

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

Volunteer Orientation:  
June 3rd, 9-11 a.m.  
Come join us as a volunteer!  
To register, please visit us online at LosAngelesMission.org/act  
There is no volunteer orientation in July.

ADC Graduate Honors Evening:  
June 3rd, 5:30 P.M.  
Join us for the Graduate Honors Evening ceremony at the Anne Douglas Center for Women at the Los Angeles Mission.

June Graduation: June 9th  
Come celebrate our Fresh Start graduates with us!

CREATING A LEGACY: Rising above the chaos

With today’s nonstop news, it sometimes feels like chaos and fear are unavoidable. But we don’t have to live that way. God’s Word illuminates how to find and experience rest, despite the chaos all around us:

- 1. Remember God is present. You are never alone because God promised never to leave you. “He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...” (Psalm 46:1-2).
- 2. Be a catalyst for good. You can make a difference by supporting Christian causes and ministries like the Los Angeles Mission, which shares the Gospel and provides rest for those in need—and you can be blessed in return. For instance, a Charitable Gift Annuity can benefit you, your spouse and the Los Angeles Mission.

The gift that keeps giving

Hurting and homeless neighbors living on Skid Row need the basics like food and shelter. But they also need hope.



By becoming a Meals a Month partner today, you can help make this a Summer of Hope for thousands in need living on the streets of Los Angeles. Your monthly support will provide meals, holistic care and our life-changing programs and services to hungry families all across our community.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Meals a Month partner today and making this a Summer of Hope for our community. Help us show the power of Christ’s love to hurting friends and neighbors living on Skid Row. Join today!

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

- Your gift would allow you:
- An immediate tax deduction.
  - Capital gains tax deferral.
  - Increased income stream for life.
- An opportunity to put “good” in motion for generations to come.
3. Know you’re alive for “such a time as this.” Don’t let chaos overwhelm the reality that you’re here for a Divine purpose today. Serving others can create positive ripple effects of change around you.
- To request a FREE copy of “4 Keys to Find Rest in a Chaotic World”
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
  3. Or, bless your family today with a God-honoring will at www.christianwill.org/lamission

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HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP

MARCH	CALENDAR YTD
34,838	98,994
MEALS SERVED	
10,438	28,730
NIGHTS OF SHELTER	
11,432	31,356
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12,080	31,271
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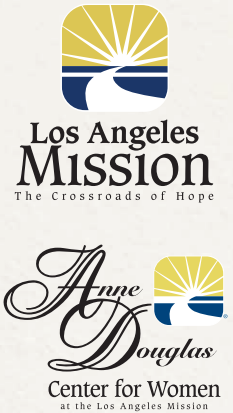
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~STEPHEN BOEHME  
FRESH START GRADUATE



Yes, Herb. I want to make this a Summer of Hope by providing meals and care to hungry and homeless neighbors living on Skid Row.

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 “4 Keys to Find Rest in a Chaotic World”

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A lifetime of hope

I was looking at 17 years in prison after multiple convictions for selling drugs. At the last minute, the district attorney and the judge changed their minds. I knew it was God-given. After that I came to the Mission and knew God meant for me to be here.

Read Stephen and Christian’s story of transformation on PAGE 2.

Stephen Boehme, left, and Christian Urias, right, Fresh Start Graduates

Summer of HOPE

Make this a Summer of Hope for our neighbors in need.

Find out how on page 3!




Herb Smith  
President/CEO

Steven W. Schultze  
Vice President of Program

## Laying the foundation

The security of stable employment isn't just about paying bills—it gives hope for the future. It allows our graduates to dream and experience a full life.

At this time of year we talk about meals and care providing a “Summer of Hope” to students and guests at the Mission. But the next step is finding employment, which lays the foundation for a lifetime of hope. We focus on providing tools to our students that will help them long after they graduate from the Mission, no matter what kind of field they work in.

The Mission has been fortunate to have students participate in the Pepperdine Microenterprise Program, where they can learn how to properly create a business plan and run a company. We're excited to have Stephen and Christian share their experiences in that program in our June issue of *Crossroads*.

Your generous support provides meals and care as the first step, but it gives so much more. Thank you for showing our students a lifetime of hope is possible.

### Did you know?

The Los Angeles Mission will provide 100,000 meals and 37,000 nights of shelter over the summer months. Thank you for making it possible!



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## A God-given hope

When I got here, I wanted to get everything I could out of the program. I was weighing my options of doing the Work Start phase of the program or going home to Santa Barbara. My chaplain told me about the Microenterprise Program through Pepperdine University, and that sounded like a great option for me. I've always had an entrepreneur's spark inside me.

The Microenterprise Program taught me financing, personal budgeting and helped me build a business plan. I'm hoping to start an earth-friendly carpet and upholstery cleaning company called Steamer Steve's.

The Mission and the Microenterprise Program have given me the chance to turn my life around for the better. They've given me the direction I want to take with my life.

I want to thank the donors for giving to the Mission. Your money is going to changing lives. Getting a second chance at the Mission has given me hope. I never could have imagined that opportunities would be open for me like this. Thank you!



“Feeding the homeless such a good meal was a blessing to me and a blessing from the donors.”

~CHRISTIAN URIAS  
FRESH START GRADUATE

I'm thankful to the all donors, but especially to those who donated to the kitchen, where I worked. Feeding the homeless such a good meal was a blessing to me and a blessing from the donors. Thank you for all you have done.

**Just \$2.03 provides meals and care to someone in need. Make this a Summer of Hope today!**



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~STEPHEN BOEHME  
FRESH START GRADUATE

## A new future

When my family closed their doors on me because of my drug use, I had lost all hope. My apartment was gone and I lost my job. I realized my life wasn't what it was supposed to be.

Coming to the Mission blessed my life in so many ways. I have never seen my family so proud of me as when I was 30 days sober. It motivated me to finish.

Two months before graduation, I didn't know if I should go back to school or start working. I prayed to God, and then I got a call from my chaplain. He wanted to discuss the Pepperdine Microenterprise Program. The Microenterprise Program gave me the tools to start my own business. Right now, I'm the overnight cleaner at a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel.

## Building a stable life

Achieving job skills and stable employment allows our students to propel themselves toward long-term stability in housing, which helps continue their growth personally and in their community.

That's why our Career Services Department focuses on providing the tools and resources needed to find stable employment for as many of our students as possible. It's helping our students build a future for themselves long after they graduate and leave the Mission.

For students interested in running their own business, our Career Services Department helped them apply for the Microenterprise Program at Pepperdine University. The program helps entrepreneur-minded students with business financing, budgeting and going step-by-step through the process of creating a business plan.

“The Career Services Department and Microenterprise Program have complemented each other from both sides of the aisle as an employer and an employee's perspective,” says Steven Schultze, Vice President of Program at the Mission. “This partnership is a catalyst to utilize the gifts and talents of our students and fulfill their dreams.”

The Career Services Department and all that it offers is made possible by generous friends and supporters just like you. **Thank you for giving our students the tools they need to find work and provide a lifetime of hope!**

## Make this a Summer of Hope in Los Angeles

While many of us are celebrating the start of summer, people living on the streets of Skid Row know they are entering a dangerous time of year.

Soaring temperatures increase the risk of dehydration and heatstroke. Extreme heat also spoils the food in garbage cans faster, increasing their risk for food poisoning.

Living on Skid Row can seem hopeless for hurting neighbors—but you can turn this into a Summer of Hope. With your support today, you help provide a place where people on the streets can get clean, cool drinking water and nutritious meals. We want to reach as many people in need as possible this summer, but we can't do that without your help today.

Ivery knows all about life on the streets in the summer.

“Walking down the sidewalks, and not having bathed in 2-3 months, you don't even smell yourself, you just sweat. Your body is all dehydrated,” Ivery says. “And then you have to think about what store you haven't been kicked out of where you can get something to drink.”

Just \$2.03 provides meals, care and hope to someone in need living on the streets of Skid Row. God bless you for your generosity!



Bring a Summer of Hope to Skid Row—starting at just \$2.03. Give today!

## Finding hope and a new direction



I came to the Anne Douglas Center in June 2016, after my drinking and abandonment issues led me to lose my corporate job and become homeless. I knew I had the potential to live a better life and asked God to help me find a direction that would help me change my life.

I got that answer from God when I attended a presentation on the ADC. About a month later, I entered the program.

The ADC has not only given me a sense of hope but has also challenged me to think critically. It's given me the tools to build a relationship with God and the additional resources to help further my recovery. I'm hoping to further my education and get my Master of Divinity degree, to help others from a Biblical perspective and mentor those that have been through similar experiences.

I am forever grateful to be given the help I needed at the ADC, and **I would like to thank the donors** for allowing God to direct them to the Los Angeles Mission to give and make all of it possible. Thank you.

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~LATOYA RUCKER  
ANNE DOUGLAS CENTER STUDENT