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COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER DEBUTS MOBILE SHOWER UNIT WITH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RESCUE MISSION

Councilmember Mitchell Englander joined residents and the staff of the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission to debut their second Mobile Shower unit bringing essential, life-changing services to homeless individuals and families.

The Mobile Shower was purchased with donations to the Mobile Mission campaign launched by the Councilmember over the holiday season.

"I'm overwhelmed by the incredible outpouring of support for the Mobile Mission campaign," said Councilmember Englander. "With their donations to the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, our community has shown that treating our homeless neighbors with compassion and dignity is critical. The new Mobile Shower unit will expand the Rescue Mission's reach by providing this essential resource to those seeking to put their lives back on the right track."

The original goal of the Mobile Mission campaign was to raise \$17,000 towards the purchase of the Mobile Shower. Thanks to the generosity of the community, over \$25,000 was raised.

"The Rescue SOS Team is dedicated to helping individuals and families to meet life-essential needs," said Wade Trimmer, Director of the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. "Our mobile unit allows us to go into the community and bring resources directly to those in need. Thank you to Councilmember Mitchell Englander and everyone that donated to the Mobile Mission Project, the new mobile unit will provide hot showers, nutritious food, clothing, and hygiene items to thousands of men, women, children, and veterans throughout the San Fernando Valley."

San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission - Survival Outreach Services (Rescue SOS) Team will oversee operation of the shower. The Rescue SOS Team is dedicated to helping individuals and families to meet life-essential needs and serves as a link to social services in the community, including emergency shelter, residential substance abuse recovery, transitional housing programs, and providing hope for a road to recovery.

Photos and b-roll of the Mobile Shower unit are available by request.

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