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# HOPE

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# Rising

## Love Never Gives Up

When we first met Juan, he was malnourished and on the verge of starving. At 6'1" and 150 pounds, he looked skeletal.

### 10 Years on the Streets

Juan had been battling a fierce addiction for years, the last 10 of which he'd been homeless. The only way he survived the summer was by getting ice from gas stations and dumping chilled water over his head and body.

*"When you smoke meth, your body temperature rises," he says.*

Life was miserable except for one bright spot. A flicker of hope – the Phoenix Rescue Mission's Street Outreach Team.

Multiple times a week, like clockwork, members of our team brought Juan water and told him about the Mission's programs. Grateful for the water, Juan brushed off any additional help. But he would sit and talk with the team.

For months, the team kept showing up, bringing Juan water and the hope of new life.

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After ten years of barely surviving on the streets, the only reason Juan is still alive is because people like you didn't give up on him. Because of your support, we didn't have to give up on him, either.

*"The Mission never gave up on me. They kept coming back." – Juan*



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## The Breaking Point

Eventually, Juan had had enough. Tired of living on the streets, being a slave to drugs, and getting in trouble with the cops, he thought of the Mission and the people who had so consistently shown him love.

*"They never gave up on me,"* Juan says.

Juan called and said he was ready for help. We picked him up and brought him back to the Mission where he joined our recovery program.

## Full Circle

Now, over a year sober, Juan has a strong relationship with Jesus, a deep gratitude for donors, and is living a new life . . . except for one thing. Juan still spends a lot of time on the streets, but now he does it as one of our Street Outreach Team members!

In just his first three weeks on the job, Juan and his partner helped 8 people move back in with family, and rescued 15 people, who went on to join the recovery program.


*"God did this for me,"* Juan says. *"So I'm just doing His work."*

No matter how long it takes, Juan says he'll keep showing up and loving his neighbors with the same love that changed his life.

*"I'm not going to give up on those people,"* he says.

Neither will we, Juan.

**Together, we'll show up for as long as it takes.**



*"I just want to give back now,"* Juan says. *"I want to be that same type of mentor that they were with me."*



# This Thanksgiving, We're Grateful for YOU!

Our guests and graduates are discovering new things to be thankful for every day. On the top of the list is you!



*"I owe the donors a debt that I can never repay. . . They've given myself and my mom, our whole family, a second chance at life." — Trina*



*"When you don't have a home or somewhere to go to, or have water and a bed, you can't process your trauma . . . That's why I'm so grateful for the Mission providing all those little things, because they're actually really big." — Mark*



*"Because of you, recovery is possible." — Neetiva*



# More Rescues Than Ever Before!

The year isn't over yet, but already we've hit an incredible milestone that you can be proud of.

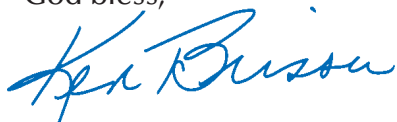
Because of your support this past year, we were able to rescue 56% more people from the streets.

- ▶ Two years ago you helped rescue 817 people from the streets.
- ▶ Last year, you helped 1,217!
- ▶ That's 454 more people given a chance to come home.

And even though Code:Red is over, we're not stopping. Our Street Outreach Team will keep showing up so that when people like Juan are ready, we can help them change their lives.

You make that possible!

God bless,



Ken Brissa  
Chief Executive Officer



# Prayer Requests

- Pray for Juan. He's saving up money so he can buy a car and go visit his daughter. Pray that he gets a reliable car for a good price and that his reunion with his daughter goes well!
- Pray for all the men, women, and children who will be celebrating Thanksgiving at the Mission. Pray that they will truly be able to celebrate – for many it will be the first time in years!
- Pray for our Street Outreach Team as they make connections, build relationships, and keep showing up, day after day.
- Pray that our homeless neighbors will feel loved by our outreach efforts and trust us enough to take the next step towards changing their lives.



## Partner Spotlight: Arizona Cardinals



*Cardinals owner, Michael Bidwill, and his sister, Nicole, make it a point to come to the Mission every year to help the players serve Thanksgiving meals.*

Most people wouldn't expect to see football players at a Rescue Mission, but we couldn't imagine Thanksgiving without them!

Every year, members of the Arizona Cardinals set aside time to come to the Mission and serve guests in our program an amazing Thanksgiving dinner.

*"I couldn't imagine a better place to be," team owner, Michael Bidwill, says. "We're back here every year."*

*"It feels really good, man, just to be able to give back to the families," L.J. Collier, defensive lineman, says. "I love it."*

Our guests love it, too – maybe even more than the turkey.

*"Thanksgiving was great because I met the Cardinals players and cheerleaders," says Terry, one of our recovery program graduates, says. "It was just a wonderful day."*

Special thanks to the Cardinals for their ongoing partnership. We can't wait to see you all soon!

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