

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Orientation:

May 6th, 9-11 a.m.

Come join us as a volunteer!

To register, please visit us online at [LosAngelesMission.org/act](http://LosAngelesMission.org/act)

Mother's Day Event: May 13th

We'll honor the mothers and important women in our life. Join us!

Annual Career Fair:

June 1st, 8 a.m.-noon

Hundreds of job seekers can network with potential employers. Join us or volunteer for this amazing event!

Mission 5k: May 6th, 8 a.m.

Form a team—100% of proceeds go to the Mission!



CREATING A LEGACY: Why Not Today?

Many people leave behind something of worth. Roberta King's father was no exception.

When he died his estate was well planned, and Roberta was tasked with distributing the money he'd left. The process of doling out the checks to the organizations her father loved not only brought joy and pride to her heart—it helped erase her grief. Of the experience Roberta wrote, "Yes, I did receive a nice inheritance, but the gift my dad gave me...was a deeper understanding in a very personal way the importance of volunteering and financially supporting a community that you love."

Have you considered the legacy you'll leave behind? And if so, why wait until after

you're gone to impact the ones you love? Harness the power of today with these ideas:

- 1. **Give together.** Include your loved ones in giving. Introduce them to ministries like the Los Angeles Mission and share your passion.
- 2. **Choose today.** What about giving to your loved ones now? Why not bless the people you care about when you can see the blessing and reaction it creates firsthand?

► To request a FREE copy of "3 Ways to Harness the Power of Now"

- 1. Check the box on the enclosed reply card and return it today
- 2. Contact Randy Hess at the Los Angeles Mission at (213) 629-1227, ext. 357, or email him at [rhess@lamission.net](mailto:rhess@lamission.net)
- 3. Or, bless your family today with a God-honoring will at [www.christianwill.org/lamission](http://www.christianwill.org/lamission)

The gift that keeps giving

The month of May is a special time to make your gift go even further to help hurting and homeless neighbors living on Skid Row.



Thanks to a generous family's donation of \$200,000 this summer, we can continue to help as many people as possible. They've challenged us to match that amount in the month of May and we can't do that without your help.

To help us reach our goal by becoming a Meals a Month partner today! When you do, you help us provide meals, holistic care, and our life changing programs and services. And if you make your first gift in May, you'll help us reach even more people in need in our community.

► It's easy to sign up—fill out the form below, or visit us online at [LosAngelesMission.org/give](http://LosAngelesMission.org/give). If you prefer, call Nuria Mora at (213) 629-1227, ext. 334. Thank you!

Meals and care  
HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP

FEBRUARY

CALENDAR YTD

27,771		64,156
MEALS SERVED		
9,095		18,292
NIGHTS OF SHELTER		
9,967		19,924
CLEAN SHOWERS		
9,206		19,191
CLOTHING DISTRIBUTED [PIECES]		

The Los Angeles Mission exists to provide help, hope and opportunity to men, women and children in need.



Many thanks to American Airlines, City National Bank, Go Country, The Goldwin Foundation, Honda, the Johnny Carson Foundation, LATLC (LA Trial Lawyers' Charities), Russ Reid and Wells Fargo Bank for sponsoring our 80th Gala.

STAY CONNECTED

Keep track of the latest Mission news, make safe online donations and more.

[LosAngelesMission.org](http://LosAngelesMission.org)



Yes, Herb. I want to help meet the \$200,000 challenge and help more neighbors in need this summer

I've enclosed: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_



☐ I want to become a Meals a Month partner and give a monthly gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

My first gift is enclosed. (Please check the box in the Giving Options section.)

☐ I would like to receive my FREE copy of "3 Ways to Harness the Power of Now"

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Please make your check payable to: Los Angeles Mission and mail to: P.O. Box 60127, Los Angeles, CA 90060-0127

THANK YOU!



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A receipt for your tax-deductible gift will be sent to you shortly.

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Hope and  
hard work

Our View

News from the Los Angeles Mission

CROSSROADS

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“...thanks to the donors that give to the Los Angeles Mission, when my mom and sister look at me, I see love.”

~VICTOR JIMENEZ-AGUILAR  
FORMER FRESH  
START STUDENT

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A mother's  
journey to heal

Kelly's story of finding care at ADC

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Finding  
their future

Our Annual Career Fair

MAY 2017



Los Angeles  
Mission  
The Crossroads of Hope



Changing  
a family's future

Ignacio Jimenez and Victor Jimenez-Aguilar, a father and son, came to the Mission about two weeks apart, each seeking healing from addictions and hope for building a new future.

Read their journeys of transformation on PAGE 2.

Help us meet  
our summer  
challenge goal!  
Find out how on page 3!





Herb Smith  
President/CEO



Dr. Roxanne Jordan  
Vice President of the  
Anne Douglas Center

## The outcome of hope and hard work

Around the Mission, we talk a lot about outcomes. And one of the most important outcomes we focus on is helping our students find stable employment once they graduate.

Our hope and prayer for students is that they will be self-supporting upon graduation, and not be dependent on government assistance to the extent they are able. Being self-supporting also gives our students better opportunities to give back.

You'll read on page 3 how our Annual Career Fair gives our students access, exposure and employment opportunities. It's an exciting event that we are proud to host for our students and our community.

You can also read on page 3 about being an important part of our summer challenge. **Thank you for helping us meet the need of every person who comes through our doors this summer!**

### Did you know?

Since 2013, the number of homeless women living on the streets has increased 55%. You are continuing to make a difference for hurting and homeless women and men living on Skid Row. Thank you!



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## Healing for the entire family

Victor and his dad, Ignacio, share what inspired them to seek a new life at the Mission.

**Ignacio:** I realized I needed help when my wife kicked Victor out of the house for his drug use. That was the turning point. I was already sleeping at the mechanic shop I worked at. I was addicted to crystal meth, alcohol and cigarettes. I saw how it was affecting my family and I knew I needed help.

**Victor:** When my dad told me he was going to come here to the Mission, I didn't think it was real. I didn't want to come to terms with my own addiction problem, so I didn't think I needed to go. I saw that my drug use was hurting my mom and sister emotionally. They told me about this place when they kicked me out. And when I decided to come, they drove me over here.

**Ignacio:** When I got to the Mission, I discovered a new way to live. I saw that I could stop using drugs and alcohol, and I saw I could restore my family. I like that the classes are Christ-based. I can't describe with words what it feels like to rebuild my relationship with my family. It's a whole new emotion.

**Victor:** The experience here is wonderful. The people here actually make me feel like I'm a part of something. I've learned here—and my dad too—something we didn't do much of before: obedience. We have to be humble. That's something I'm learning and I'm really grateful for that.

**Ignacio:** My goal is to finish Work Start and then go to school to become a minister. I'd like to give back to the community. It's hard to express how much gratitude I have in my heart for the donors who have helped make this possible.

**Victor:** Sometimes people don't recognize the impact others can have in someone's life. Thanks to the donors that give to the Los Angeles Mission, when my mom and sister look at me, I see love. They don't look at me with eyes of rejection, you know? I can't express the gratitude I have for that look in their eyes.

**Thanks to a special summer challenge, your gift today will provide meals and care to even more people. Give today and help us meet our \$200,000 goal!**

Editor's note: Victor left the program to help take care of his family, but is doing well.



## Are you up for a challenge?

We have been blessed with a wonderful opportunity at the Mission this summer, and we hope you'll join us and accept the challenge!

A generous family has donated \$200,000 to the Mission and challenged us to match that amount in the month of May. Any gift we receive by May 31 will help us provide meals and holistic care to even more people in need in our community. We are so grateful for this opportunity and the timing could not be better. Summer is a time at the Mission when our donations tend to drop significantly.

Your continued support today will help us meet the summer challenge. You'll ensure that friends and neighbors struggling on the streets of Skid Row continue to be blessed by the life-changing programs your gifts make possible.

Remember, every \$2.03 donated will provide meals and holistic care for a hungry and homeless person living on Skid Row. We are so thankful to partner with you in providing hope and healing for struggling men, women and children in Los Angeles. Thank you for blessing our community!



**OUR SUMMER CHALLENGE:**  
**\$200,000**  
**Help us meet our goal!**

## A mother's journey to heal

I was an honor student in high school until I discovered marijuana. Then I discovered meth. I got into an argument with the ladies I was living with at the time and was homeless for a little while.

Then I came to the Anne Douglas Center on Mother's Day 2016. I'd heard they provided housing for depressed women. That was me—I was living with depression and addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Before that, my life was happy, but my son means the world to me. He's always supported me and believed in me, and I'm so grateful for him. That's why I wanted to get my life back on track for him.

### Grateful

It's not easy, but I've gone over a year without alcohol. I'm so grateful I came to the ADC and for the tools they have given me to move forward in my life. One Bible verse that keeps me going is Psalm 18:2: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

I want to thank the donors for changing my life and the lives of so many others who have gone before me. God bless you!



**“My son means the world to me...I wanted to get my life back on track for him.”**

**~KELLY OCON, ANNE DOUGLAS CENTER STUDENT**

## Finding their future

Our Annual Career Fair will take place on June 2nd and gives students in the Work Start program exposure to a variety of job opportunities.

There will be roughly 30 employers from around Los Angeles participating, and it will give students and hundreds more job seekers in our community the opportunity to market themselves in a professional setting.

"We get feedback every year thanking us for everything from just getting the experience, to getting an interview, to getting hired," said Chaplain Allen Ceravolo, Director of Career Services at the Mission.

► **The Career Fair will take place June 2nd from 8 A.M.-noon at the Mission. For more information or to get your company involved, please contact Allen Ceravolo at (213) 627-1227, ext. 517**

## Double your impact today

Your employer may match your donation, dollar-for-dollar.

That means, your gift will go twice as far! Normally, every \$2.03 you give provides meals and care for one hurting and homeless person living on Skid Row. With an employer match, it will provide meals and care for two people in need!

To find out if your employer participates, contact your HR department or please visit [losangelesmission.org/give/matching-gifts/](http://losangelesmission.org/give/matching-gifts/). Thank you!