



ALBUQUERQUE RESCUE MISSION

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# On The Battlelines

## Up and Away!

*Lesson Number 1: Life is unpredictable. Lesson Number 2:  
There will always be someone bigger to clobber you...and no one  
around to pick you up.*

Larry Arnoldi learned these lessons at an early age through his alcoholic father. He remembers Sunday suppers where his family gathered around the dining room table, covered in a white tablecloth, set with the nice dishes, anticipating

his mother's delicious pasta dinner, when suddenly, spaghetti would be flying, dishes breaking, his father yelling and his mother running from the room crying. Larry relates,

"When my father was sober, life was good. However, he was not sober often, or for long." A trip to the ballpark with his

father would start out in high spirits, but within an hour thanks to the bottle tucked in his father's pocket, his father would be chasing Larry around the field with the baseball bat, threatening to break his back.

Larry attended Catholic Sunday School and one day he told

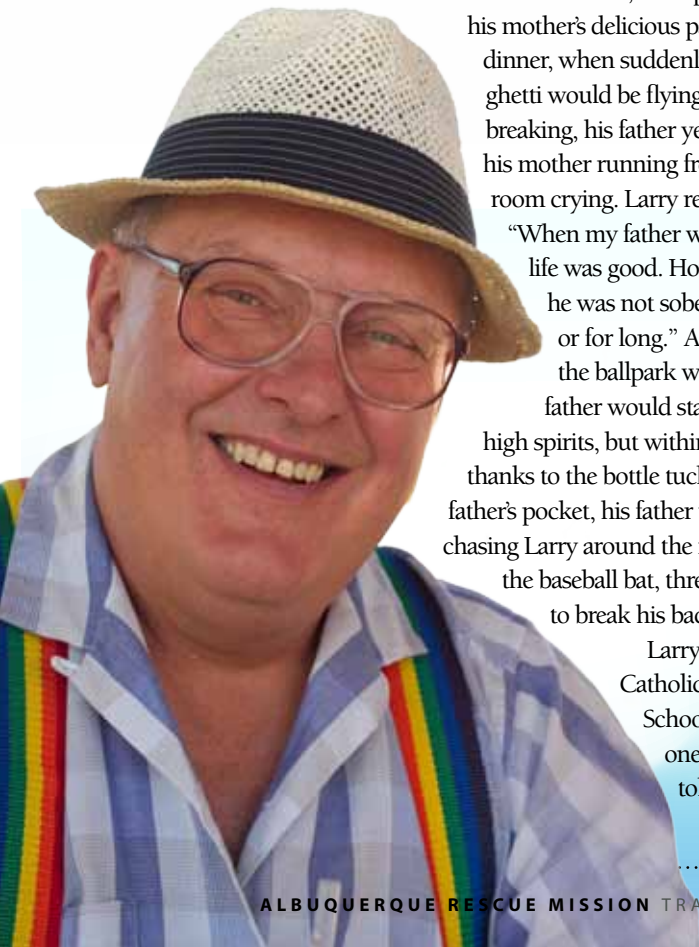


*"I adopt you! I am adopting You  
God and You are adopting me..."*

God in all seriousness, "I adopt you! I am adopting you, God, and you are adopting me. I will keep my parents, but You and I know that we are adopting each other today." Larry was happy with this bargain with God until one day he heard the priest say that if anyone would like to accept Jesus Christ, they were welcome to come and accept the Bread of Life. His God-Dad was inviting him to come get to know him better! Larry marched straight up to the altar and knelt down to pray. Suddenly he was grabbed by the collar of his jacket from behind by his Sunday school teacher and tossed unceremoniously back down the aisle. Larry fought back tears and vowed never to go back, "I get beat up enough at home! Who needed to be beat up in church, too?"

Larry began drinking as a teenager, "I wanted to grow up quick. I took over where my father left off when he died. I was closing the shades in the local bar at 11:00 AM, because the sunlight bothered my eyes, and I added using marijuana, heroin, and LSD. I felt so ashamed and sorry for myself. I would literally be crying in my beer."

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However, as his mother's health failed, Larry sobered up to help her before she died, and during that time worked as a maintenance engineer. He remembers, "I was good at that kind of work. I studied and tried to work myself up the ladder at the job. Growing up in a traditional family I had dreams of a family, and a good job... but those all disappeared after a while. Alcohol eats up all your dreams."

After Larry moved to Albuquerque, he found maintenance work with a hospital and was happy. He describes those years, "I might not have been a doctor, but I could make sure everything worked right to keep the patients safe. I met somebody in AA, and we were happy for a long time together. I had purpose to my life and twelve years of sobriety. How could I let that all go? Drinking and drugs will do that to you. Happiness and a good life slip through your fingers before you know it."

Larry began using crack cocaine and that is when he lost control. He began having visions and hearing voices in his head and says, "I was so scared! I had voices talking to me constantly, telling

me how they were going to kill me in horrible gruesome ways. I became paranoid and withdrawn. I was so tired of fighting the demons in my head that finally suicide seemed the only way out for me." One night, in

the pouring rain, Larry knelt in his backyard and started cutting into his neck with a sharp knife. "I knew suicide was a sin but I couldn't stand the mental pain any longer! I knelt there and watched the blood pour down my chest and mix with the rain. Then the bleeding just stopped! I came to my senses and called 911 for help." This was the first of many times Larry attempted to end his life. He goes on to say, "Television made it look so easy! You just stick your head in the oven, slice your wrists, or drink some paint thinner and bam! You are dead! It ain't that easy. I tried all those things, but the blood would stop flowing- or I would be sick or wake up with a headache from the gas. How pathetic I felt, I hated myself even more."

Larry was at his lowest. Homeless, starving, destitute, and terrified of street life, Larry had no hope there was help for him. Larry relates, "The Mission saved my life. I took everything the chaplains told me serious and worked hard to follow their guidance. I studied more than I did when I was a kid in school; I worked to change my life." After graduating from the New Life Program and living on his own, Larry has been clean and sober for two years as of August 1, 2011, and tells us, "I struggled for so long, broken, ashamed and having no purpose in my life, but I believe that God wrote His laws on every person's heart. Sometimes it takes time for us to see and obey His laws." And with that clarity of vision Larry now has new purpose, happiness and hope for his future knowing that he has a Heavenly Father looking out for him.

Larry would like to thank the following people for their support and caring: Chaplain Darrell Kelley, his brother Steve, and sister Eleanor, Ms. Lopez, from the Supportive Housing Coalition, and from the UNM ASHP, Dr. Abbot, Mike R., and Belinda G. ■

*Larry loves to spend his time when he is not volunteering at the Mission by riding his bicycle out to the airport to watch the big jets while visiting with other aerospace enthusiasts.*





## Volunteers: Wednesday Night Angels



We call them the “The Wednesday Night Group”—seven dedicated volunteers: Bobby Armstrong, Paul & Priscilla DeBlasse, Chris Chavez, Lissa Bennett, Lori Anzya, Delores Eberle, and Catherine Dau serving dinner to our guests every week. They share a deep love for the Lord and hearts of service to the homeless and needy. If you

ask them what brought them to the Mission, you will hear a similar message, “We consider it a privilege. We just wanted to help.” Delores comments, “I love to see the guests faces. They are always curious what is being served that night and they appreciate it so very very much!”

Bobby Armstrong had his preconceived ideas on homeless people changed once he volunteered, “I remember walking into the dining hall, seeing all the people waiting to be fed. The Lord touched me with his compassion and I began to cry and I don’t do that normally.” Paul and Priscilla, who have volunteered for about eleven years, consider it their responsibility to society saying, “We as Christians should not isolate ourselves from the needy. We are to mingle, build relationships and assume responsibilities. We are to give the less fortunate a message of hope and brotherhood and not allow ourselves to be lost in a vast, faceless society.” The Mission thanks these volunteers for their powerful message of Christ’s love for the homeless and needy.

**Attention All Volunteers:** Please come to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Oct 2, 2011 5-7 PM and allow us to honor your service. RSVP to Vicki Whitby by phone a 346-4673 ext. 222 or via email, [vickiw@albuquerque.org](mailto:vickiw@albuquerque.org). ■

## Operation: Back to School ... a Big Success!



Thank you! Your response to our call for help with a back to school event for homeless children was outstanding. With generous donations and enthusiastic volunteerism for the drive and the event, the Mission was able to provide 250 backpacks stuffed full of school supplies to all the children grades K-12. The fantastic stylists with the Toni

& Guy Hair Academy gave 80+ haircuts.

Health Care for the Homeless confirmed children’s vaccination records and provided shots for those who needed them. Wienerschnitzel provided a yummy hot dog lunch to everyone. Brookline College Students held drives, volunteered for the sort-a-thon and the day of the event. Power Generation Service donated the use of a generator for the day.

The families also received new jackets, loaves of bread and other supplies. Entertainment was provided by Ken Karter- the Funny Dummy Show. Special thanks to our sponsors and promotion of the School Supply Drive: Jamal Kassar & John Trujillo of Wienerschnitzel, Lite 95FM, La Jefa 105.1, KKIM 94.7, Static Radio, US BANK, Brookline College, HDR Inc., The Cleanery, the UNM Family Health Clinic, and all of our wonderful volunteers and many more not listed here. ■





## Bridge of Hope Fundraising Silent Auction and Banquet

Friday, October 14, 2011  
at 6:00 PM  
Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown  
2600 Louisiana Blvd NE



Our main fundraising event is the Bridge of Hope Banquet and Silent Auction. This event helps provide the necessary funds to continue the ministry work of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission with the homeless and needy. The evening includes dinner, testimonies and fellowship. In addition, our silent auction provides a truly fabulous opportunity to get an early start on Christmas and holiday shopping! See our website [www.abqrescue.org](http://www.abqrescue.org) for more details, ticket purchasing and sponsorship opportunities.

**Tickets: Special Discount Price \$75.00 on sale now until Sept. 27, 2011**  
***Ticket price will then be \$100.00 until close of ticket sales on Oct. 10, 2011.***

For sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.abqrescue.org/donate](http://www.abqrescue.org/donate) where you can choose your level of sponsorship and pay securely online; or contact Teresa Fleming, Director of Development at 346-4673 ext 233 or [tfleming@abqrescue.org](mailto:tfleming@abqrescue.org).

For silent auction donations and volunteering, please contact Jannetta LaMort, Communications Coordinator by phone at 346-4673 ext 237 or [jlamort@abqrescue.org](mailto:jlamort@abqrescue.org). ■

## Calendar of Fall Events at the Mission



To learn more about these and other events throughout the year check out our website [www.abqrescue.org](http://www.abqrescue.org), or join us on Facebook and Twitter!

**October 2:** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**October 14:** Bridge of Hope Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction

**November 1 thru December 9:** Gifts from the Heart Toy Drive

**November 2-3:** ARM Radio-Thon

**November 11:** Veteran's Day Celebration

**November 15:** Winter Shelter and Emergency Rescue Van Services Opens

**November 16-19:** Turkey Rally

**November 22:** Great Thanksgiving Banquet

**December 17:** Gifts from the Heart

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Dinner ■

## Gifts from the Heart Toy Drive... November 1 - December 9



Christmas will soon be here!

Each year our donor family offers a message of hope at Christmas time by giving gifts to hundreds of needy children. We are asking you to begin a toy drive at your church, school, or workplace collecting presents for children from toddlers to teens. Call Mirabel Villa at 346-4673 ext. 236 or by email [mvilla@abqrescue.org](mailto:mvilla@abqrescue.org) for additional information on how you can help make a child's life brighter this Christmas. For a downloadable

PDF version of the event poster and a handy list of toy ideas please go to [www.abqrescue.org](http://www.abqrescue.org). Some popular gift ideas include:

- Sports equipment
- Children's games
- Children's movies
- Handheld electronic games
- Educational toys
- Dolls
- New clothes boys or girls (still in packages)
- Gift Cards (Great for Teens!)
- CD players

## A New Way to Give: Easy Give

Thank you for your continued support of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission and all those that we serve. We are partnering with Easy Give, a new technology that allows you to make donations quickly, easily, and safely through your email with just two easy clicks.

Please visit [www.easygive.net](http://www.easygive.net) to sign up for your free account today, and look for upcoming emails from the Mission and EasyGive. Start giving the easy way! ■

# EasyGive



# Planned Giving: A Wonderful Way to Help Many

Once you have provided for the people you love, we hope that you will consider a bequest to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission in support of our work. A charitable bequest is one of the easiest ways you can leave a lasting impact on our organization and bring real comfort to the homeless men, women and children who come to us every day with urgent needs for food, shelter, clothing and hope for their future.

## Benefits of Your Bequest

- Receive estate tax charitable deduction.
- Lessen the burden of taxes on your family.
- Leave a lasting legacy.

## How Do You Make a Bequest?

With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to family, friends, or a charity as part of your estate plan. If you have already made a will, you can amend it with a simple document called a codicil. Your attorney can add a new bequest to ARM while reaffirming the other terms of your will.

**Sample bequest language:** "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission for its general purposes (or specify endowment, special uses,

or restrictions) all (or state percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal." OR, "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for general purposes (or specify endowment, special uses, or restrictions) of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission.



A bequest may be made in several ways:

- Gift of a percentage of your estate
- Gift of a specific dollar amount or asset
- Gift from the balance or residue of your estate

If you decide to include us in your will and are comfortable letting us know, we appreciate being made aware of your plans. We would like to formally thank you for your gift. We recommend that

you consult with your attorney or tax advisor for the various tax benefits and restrictions that may apply to your specific situation. We are available to help you answer general questions or help arrange a planned gift to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. Please contact Teresa Fleming, Director of Development, by phone, 505-346-4673 ext. 233 or via email [tfleming@albrqrescue.org](mailto:tfleming@albrqrescue.org). ■



## With a Grateful Heart...

We are very grateful to the individuals, companies, and churches who help keep the Mission in tiptop operating condition. Here are just a few from the last few months.

- Federal Lock & Key Service for repair and replacement of locks and keys throughout the Mission
- Les-File Drywall Company donated and installed new ceiling tiles throughout the Mission
- A new sprinkler system and landscaping provided and installed by New Covenant Church
- GE FANUC - Volunteerism Day, Fundraising, Silent Auction, Canned Food / School Supply Drive
- Star Sale Distributors for cove base donation ■

## Prayer Needs

"BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL ANSWER; WHILE THEY ARE STILL SPEAKING I WILL HEAR."  
ISAIAH 65:24 (NIV)

Joseph: Please pray for favorable results in my S.S.D. case. I suffer from CPTSD & PTSD I need my S.S.D. to escape from my abuser and to protect me from my disability discrimination. Thank you & God Bless!

Roseanna: I became ill, unable to work and have 5 kids (3 boys 2 girls). I lost our apartment and am now living with people place to place awaiting approval for disability and ask for prayers to help my children and I for a home of our own and for financial stability. Thanks

Philana: Requesting for prayers for me and my daughter as we have no permanent home and thank God for the understanding family that allows us to stay with them. I ask that the Lord give me strength to get us on our own feet again. Thank you.

Michael: My Lord, My God! Thank you Pastor John for feeding the homeless children, fathers and mothers! God bless you and all your staff for a job well done. Angels of God! ■



## Change Lives: Hold a Monthly Supply Drive

Albuquerque Rescue Mission has year-round opportunities for churches, community groups, businesses, scout troops, schools, families or individuals to collect and donate much needed basic supplies. Here is how it works: 1) Check out our website, [www.abqrescue.org](http://www.abqrescue.org), or read each edition of this newsletter or call Vicki Whitby, Volunteer Coordinator at 346-4673 ext 222 to find out what items are needed each month. 2) Advertise the drive and items needed at the start of the month in your bulletin, newsletter, bulletin board, email list, website, or wherever. 3) Make the third Friday or Sunday of every month a day to Remember the Homeless. 4) Set up a box in a convenient location in your organization for people to drop items. The needs for this fall are:



### SEPTEMBER Fill-the-Pantry

- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta
- Canned Fruits
- All Meats
- Dry Cereals
- Coffee
- Rice
- Beans
- Sugar
- Canned Soups
- Flour

### OCTOBER Blanket New Mexico

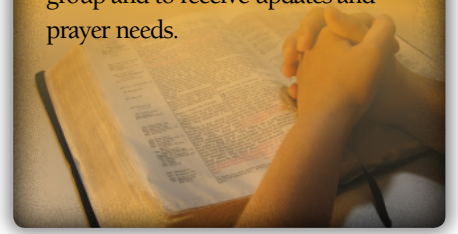
- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags

### NOVEMBER Keep-'em-Warm

- Sweaters
- Gloves
- Coats
- Scarves
- Caps
- Socks

## Pray for the Mission

God has ordained that His provision be released through prayer. The Albuquerque Rescue Mission has intense responsibility, in an intense location, with an intense destiny. We need dedicated Prayer Partners to pray for the Mission's work and the homeless and near homeless people, the Mission staff, ministry needs, and the fulfillment of destiny. Please contact Vicki Whitby, Volunteer Coordinator at 346-4673 ext 222 or via email, [vickiw@abqrescue.org](mailto:vickiw@abqrescue.org) to join our "Prayer Partners for ARM" volunteer group and to receive updates and prayer needs.



## Gifts Honor Loved Ones

One of the many ways that our ministry partners reflect the care that their loved ones displayed during their lives is by making a Memorial Gift to the ministries of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. We appreciate these gifts and wish to publicly acknowledge them and the loved ones on whose behalf they were given.



### Memorial Gifts

Melia Jacquez  
Aunt Cate Zrinscak  
B.L. Schmile  
Bonnie Blanco  
C. Sliva  
Cameron Mende  
Casey Ray Cordova  
Cincy Kids 5  
D. Muhn  
Daniel G. Torres  
Darlene J. Cerise  
Dick Saylor

Dorothy & Diane Salazar  
Fern Opperman  
Freddie Lucero  
George & Joan Welsh  
Homeless people  
Jacqueline Weber  
Jeannete M.  
Jesus  
Julian R. Gonzolez  
Katie Cambias  
Keith Kurowski

Leonard Modesto Jr.  
Linda Curry  
Lorri Anne Dreier  
Maria "Lupe" Martinez  
Marilyn Brooks  
Martha Harting  
Mary Jane  
Maurice "Mo" Holmen  
Veterans  
My Wife

Nights Angel  
Ralph Brandt  
Ray A. Martinez  
Richard Carnes  
Sherry Cut  
Steven Henry  
Ted Ulibarri  
Tom

Grandson  
Homeless People  
Jesus Christ  
Marie E. Caballos  
Monica Armijo  
My Daughter  
Sgt. Josh S. Martinez

### Honorary Gifts

Abel Salas  
Dan Rivier

## Board of Directors:

The Albuquerque Rescue Mission Board of Directors is a group of dedicated Christian leaders who tirelessly and prayerfully bring the long-range vision of how best to meet the growing needs and changing face of the homeless in our city. Their volunteer service and hearts for the poor have facilitated the current growth of the ministry of the Mission as well as positioned it for the future.

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