

UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduation: February 10th
Come celebrate our Fresh Start graduates with us!

Volunteer Orientation: March 4th, 9–11 a.m.
Come join us as a volunteer! To register, please visit us online at LosAngelesMission.org/act

Easter Street Event: April 14th
Easter is around the corner! We'll be celebrating with local children on Good Friday to ensure they have good food, fellowship and fun!



Become a Meals a Month partner today!



Our goal at the Los Angeles Mission is to keep our high-quality services and programs running all year long.

The need is great in our community and continues to grow. But often at this time of year, donations drop, making it challenging to budget for all the programs we provide to those in need.

As a Meals a Month partner, you can help us budget more effectively, because we can count on your generous gift each month. Help us keep our services going through 2017 and beyond. Join us 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!

Meals and care
HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP

NOVEMBER	CALENDAR YTD
38,347	340,799
MEALS SERVED	
9,588	102,940
NIGHTS OF SHELTER	
10,323	113,569
CLEAN SHOWERS	
7,845	99,817
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.

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CREATING A LEGACY: Avoiding potential family landmines

The Australian Army began recruiting dogs to track alongside soldiers during the Vietnam War. Journalist and veteran Peter Haran says he owes his life to one such dog—Caesar. In August 1967, Caesar and Haran were leading a team of men when the dog “suddenly stopped tracking, returned to me and sat on my foot. At that second a mine behind me detonated, seriously wounding five men and almost knocking me out.” After recovering from the shock, “trained engineers walked ahead of me and found a huge, unexploded bomb wired to other mines.”

(Story adapted from “My Dog Saved Me.”)

Today we would never think of going into a minefield unprepared! But over 70 percent of Americans are doing it every single day...by not creating an estate plan.

A will helps you avoid potential landmines like:

- Unexpected cost
- Family stress
- Missed opportunities for blessing family and ministries you care about

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.” (Romans 14:19).

► To request a FREE copy of “How to Avoid a Family ‘Landmine’”

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

Yes, Herb. I want to provide meals and care for women, men and children 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 “How to Avoid a Family ‘Landmine’”

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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!

To give a gift by credit card, please fill out the information below or call (213) 629-1227, ext. 400.

☐ Please charge my gift to my credit card.

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~VICKIE HENDERSON
ANNE DOUGLAS
CENTER GRADUATE



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Hope that lasts a lifetime

My dream started right here in the kitchen at the Los Angeles Mission. But before that happened, I needed help. I battled cocaine addiction for 16 years, and shortly after I arrived here, one of my daughters was murdered.

Read Vickie's story of lifelong transformation on page 2.

Change
a life, impact
a lifetime
Learn more on page 3!



Herb Smith
President/CEO



Dr. Roxanne Jordan
Vice President of the
Anne Douglas Center

25 years of hope and healing

Women were once a small number of the homeless population living on Skid Row. In recent years, that number has exploded, in large part due to a lack of affordable housing and emergency beds for women.

The Anne Douglas Center was the first shelter designed specifically for women on Skid Row. And 25 years later, we are still offering quality, holistic care to get women back on their feet and reunited with their families.

We are so grateful to be celebrating 25 years of changing women's lives in Los Angeles and the incredible vision and generosity Anne Douglas had to make this dream a reality. In this issue of *Crossroads*, you'll see just a few of the programs and services you help provide so that women in our community can build a brighter future for themselves.

Thank you for the impact you are making across Los Angeles to improve the lives of people who need help the most. God bless you!

Did you know?

For the past 25 years, the Anne Douglas Center has helped hundreds of women transform their lives and regain their dignity.



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Hope received, hope given

One day, I went into a maintenance room and laid on the floor, praying for God to change me. I walked out of there and into the kitchen. Vera Brown—one of Anne Douglas' closest friends—was there. She ran a salon in Bel Air and often volunteered at the ADC.

She asked me right there in the kitchen what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I told her I would like to run a salon for the homeless. Then, Vera and actress Beth Broderick paid for me to go to cosmetology school. I couldn't believe it.

I worked in Vera's salon for 7½ years. For the past 15 years, I've run a full-service salon at People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) in Los Angeles. My dream came true.

I have lived on my own for 21 years and never missed a day of rent. I have two daughters who live on their own now, and one is a licensed cosmetologist like me. I've been drug-free for 25 years. None of this would have been possible without the Anne Douglas Center and meeting Vera Brown. This place taught me. It rearranged me. It shaped me into a person who cares about others. They taught me how to live a decent life.

To the donors, it's because of you that I am the person I am. You didn't even know me, but you changed my life.

Every \$2.03 you give provides a meal, holistic care and a way for hurting and homeless people like Vickie to make lasting change in their lives. Please give today!

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ONE OF THE FIRST
ANNE DOUGLAS CENTER
GRADUATES



Vickie Henderson styles
ADC Graduate Dawn Hollins' hair at the Mission salon.

The current staff and students at the Anne Douglas Center.



Continuing the legacy of changing lives

At the Anne Douglas Center, hundreds of lives have been changed. Women have overcome addiction. Reunited with their children. Found stable employment and housing for themselves.

We have been providing holistic care to women for 25 years, and today the need is greater than ever. In fact, according to a 2016 report from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the number of homeless women in Los Angeles has jumped 55 percent since 2013.

It's an alarming increase, as affordable housing is increasingly hard to find in Los Angeles. We want to continue to provide the programs and services that help women living on Skid Row get the care they need. But we can't do that without your support.

For every \$2.03 you give today, you are providing a meal and care to someone who is out of options and out of hope. **With your support, transformational change is possible for our guests and students through our life-skills courses, spiritual guidance, mental health counseling, employment assistance, transitional housing and much more.**

Thank you for generous support, which continues to give us the opportunity to reach people who desperately need a hot meal and the skills needed to start a new future. You make that possible each day—God bless you!

One question—a community changed forever

This year, the Anne Douglas Center celebrates 25 years of changing women's lives in Los Angeles. And it all came about thanks to a simple question.

Anne Douglas happened to be at the Mission when her husband, actor Kirk Douglas, was speaking at an event. She asked, “Where are the women?”

When a Mission staff member pulled back a curtain to reveal only a few bunk beds, Anne Douglas felt compelled to give homeless women a place of their own to recover and put their lives back together.

Today, the Anne Douglas Center is a thriving community with a day center, showers and a computer center. Women can receive hot meals, donated clothing and holistic care that helps them physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Dr. Roxanne Jordan, vice president of the ADC, says it's not just the quality of care that has helped keep the center going, but the loving, supportive community of women.

“For me, everyone involved with the Mission over the past 25 years has contributed to the success of the Anne Douglas Center; however, **the underlying source, focus or impetus for change must be attributed to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas**” Dr. Jordan says. “There are many people who are founders of organizations and even contributed generously in terms of funding, but rarely do they show up year after year. Mrs. Douglas is hands-on, approachable, and warm and endearing to all the women in the program.”

Thank you for helping make 25 years of the Anne Douglas Center possible!

Programs that build a brighter future

It's our mission to provide help, hope and opportunity for all women who come through the doors of the Anne Douglas Center, as well as their children.

We have many quality programs available, like our Mommy and Me classes (dads are welcome too!), that provide basic parenting skills and a sense of community for the parents. Everyone receives a meal, the kids get to do crafts and the parents can “shop” for their families from clothes that have been donated to the Mission.

“I don't think people realize sometimes the importance and power of having somewhere to get a good meal and have good clothing,” says Dr. Roxanne Jordan, vice president of the ADC. “Their children feel good in this community, and their esteem is built up.”

Our art therapy classes give women an alternative way to do counseling that doesn't just heal the logical side of the brain, but the emotional too. To help the women heal physically, we partner with health clinics in our community and also have classes that emphasize the importance of nutrition and fitness.

Thanks to friends like you, we can help heal the mind, body and spirit of every woman who comes through our doors. Thank you!

You can provide meals and care—and create a lifetime of change—for just \$2.03