



# VICTOR VALLEY Rescue Mission

An Outreach ministry of



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Changing Lives for Good

## The Mission Makes a Difference

As the holidays approach, the most challenging thing on many minds is, "Where am I going to spend them and how much weight am I going to gain?"

For most of our guests, the thoughts are very different. But because of your generosity, the rescue mission has been able to make a real difference in so many lives. Together we can set new records in the number of families and friends we serve this year. Thanks for all you do each and every day. Here are just a few of our friends who depend on you and the mission to be there for them again this year.

*Fred*

*"Since my unemployment, the mission has helped me with my daily living; all my basic needs are being met. I am looking forward to the holidays, but would like to be able to provide more for my family. Please continue to keep doing what you're doing."*

*LaShea & Estella*



*"We are looking forward to the holidays: even if we have to walk everywhere in the cold. The mission helps us so much already, giving us food, clothing, toys and doing crafts for the kids; the only thing we really need are bus passes."*

*Judy*



*"The mission helps us get through the tough times, especially during the holidays. Many places that give out food run out so quickly. Please continue to give out food; this is what helps us the most when there is a food shortage. You have the nicest people helping here, seems like I've known them for years."*

## Volunteers Needed...

Between now and the end of the year we need the loving assistance of hundreds of volunteers. Can you give a few hours that will not only touch the heart of a homeless, hungry, and desperately needy man, woman, or child, but will also enrich your life?



Please call the mission today to sign up for these upcoming events:

- Food, Clothing, or Toy Drives
- Great Thanksgiving Banquet
- Emergency Food Box Giveaways
- Christmas Banquet & Celebration
- *And More...*

Call Veronica at (760) 955-6644 or email her at [vt rujillo@rescuemission.org](mailto:vt rujillo@rescuemission.org).

## From the Director

Dear Friends,

“Food insecurity” is a phrase currently being used by the media to describe hunger. When I first started hearing this term, I would not use it myself, because I thought the term “hunger” spoke to the situation more clearly. But, as I continue to see the despair of people who are gripped by anxiety and fear when they think about their next meal—people who stuff pockets and purses with food from our dining room and hoard day-old bread from our pantry—I realize “insecurity” may best describe how they feel.

Fortunately, this term has little meaning for most of us,

because our lives are filled with so much. But consider the insecurity of having no food in your pantry and no money in your wallet; of not knowing when you ate your last meal or where your next one will come from; of feeling helpless



Dinner Guests enjoying your generosity.

when your children say they're hungry.

This Holiday season, many hungry men, women, and children will turn to us for food, some for the first time. Through your gifts of food items, financial support, and volunteer outreach, we will begin to relieve their insecurity about where their next meal will come from, because they know they can count on us in their time of greatest need.

Thank you for helping us help those people who understand all too clearly the effects of hunger.

Blessings,

*Ron Wilson*

## Help Us Fill Their Plates

Each year many churches, businesses, and individuals partner with us in our Canned Food Drive. Last year was record-setting as we collected truckloads of nonperishable food. The Canned Food Drive is a key event for us each fall as it prepares us for the busy season of winter and holidays, meeting so many needs for the less fortunate in our city. Please consider a family or neighborhood food drive; contact your church, workplace, or school and ask them to join in as an organization.

We will supply everything you need – boxes, barrels, signs, etc.! You just supply the people. We will be delivering collection containers during October and collecting food throughout December. Please call Ron or Veronica at (760) 955-6644 or e-mail [vrtrujillo@erescuemission.org](mailto:vrtrujillo@erescuemission.org) if you have questions or to



order your collection supplies. It is going to be another record-breaking year of serving our community!

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