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You Can Share a Meal and Change a Life This Holiday Season.

A meal at Los Angeles Mission is about so much more than filling empty bellies.

Across our city, thousands of men, women and families are facing **unprecedented hunger and enduring unthinkable hardship** — all while trying to live day and night on the streets of L.A.

Your support today will help provide the thousands of meals we will need to prepare, **but that's not all . . .**

Every meal, served with dignity and compassion, nourishes both body and soul.

As you'll read in this issue, a meal and care can inspire hope and a chance for real change in

the life of someone who has endured life on the streets long enough.

Your support provides more than food for our neighbors who urgently need healing, hope and practical care that changes and transforms lives.

Please rush your gift today knowing it will have TWICE the impact thanks to the Matching Challenge.

Your compassion will make this a memorable holiday season for our neighbors who turn to the Mission for help.



Make 2X the Impact. Your Gift **DOUBLES** Today!

To help meet the demand on our resources during the holidays, a generous group of friends has provided an astounding **\$350,000 Matching Challenge** that will **DOUBLE** the impact of your gift.

BORN INTO AN IMPOSSIBLE LIFESTYLE

You are helping Jennifer heal from her past and have hope for her future.

“I was bought up in a drug house,” Jennifer shares, recalling her intensely painful past. Since the day she was born, she has been exposed to and trapped in a seemingly inescapable cycle of physical and sexual abuse, trauma, rejection and addiction. Her parents were drug dealers and addicts, and by the time she was 10, Jennifer was tasked with taking care of the infants and toddlers of those who came to the house to get high.

Jennifer fondly remembers her grandfather, the one person she felt close to as a child. His passing when she was 11 left her devastated, and she turned to meth in a desperate attempt to ease her heartache. A family member forced her to sell drugs at school, which led to her expulsion. By the time she turned 16, Jennifer ran away with a man who was 33 at the time. She had three children with him, but she was required to sign away her parental rights when the children were very young.

Now 38, Jennifer finally stopped running when she walked through the doors of the Anne Douglas Center



Thanks to you, Jennifer is healing from the inside out.

for Women at Los Angeles Mission. She is very grateful for the chance to get her life on track for the first time. “I’m trying to get my G.E.D. and my driver’s license,” she says. “Having this opportunity to be here in this program really opened my eyes to an abundance of love that I never could have imagined.” And of course, she hopes to eventually see and know her children in the future.

Thank you for being part of Jennifer’s transformation! Your support makes the life-changing programs at the Mission available to those who long to rebuild their lives.

FROM ANGER AND VIOLENCE TO PEACE AND RESTORATION

Thanks to you, Manuel finally has the right path in front of him.

Manuel has spent most of his life emotionally crippled by a deep-rooted sense of abandonment and rejection that began after his mother left him for his grandparents to raise. The bullying and teasing he endured in school, being called an orphan, only fueled his rage and insecurity.

In his late teens, Manuel went to live with his mother, but she was distant and treated him more like a stranger. She forced him to quit school in order to take care of things around the house and work to pay rent. He still hadn’t learned to control his rage, and when he caught a man assaulting his sister, he stabbed the man and went to prison.

Thankfully, Manuel’s journey led him here to the Mission, where he is learning to experience God’s peace and healing. Now, he says, “I don’t have pain.” He’s talked to his family and asked their forgiveness. That step has been very important to him, since he has a child of his own on the way.

“In my life,” he adds, “the solution to everything is God. Not in the time that I want it, but He has the right time to fix my problems.”

Once again, your partnership is key to someone coming off the streets and finding their way to new life in Jesus. Thank you!



Your gift today will double to make real, lasting change in the lives of more neighbors like Jennifer and Manuel. They are living proof of the impact your gift will make for those who still suffer.

A Meaningful Gift That Changes Lives All Year!

Struggling Angelenos are depending on Los Angeles Mission for meals, shelter, clothing and much more. By becoming one of our Meals-A-Month partners today, you can partner with us in a way that meets urgent needs, shares God’s love and changes lives all year long.

To join, visit us at Give.LosAngelesMission.org or call (213) 629-1227 Ext. 334.



ACTION ALERT — DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

This coming holiday season will be demanding, but with your help, we can do it! And, thanks to a \$350,000 Matching Challenge, your gift by September 30 will automatically DOUBLE in impact to reach TWICE as many hurting neighbors this holiday season. **Please rush your Match Gift today.**