



# The Encouragement Center

Hope & Help for the Needy

2017 HOLIDAY EDITION

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### Adopt-A-Family at Christmas



Each year some of our donors Adopt-a-Family at Christmas and purchase & wrap gifts for each member of the family. We provide the names, ages and desires of each person so they can have the joy of receiving something on their wish list.

**WE HAVE 3 FAMILIES LEFT FOR THIS YEAR** - would you please consider one of these? (If you'd rather, you can donate money and we at TEC will do the purchasing & wrapping for you.)

### 8th Annual Holiday Meals Project



The Encouragement Center provides all the ingredients for a delicious holiday meal for families in need.

Turkey • Dressing • Mashed Potatoes • Gravy  
Green Beans • Corn • Cranberries • Rolls • Pies

We also include Milk, Butter, Eggs and Loaf of bread for leftovers! The cost of each meal box is \$50.

Yes, Tina! I would like to sponsor holiday meals this year and/or would like to make a donation to help feed families all throughout the year!

- Online - click here: [Donate Holiday Meals!](#)
- Check - payable to The Encouragement Center mailed to address below

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P O Box 4350, Carlsbad, CA 82018

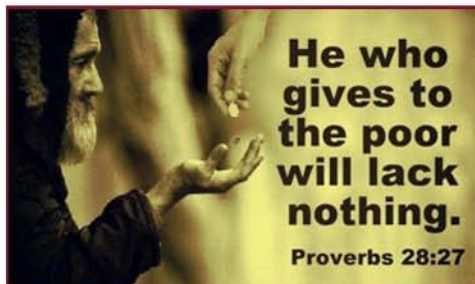


## MEET MIKE!

Mike is a veteran who broke his back after he got out of the service. His only income is \$850/month social security. He has had 14 surgeries, rents a room in a house and gets around with a walker. He got our number from the SD County assistance agency and told me he had no food and no way to get any. Due to our generous donors, I was able to go shopping for Mike - it is a joy to shop yet sad at the same time. ***Our work is bittersweet.*** Mike's gratitude was overwhelming - it brought him to tears. This food will last him about 2 weeks - what will happen then?

Will you help us help Mike and others like him - the WORKING POOR?

Thank you so much Tina. Oh my God, it feels so good to have a full stomach. It has been a week since I've eaten and I was literally starving to death. You actually saved my life. Thank you so very much! Mike L.



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# UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS

Our Sack Lunch & Toiletry Bag Parties are tons of fun! TEC has some great volunteers who show up to make 1,000's of bags of non-perishable sack lunches and Ziploc bags full of much-needed travel size toiletries for the homeless.

● HOPE & HELP FOR ONE MORE DAY! ●

Please consider coming to one of the 2018 events.  
Dates TBA (Feb, May & Sept for sure)!



**March Community  
BBQ Outreach!**  
Date TBA - mid March 2018

We are hosting a day full of food, fun, games with lots giveaways for the kids! It will be located in a low-income neighborhood in Oceanside near the DMV.  
**ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ALL!**

We will need lots of volunteers and donations (food & \$), so please plan on helping us out!



## We have the best donors in the whole wide world!

We can't name them all in each newsletter, but we want to recognize our donors who are loyal throughout the year. Here are a few who are so faithful in their giving to help us fulfill our mission to help the poor!

You can join them - [Partner with Us Here!](#)



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## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Spread the word!
- Join our Board!
- Volunteer at our Events!
- Be a Paid Fundraiser!
- Call us! 760-271-8331



## Book Tina to Speak!

Tina often speaks at local civic clubs, business events, churches and retreats. She loves to share with people the love of giving, helping those in need and other inspirational topics! You can reach Tina at [www.TinaMarino.com](http://www.TinaMarino.com) or 760-271-8331

