

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Volunteer Orientation:

**April 1st, 9-11 a.m.**  
Come join us as a volunteer!  
To register, please visit us online at [LosAngelesMission.org/act](http://LosAngelesMission.org/act)

## Easter Street Event: April 14th

Easter is around the corner! On Good Friday we will provide fellowship and fun to our neighbors in need on Skid Row!



## CREATING A LEGACY: The difference between fairness and equality

Through a common real estate practice in France, Andre-Francois Raffray agreed to pay \$500/month to Jeanne Calment—then 90 years old—until her death, in order to secure eventual ownership of her apartment. Unfortunately for Raffray, Ms. Calment outlived him and became the oldest living person at 122! In the end, Raffray paid \$184,000 for an apartment he never lived in. Would you say Raffray was simply a victim of circumstances, or fairness? It's all about perspective.

Life's full of big "fairness" questions like—How should I divide my estate? Should I treat all of my children the same? In *Splitting Heirs*, author Ron Blue advises readers to determine the next steward of God's wealth by loving them unconditionally, but treating them uniquely.

Begin by asking:

- Are they equipped?
- Do some have more genuine needs than others?
- What are their differences?
- Is there a way I can bless my loved ones and the ministries I care about like the Los Angeles Mission in my estate plan?

We would like to help you find answers to these tough questions. Contact us today.

▶ To request a FREE copy of "Finding Answers for Life's Toughest Questions"

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](mailto:rhess@lamission.net)
3. Or, bless your family today with a God-honoring will at [www.christianwill.org/lamission](http://www.christianwill.org/lamission)

## Provide more meals this Easter for families in need!

This Easter season, the need in our community continues to grow. We want to provide meals for every person in need who comes through our doors and ensure our high-quality programs and services continue running to help as many people as possible.



One way we can budget effectively to provide our services year-round is through our Meals a Month program. You can join today in time for Easter and have a huge impact on the hurting and homeless living on Skid Row.

We hope you'll prayerfully consider becoming a Meals a Month partner today. Help us make difference in our community.

▶ It's easy to sign up—fill out the form below, or visit us online at [LosAngelesMission.org/give](http://LosAngelesMission.org/give). If you prefer, call Nuria Mora at (213) 629-1227, ext. 334. Thank you!

## Meals and care HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP

DECEMBER	CALENDAR YTD
34,832	375,631
MEALS SERVED	
9,264	112,204
NIGHTS OF SHELTER	
10,189	123,758
CLEAN SHOWERS	
11,815	111,632
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.

### STAY CONNECTED

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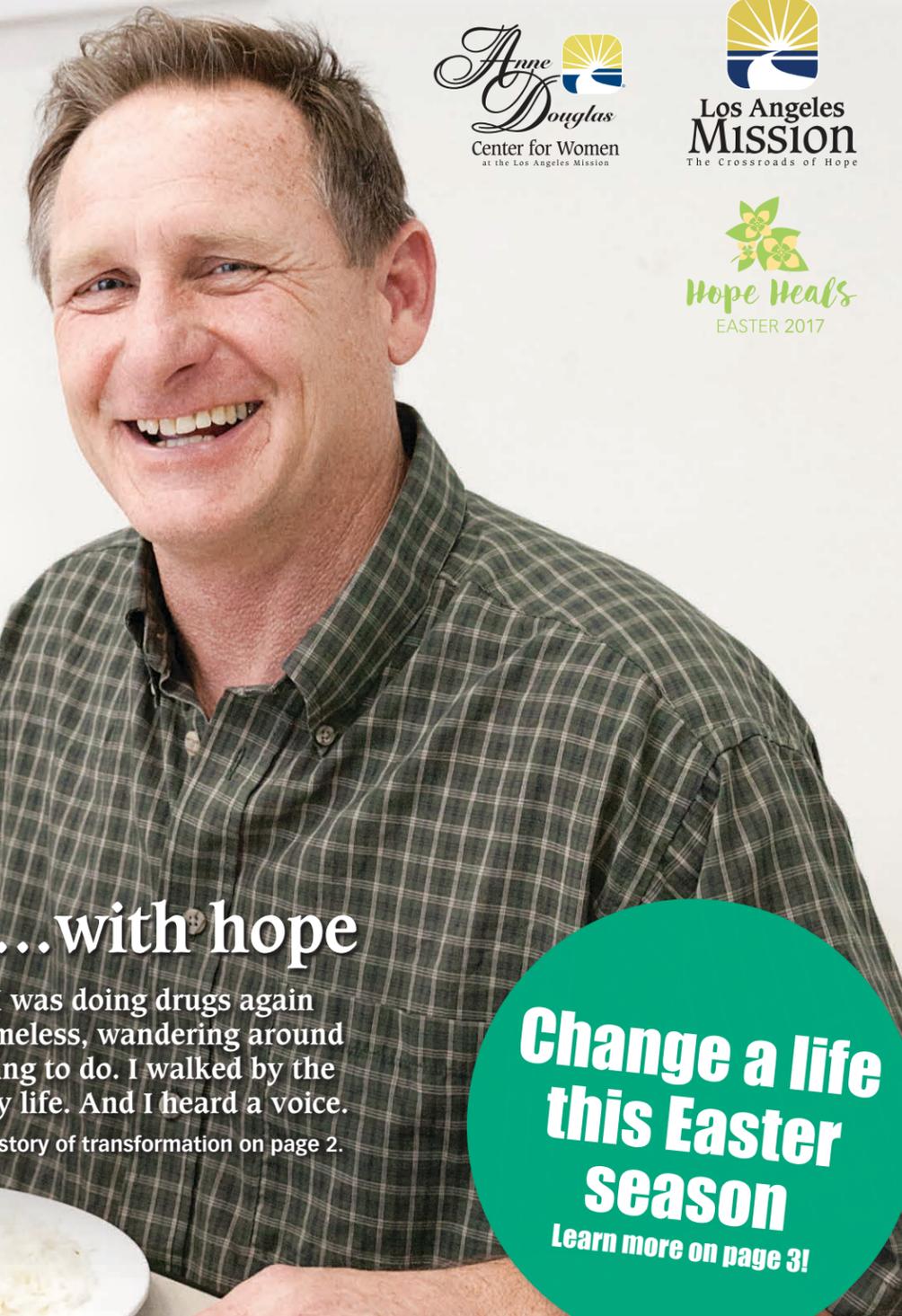
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~MARTIN TRAIL, MISSION GRADUATE



## Filling a hole...with hope

Before I came to the Mission, I was doing drugs again and had lost my job. I was homeless, wandering around and wondering what I was going to do. I walked by the Mission for the first time in my life. And I heard a voice.

Read Martin's story of transformation on page 2.

Change a life this Easter season  
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## Yes, Herb. I want to provide meals, care and hope this Easter season to hurting and hungry neighbors living on Skid Row.

I've enclosed:  \$25  \$50  \$150  \$\_\_\_\_\_

I've enclosed an additional gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to fill Easter baskets for children living on Skid Row.

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 "Finding Answers for Life's Toughest Questions"

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ @ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

Giving Options:

- One-time gift  Monthly gift  
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VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CID/CVV \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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# A life transformed

I heard the voice say, “Come inside and I’ll fill that hole in your heart.” So I walked into the Mission. I knew it was God talking to me because I was trying to fill that hole in my life with relationships, drugs and wild living—and nothing was doing it.

**I knew for sure what I was missing was God in my life. I’ve been in places where I had no business being, and God protected me. I have a lot of wreckage I need to work out, but God will be there with me to help me.**

“There’s something I have now that I never had before: a conscience. And that’s the Holy Spirit.”

~MARTIN TRAIL  
MISSION GRADUATE

That first meal when I came in was so filling. It was nice to just sit with people and have a little bit of camaraderie. I knew from the first meal and the first shower that I was being looked out for.

I had been in and out of prison and off and on drugs for about 40 years. I have a lot of wreckage I need to work out, but God will be there with me to help me. **But the Mission has transformed my life.**

There’s something I have now that I never had before: a conscience. And that’s the Holy Spirit. Easter means more to me since working the Easter Street Event here. Easter softened my heart to others. I wanted to give back to others what I have been given.

I graduated in February and am planning to work toward being a counselor to people who are in the same situation I was. **To the donors, thank you for everything. The food, the showers, the Bible study and the staff—you have saved my life.**

**Just \$2.03 provides meals and the holistic care needed to start a new life this Easter. Give today!**



Martin Trail (right) has found a new purpose in life with the help of mentor and Mission Chaplain Michael Nooner (left).

## A message filled with hope and love

At the Los Angeles Mission, we want to serve others in the way that Jesus did—by providing help, hope and opportunities that can change lives for the better.

Our Easter Street Event on April 14th strives to do all that in blessing the lives of families living on Skid Row. On that day, we can show our hurting and hungry neighbors that Jesus loves them and that the Mission is here to help in their time of need.

The Easter message brings hope and a time to celebrate what Christ’s resurrection means in our lives. Our profile on recent graduate Martin Trail shows the power this message can have. Martin said he didn’t know much about God before coming to the Mission, and now, he sees life in a whole new way. Read his incredible story of transformation on this page.

We want to wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter season. Thank you for all you do to bring hope to those who need it most. God bless you!

### Did you know?

The Mission will provide thousands of meals this Easter season thanks to the generosity of so many just like you. Thank you for bringing hope and healing this Easter season!



## Change a life this Easter season



“I came to the Los Angeles Mission because I had lost everything...”

~CHRISTIAN LOFLAND  
MISSION GRADUATE

Living on the streets of Skid Row can make people feel alone and hopeless—as if they are nothing.

That’s how Christian felt when he was homeless. “I came to the Los Angeles Mission because I had lost everything,” he says. “I was homeless...and adrift in life.”

We want our hungry and hurting neighbors to know that it’s never too late to start a new life. We want to show that through Christ’s love, hope and healing are possible.

It all starts with that first meal. For every \$2.03 you give today, you are providing a meal and care to someone in need this Easter season. 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.

Your generous support will have an impact on hurting individuals and families in our community. Help us provide the physical, mental and spiritual nourishment they need to build a brighter future. Thank you for all you do!

## Bring health and hope to Skid Row

We’re celebrating the Easter message of hope and love with our Skid Row community on Good Friday, April 14th, and we’d love for you to join us! It’s a day where we get to bless about 2,500 guests with a delicious meal, Easter baskets for children and many fun activities throughout the day.

This year’s event is sponsored by Los Angeles Christian Health Centers, who have been faithful partners of the Mission. LACHC provides financial support for one of our largest events of the year. Their volunteers wash the feet of our guests to mirror the selfless and humble example of Christ. They will also give foot-care packages to any guests attending the Easter Street Event.

“Painful foot conditions are all too common in our homeless community, but the simple procedures we provide during the event can allow our guests to leave pain-free,” says Dr. Lisa Abdishoo, President and CEO of LACHC. “Los Angeles Christian Health Centers is proud to co-sponsor this event with the Los Angeles Mission.”

If you’d like to make an impact on this special day, read the sidebar for more information. God bless you this Easter season!



**Easter meals and care—starting at just \$2.03. Give today!**

## Supporting parents

Bringing families together is an important focus at the Mission, especially for the Anne Douglas Center.

Our Mommy and Me class on Saturday mornings not only helps bring families together, but helps build community for parents and families living in the Skid Row community.

The Mommy and Me program has been a part of the ADC since 2005. Former ADC Chef Gayla Love, who passed away in 2016, started the program after seeing a need to help parents in the community. We can provide instruction in basic parenting skills—moms and dads are welcome to participate—and the kids get to do fun crafts. Parents also have the opportunity to “shop” for nice clothing that has been donated to the Mission.

“The parents are able to shop freely for their children without worrying about the cost for anything,” says Lauren Reed, Operations Supervisor at the Mission.

**Your support and generosity make programs like Mommy and Me possible. Thank you for helping us provide a way to bless parents and families living on Skid Row!**



## Make an impact this Easter

For every \$10 you give, you can provide all the Easter goodies to fill one child’s Easter basket. Please send your gift by April 12th so we can fill as many baskets as possible and distribute them at our Easter Street Event. This is such a memorable day for the children living on Skid Row—please consider blessing their Easter celebration in this way. Thank you!



In honor of the late Gayla Love