

Generous Friends,
FYI... Upcoming Events

7/30 Angeleno's 2017 Live & Dine L.A.
Sunday, July 30th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows
For more information, please visit livedinela.eventbrite.com

8/5 & 9/9 Volunteer Orientation
If you'd like to volunteer at the Mission, it's important for you to attend an orientation session. To register for the next orientation, please visit us LosAngelesmission.org/act

8/26 End of Summer Art and Education Fair
Join us for a fun-filled day! We will be providing a nourishing meal and much-needed backpacks filled with school supplies for over one thousand grateful kids.

11/9 Legacy of Vision Gala
Save the date! Please join us for the Los Angeles Mission's Annual Gala at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, the event begins at 5:30 p.m.
For information on more upcoming events at the Los Angeles Mission, please call (213) 629-1227 ext. 400.

Planned Giving
Impact the Next Generation in 2 Questions

Do you ever feel like you hardly recognize our world anymore? Americans who lived through the Great Depression knew what it felt like to sacrifice, live frugally, and appreciate even the simplest luxuries. These individuals were called "The Greatest Generation" for their character, patriotism and work ethic — values becoming rare to find. The good news is no matter how the trends turn, we can take hope in knowing their values haven't disappeared — they just need to be shared.

Here are two questions to ask yourself:

1. What values do I want to pass along?

What makes your heart beat? You can help build a framework for what really matters simply by sharing the passions and beliefs you hold most dear.

2. How can I best share my values?

Communicating your values can be as simple as candid conversation over a cup of coffee, or a hand-written letter. Many Christians are choosing to create or update their Will so it aligns with their values — taking care of loved ones first and then including a gift to support a ministry they care about like Los Angeles Mission. This is a creative way to share values and change lives.

You can positively impact the next generation simply by sharing from your heart.

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING LOS ANGELES MISSION IN YOUR WILL

- ☐ I would like information about creating or updating my Will, Trust, or Estate Plan.
☐ I have already included Los Angeles Mission in my Will, Trust, or Estate Plan.

Name _____

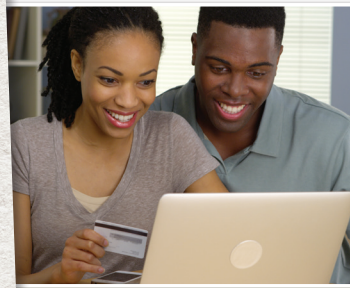
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Reply with the enclosed envelope or contact Randy Hess at (213) 629-1227 ext. 357 or rhess@lamission.net Go to www.christianwill.org/lamission to bless your family with a God-honoring Will.



THE GIFT THAT
KEEPS GIVING



Have you considered the gift that keeps giving? July is a special time to make your gift go even further to help our friends and neighbors living on Skid Row. Our *Meals-a-Month* program is an easy and hassle-free way to support the Mission each month. When you become a *Meals-a-Month* donor, you help us provide meals, holistic care, and our life-changing programs and services. And if you make your first gift in July, you will join 3,000 other committed donors reach even more people in need in our community on a monthly basis!

It's easy to sign up—visit us online at losangelesmission.org/give.
If you prefer, call Nuria Mora at (213) 629-1227, ext. 334.

Thank you!



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.

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Encouraging hearts...
celebrating recovery



"Generous Friends,
I am no longer
alone in my
struggles."

Daniel Rodriguez, Jr.

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From the Heart of Herb Smith

Thank you for planting seeds of hope

Dear Generous Friends,

I hope you enjoy our newsletter in its new format. Each issue will remind you we are all about meeting the physical, spiritual, mental, and social needs of those who come through our doors. Daniel, whose story you're now reading, is a prime example of just that. God is transforming Daniel's behavior, and he is now blessed with a sober mind. Once blinded to the splendor of God's creation, he now sees life in living color. More and more of our students tell us they are seeing the majesty of nature for the first time in their lives.

I trust you and I will stay in contact in the days ahead. If you have a question or comment about the Mission's work, please send that to info@lamission.net. Thank you for helping us plant seeds of hope in the hearts of our students, so that the ripple effect of God's grace and mercy may continue for the rest of their lives.

God bless you,

Herb Smith

Herb Smith
President/CEO



THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY ...Helping students realize their full potential

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (CSOPP) provides Mission students with comprehensive intakes, individual therapy, group therapy, and psychological testing. Drs. Lydiana Garcia and Terry Masi say, "The Los Angeles Mission is unique because of its focus on Christian healing and values, the role of the Chaplains as mentors and case managers, the breadth and depth of the services they provide and the complexity of those seeking help and support from the Mission."

We are grateful to have the Chicago School of Professional Psychology as an integral part of the Mission's services as together we meet the needs of those who come to our doors.

Here's what two students say about the program...

I love my CSOPP counselor. She only gives me wonderful advice. I'm making such great progress... like I'm trailblazing with a better understanding about my mental health." ~ Mary

"They've helped me with my family, my relationships, my sobriety and how to integrate back into my workforce and deal with my personal issues." ~ Arnulfo

This program is made possible by your generous support. Thank you.

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, JR.

"The Los Angeles Mission reminds me I am no longer alone in my struggles. I have friends to talk to, and I'm blessed with a Chaplain who mentors me with practical Christian guidance."

When I lived life on my own terms nothing really worked out. I spent too much time doing hard drugs. Only in jail did I begin to reflect on the negative things I'd done to myself and others.

Here at the Los Angeles Mission, not only do I receive food, clothing, and care, but I'm also making major changes in my life. God is transforming my behavior. I have a sober mind. I've now graduated from the Mission's program, did well in my classes, and I can honestly say I am pleased with myself.

I now see the beauty of nature

In the past, I was blinded to the greatness of God's creation because of my use of drugs. Today, I'm aware of the beauty of nature. The sunrises, the trees, the sky, and the fragrance of the flowers all remind me of the wonder of God's handiwork.

I also want to say a kind word to you who give so much of your time and money to keep the Mission's doors open for someone like me. I know you give from a heart of love, and what you give means the world to me. Thank you.

Meals & Care How Your Gifts Help

Through April of 2017



132,896

Meals Served



39,224

Nights Of Shelter



42,708

Clean Showers



42,223

Clothing Distributed
[Pieces]

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

The Anne Douglas Center Continues to Transform Lives



The Anne Douglas Center is a life-transforming experience for many women. Jessica is one of those changed lives..."My gratitude to Mrs. Douglas goes beyond words. This Center is changing my life. I'm not the person I once was. I am also more aware of God's beauty that surrounds me. I have become a more positive, humble and grateful person. Thank you Mrs. Douglas and to everyone who supports the Center."

Anne Douglas
Center for Women
at the Los Angeles Mission

Generous Friends, Did You Know We're Growing Food On Top of the Roof?



Thanks to the generosity of LA Urban Farms, we are using the Mission's rooftop to transform this unused space into an urban oasis. Still in its early stages, this project has the potential to grow healthy food for students at the Mission and for others in need.

These amazing "vertical gardens" need no soil and allow us to use 90% less water than traditional growing methods. This innovative and sustainable technology also lets us grow 10 times more fruits, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers by growing vertically than if we were growing horizontally in the same space.

Wendy Coleman, founder of LA Urban Farms, says "The Los Angeles Mission is such an essential organization in our city, and this is a great opportunity to help provide healthy, local food in abundance for those who need it most."

Your generous support makes all this possible. For as little as \$2.74 a day, fresh veggies will be grown from organic seeds to nourish our friends and neighbors as they get a fresh start on their lives.

A gift of \$1,000 will allow us to purchase a vertical garden.