



**THIS NEWSLETTER
SHARES STORIES OF
HOW YOU HAVE MADE A
DIFFERENCE AT YWAM
SAN FRANCISCO.**

**YOUR GENEROSITY AND
COMPASSION MADE ALL
OF THIS POSSIBLE!**

THANK YOU!

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With your help, an unhoused neighbor found life-changing friendship.

Your gift helped build the relationship that led Arthur to completely transform his life!

When Arthur first came to YWAM, he was broken, alone, and struggling with substance use.

His first interactions with us were erratic. He yelled at staff and other unhoused neighbors.

But knowing how much he needed someone to care about him, we couldn't turn Arthur away.

Arthur bonded with a YWAM staff member who took the time get to know him, laugh with him, and be his friend.

But then Arthur disappeared for weeks. When he came back, he was changed!

Because of your gift, you helped build a caring relationship with Arthur that helped him decide to get clean!

He said that his conversations with the YWAM staff member,

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"A GENEROUS PERSON WILL PROSPER; WHOEVER REFRA

**FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Executive Director, Tim Svoboda

In this edition of Neighborhood Shalom, you will see first-hand the profound impact your support has at YWAM San Francisco.

You will read so many heartwarming stories and I hope you realize that each story was made possible because of your generosity.

Your gift to YWAM SF means we can continue to provide food, showers, clothing, haircuts, care packages, and also help fund programs that will benefit our entire San Francisco community.

Now more than ever, we believe God is pursuing real, transformational relationships with each person in our city, and we truly want to be part of what God is already doing for our unhoused neighbors and beyond.

I thank God every day for your compassionate support!

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Paul Svoboda".

**Tim Svoboda
Executive Director**

Shelter from the Storm

You opened the doors to YWAM SF so a neighbor could find refuge.

When the winter rains hit San Francisco, many unhoused neighbors had nowhere safe to seek shelter from the downpours.

But thanks to your gift, the doors to YWAM SF were opened after hours for the first time to provide much-needed overnight shelter and a safe, dry space for those who needed it.

This would not have been possible without your gift!

One unhoused neighbor who sought refuge found more than just shelter from the rain.



When Ezra came to stay at the overnight shelter he was cold, tired, and soaking wet. But when he walked through the doors into the Ellis Room, which was made into temporary shelter, he immediately felt the warmth and safety that your caring gift helped provide.

"When you walk into this place you can leave the chaos outside. You don't have to worry about someone hurting you in here."

You helped Ezra, and so many others like him, feel cared for by YWAM staff.

Though the overnight shelter was only temporary, many unhoused neighbors like Ezra now know there is a place where they can find safety and comfort when they need it.

I can't thank you enough for what you are doing to provide for the unhoused in our community!

You Helped Transform a Young Person's Heart

Your gift helped Jessica love like Christ did.

With your support, 15-year-old Jessica was able to join a short-term mission team for her spring break this year.

Because you gave so generously to YWAM, Jessica and other young people like her were able to share meals, care, and God's love with the unhoused.

Many friendships were made through prayer and personal conversation.

Before her service, Jessica thought that the unhoused were in their situation because of something they did wrong.

But the lessons that your gift helped her learn completely transformed her heart!

For Jessica, she knew the moment her heart changed.



← Thanks to you, Jessica was able to care for those in need!

"Having fun getting to know the unhoused in the Ellis Room is what ultimately changed my view. God showed me that they are just like you or me. They just need someone talk to and listen to them. And they deserve God's love!"

Thanks to you, God is using young people just like Jessica to provide Christ-like love and care for unhoused neighbors in need.

You make this ongoing ministry work possible!

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Arthur Found the Care He Needed...

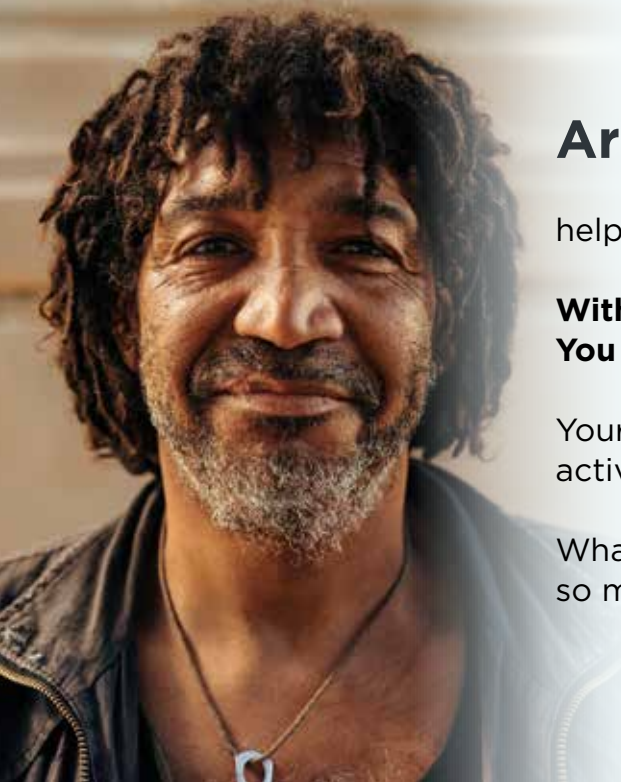
helped him decide to change his life forever!

With your support, YWAM staff didn't give up on Arthur. You didn't give up on him!

Your gift also helped Arthur find safe housing! He's now active in his community and is a friend to YWAM staff.

What a beautiful blessing you made possible for Arthur and so many others like him! Thank you!

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP AN UNHOUSED NEIGHBOR



EXTREMELY URGENT: The Showers Must Be Fixed!

Your gift of \$50 or more is needed to fix the showers that an unhoused neighbor needs.

Let me tell you what is happening.

YWAM staff discovered severe water damage under our shower facilities. We had to temporarily close our showers to limit the water damage to our building.

Can I count on you to make a generous gift of \$50 or more before June 7th to help fix this problem?

Close to 90 hot showers are provided to unhoused neighbors through these facilities each week. That's why we must fix them right away!

If the showers don't get fixed in the next few weeks, there will be many unhoused neighbors who will have to go without a hot shower.

YWAM SF is one of the few places in the neighborhood where a neighbor in need can come get a shower at no cost.

It will cost close to \$12,500 to fix the showers, replace the water-damaged flooring, and more.

Your urgent \$50 gift will not only help ensure the showers are fixed, but it will help provide dignity, loving care, and a safe place to an unhoused neighbor.

Please show an unhoused neighbor how much you care by sending a gift before June 7.

Your help is urgently needed! Thank you for giving generously.



Your gift will help an unhoused neighbor get a much-needed shower!

YWAM SF

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to engage San Francisco with a loving God.

Values:

Engage with compassion.

Equip for mission.

Empower for change.



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MY URGENT GIFT TO FIX THE SHOWERS

YES, Tim! Please use my gift to urgently fix the shower facilities so an unhoused neighbor can get a much-needed shower and receive the care they need.

Enclosed is my gift of:

- \$50 to fix the showers for an unhoused neighbor in need
- \$150 to fix the showers for an unhoused neighbor in need
- \$250 to fix the showers for an unhoused neighbor in need
- \$_____ to help as much as possible!

*Deadline:
June 7*



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Details and photos for the stories may have been changed to protect the person your gift helped! Your gift to YWAM SF is tax-deductible as allowed by law.