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A NEW DAWN



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The love *YOU* share

gives neighbors like
Skyler hope for a
better life...





A meal for \$2.22 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from DARLA BURKETT

Thank you for **REMEMBERING** your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever..

Between work, family and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the men, women and children in the Coachella Valley who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

Darla Burkett
Executive Director

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- John 13:34b-35

We Turn Cars Into Care



That car, truck, boat or other vehicle that's taking up space in your garage, yard or driveway could be providing life-changing care for hungry, homeless men, women and children through Coachella Valley Rescue Mission Vehicle Donation!

It's easy to donate your vehicle to the Mission:

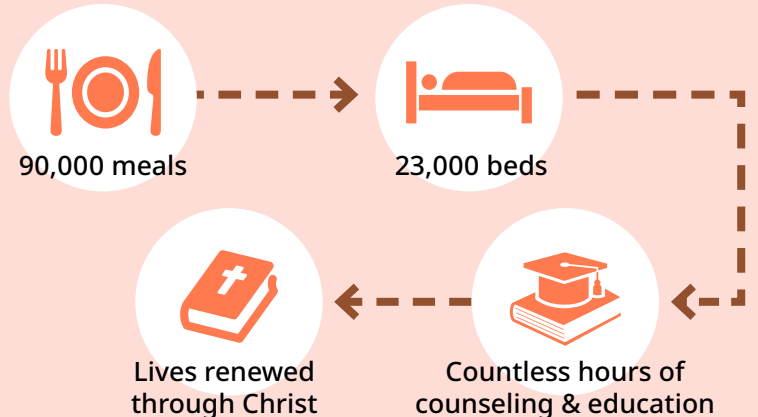
- **Free Pick-Up** from your home or office, running or not.
- **A Great Tax-Deduction** for the value of your vehicle.
- **Fast and Easy** – no paperwork or registration necessary.

We do it all! Contact Randy Burke at **(760) 347-3512, ext. 227** or **rburke@cvrvm.org** and your car will be picked up by a professional towing company at your convenience.

To learn more, visit **CVRM.org/ways-to-give/vehicle-donations.**

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!

Give right now! CVRM.org



“I’ve found my purpose and **God’s will for my life!**”



As a teenager, Skyler felt socially awkward, and his family life was fractured and stressful. “I started doing illicit substances when I was 13. I wanted to feel cool, and I thought they would help me chill out.”

At 15, his dad caught him using illicit substances, but instead of punishing Skyler, he joined him. “I didn’t have a real father figure in my life. He didn’t reprimand my behavior, and our actions cut us off from the rest of my family.”

As he fell deeper into addiction, he pulled further away from the people who loved him. “I couldn’t take the guilt and remorse of seeing my mom and brother’s disappointment.” He wound up homeless and he couldn’t hold down a regular job.

Skyler knew that Coachella Valley Rescue Mission could help him escape his addiction, but he needed help taking the step. “I told my mom, ‘Don’t give me money. Drive me there. Drop me off at the doors and you’ll see a change because I know they can help.’”

At the Mission, Skyler progressed from the Gateway Program to New Life as soon as possible – he was committed to changing. “People told me I would wind up back on the streets, but I knew that

with Jesus in my life, I could make it.”

Finding brotherhood with fellow Mission clients, Skyler began healing from the deep pain and loneliness that had driven his addiction. “I’ve strengthened my bond with Jesus Christ, and the accountability and the community... it lifts me up when I’m down.”

“I was so lost and confused, I had no purpose in my life.”

Skyler now has strength for his future because of your heart of compassion for him and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God’s love, he has a path forward in life. “The Mission has helped me heal and brought my family back into my life. My parents are healthy and proud of me. I see myself as an actual creation of God. I know He’s going to achieve great things in my life.”

Keep neighbors SAFE this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

But our neighbors out on the street have no relief. They're at risk of heat stroke, dehydration or even death – especially those who are most vulnerable, like seniors or families with children.

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$50.50 provides meals and a night of safe shelter for a man, woman or child in need – along with other services like these!



**Cool water to drink
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers
& safe shelter**



**Clean clothes & socks
(Socks are our most
requested item!)**



Sunscreen & hygiene items

Because of your support, hurting neighbors have everything they need to recover and rebuild at the Mission – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!

To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit [CVRM.org/needslist](https://www.cvr.org/needslist) or scan here!



You're allowing kids to dream again

Childhood is a time of innocence... unfettered hopes and dreams. A healthy childhood is foundational for overall development – physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Yet children experiencing homelessness are robbed of this time. Without the stability of a safe home, they lose confidence in themselves and lose hope for their future.



Your support of Coachella Valley Rescue Mission helps protect our youngest, most vulnerable clients by providing a safe, nurturing environment for children to learn, grow and thrive. Thanks to friends like you, we provide them with medical care, academic tutoring and social and spiritual encouragement – along with age-appropriate counseling for those recovering from past trauma.

Thank you for caring for children in our community whose futures are at risk. Together, we're providing child-focused care that restores their innocence and reignites their dreams.



One of the best ways we can help children is by helping their parents! Find out more about how we support families at [CVRM.org](https://www.cvr.org).

