

DONATION DROP OFF

You may drop off food, clothing or other donations any time between 8:00am-6:00pm for both Beacon Light and Doors of Hope. Just go to the back gate of the Beacon Light Mission or Doors of Hope and honk your horn. Someone will come out and collect your donations.

Financial donations on our websites:

Beacon Light

www.beaconlightmission.org

Doors of Hope

www.doorsofhopewomensshelter.org

Or by mail to:

525 Broad Avenue, Wilmington, CA 90744

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SERVICES OFFERED

Chapel Services every evening at 7:00pm for men, women and children. (Doors open at 6:45pm)

Evening meal for all who attend Chapel.
Bed guests will get breakfast.

10 night temporary shelter for homeless men.

Showers and clean clothes for men with beds.
Showers and clean clothes for homeless men every Monday and Thursday at 8:00 A.M.

Bibles/New Testaments for anyone.

Reading room for men and women open Monday through Friday at 3:00pm and Saturday, Sunday and Holidays at 4:00pm.

Mail service. Mail can be picked up anytime between 9am to 6:30pm. You must come in to check your mail; no calls. Mail must be picked up on a regular basis. Mail not picked up will be returned to the post office in 7 days.



DONATE NOW

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!

For donations made my mail:

Beacon Light Mission
525 Broad Avenue
Wilmington, CA 90744

All donations and offerings made to the shelter are tax-deductible.

If you have any questions about giving, please contact Gina at:
310-830-7063



The GOOD NEWS

Summer 2020

Serving the homeless and needy in the South Bay area for over 100 years

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to minister the love and grace of **Jesus Christ** to the homeless in the South Bay by providing a safe and nurturing environment where they can receive food, clothing, temporary shelter, discipleship and spiritual encouragement in their present life circumstances.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

His Grace and Protection

THE YEAR 2020 will not be easily forgotten. As individuals, a society, and as an organization serving people in need, we are all challenged on several levels. For Beacon Light Mission and Doors of Hope, COVID-19 was the biggest challenge this year. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected everyone, without exaggeration, and it has not been easy to cope.

Complying with state and local authorities, for the protection of our staff, guest, and volunteers, the Mission took the necessary steps to modify the chapel services and feeding programs. We desired to continue to touch lives with God's love and compassion while protecting all. Thank God, by His grace and protection, the Beacon Light Mission and Doors of Hope Women Shelter have not had a single case of the virus, not our staff nor the people we serve.

A real blessing during this time has been the incredible and consistent support, financially and spiritually, of all our friends. Many have risen to the occasion to provide facemasks for the staff and our guests; some have brought cleaning supplies, food, and meals, others have financially given sacrificially, and many have prayed for us without ceasing. We are grateful to all for caring as you do. You are more than

supporters; you are partners with us in expanding God's Kingdom to a dark and needy world. Thank You.



Rev. Samuel Bettencourt
Executive Director



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We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is qualified to receive tax-deductible donations.

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Student Masks

AS MENTIONED, many sacrificed their time to make sure the Mission had enough facemasks for all. One group making and providing masks is Students with Warmth South Bay. As the pandemic hit, the students worked hard to make hundreds of facemasks and personally delivered them to Beacon Light Mission and the local community.

These young men and women had options and could have made excuses to look the other way and do nothing, but they didn't, they got involved. They saw a need and cared enough to do something about it; this was not their first involvement with Beacon Light Mission, they have been coming to help since 2015, five years now. The student members also come to volunteer to serve food, help prepare dinner in the kitchen, donate blankets, socks, hand wipes, etc. They are simply the BEST. Thank you for giving as you do to the most needy.



Chickens Galore

AS THE PANDEMIC BEGAN to cause havoc throughout our Nation, business, restaurants, schools, and stores closed as instructed by city and state officials. The approach was an effort to protect the public, flatten the curve, and keep the virus from spreading. Unfortunately, this strategy resulted in a disruption of the food supply, and several food producers, large and small, were not able to move their product and inventory quickly enough. With limited options, some resorted to destroying what was not sold or transferred; others found a way to donate it. That is where our blessing begins.

During this time, in early April, CityGate Network (an association of missions) sent an email stating that a chicken producer is willing to donate whole frozen chickens to any California mission in the network. Seeing this opportunity to provide healthy protein to our guests, Sam Bettencourt, inquired into an order. The caveat, the minimum order was ten pallets. Each pallet has forty boxes, and each box has eight six-pound whole chickens. Doing the math, that is a total of 3,200 chickens weighing 19,200 pounds. We took the challenge, placed our order, and began working on the logistics. However, something went a fowl (sorry, I had too).

The initial order placed was for ten pallets; it was an enormous task, but manageable.

However, for some unknown reason, we were told we had to take a full semi load of

chicken, a total now of eighteen pallets. This new count brings the total to 5,760 chickens, weighing 35,280 (chicken and packed-ice). The challenge turned into a God size problem. Where can we store this large quantity of chicken? As a man of faith willing to trust God for answers, Sam began knocking on doors of the eight closest cold storage facilities in the Wilmington area. Thank God, He provided a location willing to work with us and, best yet, ready to store the chicken for as long as needed, free of charge. DeLuca Storage in Wilmington donated the cold storage space for the chickens that were donated by Foster Farms.

Thank you DeLuca Storage and Foster Farms.



5,760
chickens



Current Needs

Jeans (size 34-48) Urgent
Men's Underwear (Boxers) Urgent
Men's Tennis Shoes (size 9 -13)
Paper Towels
Razors
Band Aids (Small Packs)
Shampoo

Food Needs:

Smart & Final Brand No. 10 cans please
Canned Mixed Vegetables
Canned Chili with Beans
Canned Diced Tomatoes
Canned Sliced Mushrooms
Beef Roasts
Pork Ribs
Fettuccini
Bowtie Pasta
Rotini (Corkscrew) Pasta
Spaghetti Noodles

With your help last month we were able to help provide:



301 showers that included a change of clothing and hygiene items.



1411 bed assignments



105 meals per day

What's New

- 1. New Logo.** If you haven't noticed, we have a new logo at Beacon Light Mission. It was designed to represent; a) the beacon as the light of hope in Christ, b) the hand of God sustaining His work, c) the color Black for the Word of God, and d) Red for the Blood of Jesus that washes away all sins. Go to our Facebook page and website and give us your thoughts on it.
- 2. New Website:** We have a new website, please visit the site at www.beaconlightmission.org and tell us what you think.
- 3. New Facebook Page:** Visit our new and improved page on Facebook. Join our page and leave a comment.
- 4. New Video Testimonials:** Come hear what our residence and staff have to say about the Mission's work and how lives have been changed on Facebook and our website. These new videos will allow you to hear the transformational work of God in the lives of both men and women. The women in the videos are from the Doors of Hope Women Shelters.