

THE TIDE

CENTRAL COAST RESCUE MISSION

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WORLD CHANGER

Volunteers make all the difference here at the Central Coast Rescue Mission. From mentoring recovering addicts to serving hot meals to the homeless, our volunteers work hard to serve those that are in need. Erica Lynn has been volunteering since 2011, and now leads a volunteer team from her congregation, Church for Life. Erica has witnessed first-hand the effects of addiction and homelessness through those close to her.

Every week Erica, her family, and the Church for Life feed the hungry and share the love of Jesus with the hurting and lonely. They provide Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas toys every year. Erica is a quiet but an effective world changer, God has shaped her heart to help people in need.



With a scoop of ice cream and a small appreciation gift, volunteers socialized with one another and went away with the knowledge that all they do is not overlooked, but greatly appreciated.

FEAR AND ADDICTION LOSE AGAIN



“Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.” Psalm 55:22

There were two things ruining my life. I was deeply involved in gang life and the drugs that came with it. As a result, I was in and out of prison, which caused me to lose my family. I had three failed marriages, all due to my addiction. I witnessed three friends murdered from gang violence, and I watched other friends go to prison.

I was scared and tired. I could see plain as day that my life was going nowhere. The gangs and my drinking had ruined my life, sadly, before I really even had a life. I knew there was a God, but I had become so scared. All I could feel was fear and weariness; death was the only thing I was sure of. In my time of despair, I prayed to God and asked him to help me somehow.

I found the Central Coast Rescue Mission. Every day I heard good news, and it was all coming from the Bible! The people around me are happy and are kind to me; something I never knew living in the gang life.
~ Maxwell

HEROES OF THRIFT

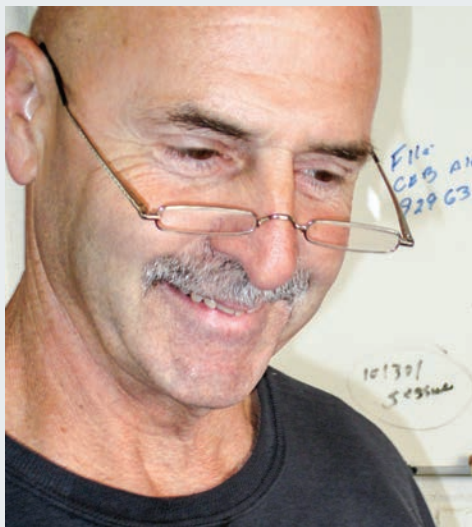
Every month people from different walks of life combine efforts to volunteer 800 or more hours at the Central Coast Super Thrift Store. There are three ways to serve as volunteers. One of those ways is by keeping our store neat and orderly, a huge task when putting out over 24,000 pieces of merchandise each month. Second, helping the desperately needy find a pair of shoes, a coat, or even a blanket to protect themselves from the cold

weather. Lastly, volunteering to provide valuable vocational training by teaching men and women the ability to work with a spirit of excellence and teamwork.

We are thrilled that five of the six of our thrift store employees are men and women who have worked their way out of welfare, addiction, or community service.



Jordan (I) teaches Life Recovery Program member the finer points of quality control and has fun!



Store Lead Greg Gautier keeps it all going with a little help from his friends (over 800 volunteer hours every month). Greg worked his way up from volunteer, to truck driver, to production lead, and now store lead.



Momma Carlina (seated) shares a little Momma-time with new Pathpoint volunteer Nancy.

FROM HUNGER TO HOPE

Our SOS Outreach team served a special dinner on Good Friday, ham, Easter baskets, cake, and the Good News of Jesus. Many accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior at this very humble and special Easter dinner.

