

THE BEACON



Stories of light and transformation
from the Las Vegas Rescue Mission

EASTER EDITION

“This Place Saved My Life”

Your support and God’s love transformed Owen’s life

Owen’s battle with addiction began when he was just a young teenager. As it took over, he began stealing from friends and family.

“I was burning bridges left and right,” he says. “I broke into friends’ houses. I stole from my mom. It didn’t matter who you were — I would burn a bridge to get a high in a heartbeat and not even worry about the repercussions.”

It wasn’t long before he wound up homeless, living on the streets of Las Vegas. Sometimes, he even slept out in the desert. Fortunately, he found the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, and thanks to friends like you, he found the support he needed to finally make a change in his life.

“I came in just for the night, but one of the residents who was in the treatment program at the time talked to me,” Owen says. “He said, ‘You need to talk to someone in the morning. It’ll benefit you.’”

And that’s what he did. Owen entered the recovery program, and little by little, he learned about God’s love



To friends like you who support the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Owen says, “Thank you for your faith in what we do.”

and the skills he needed to change.

Today, Owen’s life is completely transformed. He’s still at the Mission, but now, he’s an employee.

“This place saved my life,” Owen says. “Thank you for giving me my life.”

And thank you for helping others like Owen in their time of need this Easter. With your support, you’re showing people the power of God’s love and making real transformations possible. ✝

***Want to attend
a service at the
Mission?***

You’re always welcome. The services below are open to the public, so come in and feel the power of God’s love!

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.





A NOTE FROM THE CEO

"The Lord will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

— Psalm 121:7-8

Easter is a special and beautiful reminder of just how amazing God is to us. He never waivers, with his love and direction being the strength that binds us all together. We are blessed to receive hundreds of beautiful individuals that come to us for a sense of family and a warm meal. Some may no longer have anyone to offer them loving arms.

This year we will be seeing more individuals and families, as the Las Vegas City Council has passed an ordinance that made it illegal to sit, sleep or camp on a public right of way in parts of the Downtown area — if there are open beds at homeless shelters. The problem is we are at capacity daily and the need has now grown 80 percent. We need your prayers and help in being able to assist more people now than ever before.

You have brought HOPE into the lives of so many who have found their way to us and, with your continued help, we can watch their souls transform. Through their connection with others, they have found hope.

Thank you for your continued support and allowing us to care for so many. Have a blessed and loving Easter.

Sincerely,

Heather Engle

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CEO



Helping People Is a Priority

Volunteers like Farolyn and friends like you are transforming lives this Easter. Thank you!

Growing up, volunteering was just a part of life for Farolyn. "My parents sort of instilled it in me," she says.

"It's so good to work and just give back and not expect anything," she says.

Recently, she began volunteering to serve lunch every Wednesday at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission and says that it's been a rewarding experience. "I think helping people for me is a priority," Farolyn says. "That's love in action. I think it helps us — the volunteers — to just love deeper, to care about people deeper. I'm grateful to be here."

And she encourages others to get involved as well. "It's fun," she says. "Just the small interactions you have with people in the line, it's pleasant. People are grateful."

Like Farolyn, friends like you are making everything we do at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission possible. Thank you for caring about people who are hungry and hurting this Easter. †

Volunteers Needed!

There's always a need for volunteers, during the Easter season or at any time of year. If you would like to get involved, please visit lvrescuemission.volunteerhub.com for more information.

Upcoming Events:

EASTER COMMUNITY MEAL - Friday, April 10 (3 p.m. — 6 p.m.)

A Beloved Child of God in Recovery

You gave Boston the chance at a renewed life

Boston doesn't consider himself an addict. He calls himself "a beloved child of God who's in recovery."

When Boston first moved to Las Vegas about 26 years ago, things were going well. But when he lost his job, he got sucked into a side of Las Vegas he had never seen before.

For the next few years, his life was a cycle of drugs and prison. Eventually, Boston decided he needed to make a real change in his life. "I was basically sick and tired of being sick and tired," he says. "I got tired of going to prison and just not being an upright individual in society."

"God is leading me. I just take it one day at a time."

That's when he came to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. Through the recovery program, Boston got to



With your support, people like Boston can find God's love and transform their lives.

the root of his addiction and learned to put God first — and now his life has completely transformed.

"God is leading me," he says. "I just take it one day at a time."

Today, Boston works at the Mission's Thrift Store, where he helps others who are in need.

Boston is grateful for the Las Vegas Rescue Mission and people like you who make everything possible. Thank you for helping to transform lives, like Boston's, through your support this Easter. †

Another Way to Help

Whether it's kitchen supplies, furniture, clothing or TV sets, people in our community who need a little extra help can come to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission Thrift Store for whatever they need. Even better, all proceeds from the Thrift Store are used to help even more people in need throughout Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. To learn more about the Thrift Store, visit vegasrescue.org/thrift-store

Location:

480 W. Bonanza Road
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Store Hours:

Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



From Homeless to Hopeful

Markeya and her son found the support they needed at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, thanks to you!

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Markeya moved to Las Vegas to make a name for herself.

But then a series of unfortunate circumstances began to make things difficult for her. She worked through it all, but the breaking point was when the property she was renting became foreclosed, and she and her young son were forced to leave their home.

With her family living across the country and her friends living a lifestyle she didn't want for her son, Markeya had nowhere to go.

"It was devastating," she says. "I was just overwhelmed and scared. I just wanted God back into my life."

Fortunately, Markeya came to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. Thanks to the support of friends like you, not only are their needs being met — everything from food to clothes to toiletries — but they also found God's love and hope for the future.

"Our needs are being met in every way. I'm eternally grateful and so humbled," she says. "It's taken away a lot of fears and has helped me as an individual to maintain my dignity."

Markeya says that one day she'd like to give back to the Mission, but for now, she's trying to help in any way she can while she's staying here — whether it's helping with the kids, cleaning or doing paperwork.

Thank you for giving people like Markeya the support and encouragement they need to transform their lives this Easter.

▼ Please cut off the reply form below, and return with your gift. ▼

I WANT TO TRANSFORM LIVES THIS EASTER



480 West Bonanza Rd.
Las Vegas, NV
89106-3227

Yes! I want to help people in Las Vegas and Southern Nevada who are experiencing homelessness and hunger this Easter.

Enclosed is my gift of:

- ☐ \$17.36 to provide 8 meals and care this Easter.
- ☐ \$28.21 to provide 13 meals and care this Easter.
- ☐ \$56.42 to provide 26 meals and care this Easter.
- ☐ \$_____ to provide care and as many meals as possible.
- ☐ I'd like to give monthly. My first gift of \$_____ is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

To give online, visit vegasrescue.org

Thank you! Please make your check payable to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission.