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When all seemed hopeless, you paved the way for Jasmine's restoration.

You Made a Big Difference in Jasmine's Recovery Journey

Jasmine now knows that God loves her and has a plan for her life. But arriving to this point has been a long and challenging journey, leading her to Los Angeles Mission — and to caring friends like you.

"I grew up with a lot of instability and not a lot of love," Jasmine says, recalling the domestic violence that plagued her childhood. "And I was ashamed because we were poor, which made me feel lonely and angry. I just didn't feel very good about myself."

In her early teens, Jasmine's family became homeless and ended up bouncing around to different friends' homes. That's when she dropped out of school and turned to alcohol as an escape. In those early days, drinking was just a way "to ease my mind and have fun and not think about being depressed." But in adulthood, alcohol played an increasingly bigger role in Jasmine's life, until she couldn't get through the day without it.



At her lowest point, Jasmine's addiction landed her in jail, and she knew she needed to change. But how?

To Jasmine's surprise, she received a court order to enter our Anne Douglas Center for Women. We welcomed her with compassion, dignity and respect. And through the help of our expert staff, she began to address the deeper, root cause issues of low self-esteem, anger and addiction she had carried for so long.

Jasmine wants you to know she's been attending AA meetings and going to Bible studies and church — and that she's been sober for 14 months. "Thank you for providing a safe and supportive environment," she says. **"Your compassion made a big difference in my journey, and I'm grateful for your help."**

CHALLENGES IN THE NEW YEAR

Families and individuals across Los Angeles are struggling with homelessness, generational poverty, trauma and other crises. Your ongoing generosity in 2026 is critical to help:



Serve thousands of nutritious meals every day.

During the course of this year, we anticipate serving or distributing millions of meals to neighbors facing hunger.



Provide hundreds of beds for our guests each night.

A warm bed is one of the most important steps toward restoration and stabilization.



Distribute clothing as needed.

Clean, untattered clothes help restore dignity and a sense of normalcy to everyday life. Donations of gently used items are deeply appreciated.

“Thank You for What You’ve Done”

You Helped Louis Regain His Sense of Purpose.

Louis was a man with a plan. After landing a job with an aircraft company, he climbed the ladder for 15 years, from an entry-level computer operator up to the assistant to the director of engineering. But there was a darkness in his soul, a deep pain he didn't fully understand, that caused him to drink more and more heavily.

He didn't really understand why his cravings for alcohol were growing. All he knew was that he couldn't stop. In time, Louis would come to find out he was using alcohol as a way to cope with physical abuse he suffered as a child and other trauma of his past.

Sadly, Louis lost the job he loved, then his home. Over the years, he was on and off the streets with nothing but a bicycle, a backpack and the clothes on his back, struggling to get sober and hold down janitorial jobs.

“I kept praying to myself, saying, ‘You’re not meant to live this way.’”

Thankfully, Louis's daughter knew about Los Angeles Mission and convinced him to give us a chance. Through the support of partners like you, he entered our life-changing recovery program, where he learned to deal with his past and work toward a future filled with hope and peace. Louis has since graduated and now has a fulfilling job and a new outlook on life.

“The Mission gave me back a sense of purpose and reminded me that I am somebody. Now, I’m getting closer to God and understanding who He wants me to be.”



“God is the one who loves me. He never fails me.”
— Louis

Real Healing Happens at Home

*Where there's heart,
there's hope*

For men and women rebuilding their lives, Los Angeles Mission is a temporary home. Our guests receive the daily basics like food, shelter and care with dignity and respect. But that's only the beginning. Through the generosity of friends like you, we offer holistic, life-changing care wrapped in the compassion that's so desperately needed for long-term success.

Housing

Anne Douglas Center for Women
Residential Rehabilitation
FreshStart
Bridge Housing
Emergency Housing

Health

Mental Health Recovery Dental & Medical Outreach

Welcome Home:



Preparation for Life

Legal Clinic LifeStart Career Fair January 8, 2014

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LifeStart

Career Fair

Mommy & Me

Crossroads To Success

Memory & Me Crossroads To Success

Real-life change begins with the comprehensive healing services you help provide. Please help give men, women and children more than just a roof — give them a place to call home.

Help Transform Lives in 2026

Please return the enclosed reply form with your gift to provide meals, care and life-changing services for people in urgent need of help. Your generosity will be such an encouragement to neighbors who are working to break the cycle of homelessness. Thank you!



The challenge to provide meals, shelter and care to children, families and individuals experiencing homelessness is growing by the day. One of the best ways to help Los Angeles Mission meet that need is by becoming a Meals-A-Month partner. Monthly donors provide a steady stream of support that helps us budget and plan more efficiently, stretching every dollar a little further.

To sign up online, visit us at Give.LosAngelesMission.org. Or call (213) 629-1227 Ext. 334 to join by phone.