequest, or during your lifetime through gifts of annuities or property, please contact Darla Burkett at **dburkett@cvrn.org** or Scott Wolf at **swolf@cvrn.org**.

Or call **(760) 347- 3512, ext. 239** for more information.

