



The Robert Nelson Foundation
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Dear Robert Nelson Foundation,

Thank you for your financial partnership in 2020 with the Los Angeles Mission and the thousands of people who need a hand up in our community. Your support this year came at a truly critical time in the history of our organization, city, and nation. As COVID broke out in March, fear escalated, unemployment surged, and needs skyrocketed in downtown Los Angeles. Thankfully, with your support we were positioned to meet many of the urgent needs in our city. To keep our community safe, we set up hygiene stations in our courtyard for anyone in our community to stay sanitised. Our food distribution program doubled in numbers serving needy residents and families in our community. Additionally, we moved our community dining room program to a brown bag meal to go for anyone struggling to make ends meet and needing a fresh meal, breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner. These services are in addition to our ongoing residential recovery program. Our program residents were able to continue their programming including mental health therapy, education, financial coaching, job training, and more. We also hosted a virtual graduation ceremony for nearly 20 out of 250 of our students during the lockdown. Lastly, we welcomed our new CEO Troy Vaughn in September, formerly a board member of the Los Angeles Mission and someone who once experienced homelessness himself. [You can read our full announcement here.](#)

Your support has proven so critical to our organization in meeting the many needs in our community. Thank you again and we look forward to a continued partnership and impact in Los Angeles together.

Gratefully,

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Anyone in the community can come and find hygiene, food, clothing, and counseling even during COVID. Our food distribution program has doubled in impact during COVID.



We hosted a graduation for some of our program students who successfully completed our year long recovery program. Now they will continue staying with us while finishing communit college, trade school, and saving up for an apartment.



We welcome Troy Vaughn as our new CEO September 1. Herb Smith announced his retirement last September and we finished the search process during COVID.