

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 61 in a series.



# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

## Meet Rebecca Riley.



**AGE:** "I'm 37."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Mendota, Ill.  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "Divorced."  
**FAMILY:** "I have a brother who passed away."  
**PARENTS:** "Divorced."  
**EDUCATION:** "I had two years of college. I studied to be an RN in Arkansas."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**  
 "On the street – right here, or over in that alley."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "Right here."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?**  
 "Two months ago."  
**WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "My mother, who is an alcoholic, told the Dept. of Health Services that I was an unfit mother to my five kids, ages 19, 18, 11, 6, and 3. From that time, I had my children taken from me. Then, my dad and my brother died. That sent my life into a tailspin. I had to get out of the area. So I moved to California from Texas. I first spent some time in San Pedro and then caught a bus to downtown Los Angeles. That was two months ago. So, for two months now I have been living on this corner or in that alley over there."  
**RELIGION:** "Catholic."  
**MEDICATIONS:** "Nope."  
**SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL?** "Volleyball and track."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
 "I like horror movies and Horrorfest."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "I like *E – Entertainment TV*."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Christian Slater... and Leonardo Di Caprio and Keanu Reeves."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Kim Basinger."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Caramel chocolate."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Pizza."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Contemporary rock and classical."  
**LAST BOOK READ:** "*The Bible*."  
**LAST JOB:** "I had something lined up in Carson, at a wood cabinet shop. But my cell phone broke and they couldn't get hold of me, so that fell through."  
**DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?** "John and Chris. They live over there in those apartments."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "Getting my pink bicycle, banana seat and all. I loved that bike."  
**LAST THING EATEN:** "I had a cookie for breakfast."  
**MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION:**  
 "People, I don't do the mission thing. I'm not fond of the program they make you follow."  
**ITEM ALWAYS WITH YOU:** "My purse."  
**FAVORITE POSSESSION:** "My Android phone."  
**WHAT YOU WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION:**  
 "Solve my issues."  
**MAKE A WISH:** "For all my issues to go away."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:**  
 "Live life. There may be no tomorrow."  
**WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS?**  
 "Working, hopefully."

*The Club gave Rebecca 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 took place Sept. 20 on the City Hall lawn downtown. Photos by Angel Gomez.*

## 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).



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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. }