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# A NEW DAWN



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**Chrishaun is celebrating Easter with JOY – because of you!**



Thank you for showing him that new life is possible.

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A Message from DARLA BURKETT

# THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our clients celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

**You too are a part of our clients' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter and other services to change their lives.**

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

**Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life.**

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!

Darla Burkett  
Executive Director



## DONATE YOUR VEHICLE



Donate your car, truck, golf cart, motorcycle, motorhome or boat to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. Most vehicles gladly accepted as-is, working or not.

You will receive a receipt for your tax records. Please call Randy Burke, Operations Director, at **(760) 347-3512, ext. 227** for more information and to schedule a quick pick up. Email Randy at **rburke@cvrn.org**.

## SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, **your help is needed urgently** to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...



**53,000 meals – just \$2.22 each!**



**10,000 nights of shelter**



**Faith-based care & healing in our life-change programs!**

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**Please don't wait!**

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



# “THE MISSION OFFERED ME A REAL CHANCE.”



Chrishaun was trapped in a vicious cycle of homelessness and addiction. After losing a job, he turned to substances, seeking to numb his frustration and have fun with friends. His family started to notice that he was in trouble. “They didn’t say much, but they were hard on me, showing me tough love... but it pushed me away.”

His life spiraled out of control, the addiction got worse and he lost all motivation. **“I couldn’t get work, because I wasn’t trying. I ended up on the streets, alienated from my family.”** When his family encouraged him to seek help, he thought they were simply trying to get rid of him.

He fought against the people in his life who showed concern, convinced they were worried over nothing. “I believed everything was under wraps and unseen... but really I was in denial.”

At his rock bottom he was sleeping in parks and alleys, collecting recyclable cans for food money. **“I realized that anything was better than this.”** He listened to his family and turned to the Mission.

“They made me feel welcome instantly, and I got along with the people here right away.” Encouraged by the warm, uplifting community at the Mission, Chrishaun dedicated himself to turning his life around through the New Life Program. **“I wanted to focus on bettering myself and my relationship with God.”**

As he progressed through the program – and worked in the warehouse assisting with sorting donations – Chrishaun rediscovered his sense of self-worth and motivation for his future. “After I graduate from the Mission, I want to go to trade school to be an electrician. But I definitely plan on coming back as often as possible.”

**Thank you for sharing God’s love with Chrishaun this Easter. His life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel!** “I’m proud of myself, even though it was a struggle. Coming here was the best decision in my life. This place truly has amazing, amazing people and they gave me a real chance to start again.

**“I believe it was God that got me here.”**



# HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



## Our Easter Celebration

Saturday, March 30 | Dinner: 2-6 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 | Breakfast: 6-10 a.m. | Dinner: 2-6 p.m.

Now through Easter, your **help is needed** to provide **thousands of meals** for our hungry neighbors! Help welcome these special clients with love and a good meal by sharing a donation of these needed food items.

### **URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!**

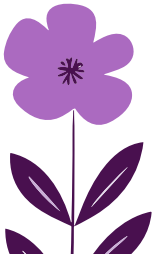
Drop off any of these items **by Friday, March 29:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIRAL SLICED HAMS      | <input type="checkbox"/> POWDERED MILK                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSTANT MASHED POTATOES | <input type="checkbox"/> DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER                  | <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES       | <input type="checkbox"/> CREAMER                             |

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

No time to shop? Donate now!

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### God's Promise of Joy

*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11*

## A Legacy of Care



We all leave a legacy of one kind or another – a memorial of what was important in our lives. Giving to the Mission through your will is a faithful way to provide for ongoing ministry long after you're gone.

Through a gift in your will, your compassion will extend on and allow Coachella Valley Rescue Mission to offer hope and a helping hand to the weary neighbors who are hungry, homeless or in need.

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@cvm.org](mailto:dburkett@cvm.org) or Scott Wolf at [swolf@cvm.org](mailto:swolf@cvm.org). Or call (760) 347-3512, ext. 239 for more information.