

{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

No. 59 in a series.



# People We See

*in downtown Los Angeles.*

## Meet Luis Miranda



**AGE:** "I'm 81."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Morelia, Mexico.  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "Widowed."  
**FAMILY:** "I have two brothers."  
**EDUCATION:** "Up to the seventh grade."  
**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
 "Yes, in Mexico, in the mechanic's unit."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "In the street, and sometimes I head over to North Hollywood."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:**  
 "The beaches, like Long Beach."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "In 1999."  
**WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?**  
 "For an adventure."  
**RELIGION:** "Catholic."  
**MEDICATIONS:** "Glucosamine."  
**SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL?** "I played soccer."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Rodolfo Acosta."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "None that I can think of."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Not a single movie, but musicals."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "El Chavo del Ocho."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Calabaza en Techa."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Whatever comes my way."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Mexican, from the old days."  
**LAST BOOK READ:** "The Bible."  
**LAST JOB:** "A body shop employee."  
**DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?** "No."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:**  
 "Just being a child with no worries."  
**LAST THING EATEN:** "A bread roll."  
**MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION:** "None."  
**POSSESSIONS:**  
 "A sleeping bag, a blanket and a radio."  
**FAVORITE POSSESSION:** "Pliers."  
**IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SOLUTION?** "I'd investigate who really needed help and who was just looking to get a free handout."  
**WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION:** "I'd help the people I talk to, and build a business to survive."  
**MAKE A WISH:** "For all my family to be well and that they know that I am okay."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:**  
 "Don't depend on the government for help. Take care of your job and think about the future."  
**WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS?**  
 "Back in Mexico."

*The Club gave Luis a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.*

*The interview, conducted in Spanish by Angel Gomez, took place July 23 at Temple and Main Streets downtown. Photos by Robert Larios.*

## Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



**Buckets and Blankets** is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Cre8tive Solutions** – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

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{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }