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ALBUQUERQUE RESCUE MISSION

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## HOPE REALIZED

### WOMEN'S CENTER OF HOPE 2010 GRADUATES

Congratulations to Albuquerque Rescue Mission's Women's Center of Hope graduating class of 2010! Over the past year, the challenges may have been many, but the finish line has now been crossed.

These incredible women, Desirae, Bryn, Helen, and Irene, accomplished what many others have not! The staff, volunteers and our donor family of Albuquerque Rescue Mission encourage them to be very proud of this achievement. These graduates are now prepared for their new life in Christ as their Guide to transition into independent living and new job experiences. With confidence in the knowledge and skills acquired during their time at WCOH, they are prepared to improve the quality of life for themselves and their families. We pray they may reap the joys of a life walking side by side with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Dear Readers, please enjoy each story as told by our newest graduates.

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## HOPE REALIZED

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**BRYN A.**

"During my addiction, I felt like I had no hope. Sometimes I did not even see the point in being alive. I hated everyone including myself and was miserably consumed by my addiction. The Albuquerque Rescue Mission's Women's Center of Hope helped me get back into the Word of God and make my relationship with Him my focus. Through Jesus Christ, I have overcome an addiction to heroin that I thought would be endless. I am in school at Central New Mexico Community College majoring in Computer Science with a 4.0 grade point average, working, and living in my own apartment. I could not have made it without the help of the Lord and the Women's Center of Hope."



**DESIRAE Q.**

"God had a plan for me, but I did not want to see it. I refused to see the pain and suffering I caused my parents, family and my children with my bad choices. It took a car accident that should have taken my life and a prison sentence to bring me out of my selfish, drug addicted ways. I will never forget the shame I felt as I stood in front of the judge and my family in court as he sentenced me to prison for what I had done. God stepped in and moved the judge to have a change of heart right as I was to be led away to prison. He allowed me to go to the Women's Center of Hope, 12-month recovery program instead. I am blessed with parents that not only loved me during those years, through the worst of my behaviors, but also took care of my four beautiful children while my life was in shambles. I was supported by my good friend, Teddi Rivera. God has delivered me from my addictions and has restored my family to me. I have a solid foundation through Him and the structure of the program to go out and live this new life in God's promise. 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!'"  
(II Corinthians 5:17)



**IRENE J.**



**HELEN J.**

"My name is Irene. And my name is Helen. We are the Johnson twins. We were born in Albuquerque on Sept. 22 to a wonderful mother. We are the youngest in a family of five siblings. We graduated from Highland High School in 2006 and, after graduation, we had a rough time finding jobs. Our Aunt Helen suggested we try Job Corps. So we joined; Irene in carpentry and Helen in office administration. We quickly discovered that Job Corps was not where we wanted to be, but, we needed to find a program with some structure and purpose. Miss Eloise Hopkins at Job Corps encouraged us to go to the Women's Center of Hope. We were unsure if that was what we wanted. After some discussion and assurances that we would find it to be good for us, we came into the program and it has changed our lives. We have both accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior and have grown greatly. We are moving forward in our new life in Him: Irene with a career in the military, and Helen at Central New Mexico College and Johnson and Wales Culinary School."

### ARM's Ministries for Women

**The Women's Day Room:** Opened in 2000, as a ministry of compassion dedicated to serving God by reaching out to all those who God sends our way. Our mission is to bring them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and help them grow toward Christian maturity.

**The Emergency Winter Shelter:** In 2004, beds were added for women at the Emergency Overnight Shelter location. The Program is open from November to March, providing basic overnight shelter for women.

**The Women's Center of Hope:** In February 2008, the Women's New Life Program was launched. This program exists to restore homeless and near-homeless women to long-term employment, housing, and a relationship with Jesus Christ. The WCOH one-year program provides the opportunity and resources that lead to life restoration: Christian Discipleship, Computer Training, Education, Basic Living Skills, and Employment Readiness Training.





ARM FOOT WASHING EVENT:

# Foot Washing for the Homeless

AWESOME indeed!

**W**e want to thank all of our volunteers, donors, and staff who helped with our first annual Easter Foot Washing Event. With your help, prayers, financial support



and volunteering, this day of overwhelming emotions, compassion and togetherness was a huge success.

We would also like to thank Cameron and Joshua Hines from the "A Better U Barber Academy" for giving 51 haircuts that day! Thank you to Wal-Mart for their donation of socks and KKIM Radio Station for their sock and shoe drive.

70 volunteers ministered to over 150 homeless men, women and children by gently washing their feet, applying lotion and trimming nails. Each participant was given new socks, an Easter basket, a Bible, and a Hope Tote filled with hygiene supplies and other goodies.

If you would like to see the video clips from this event, please go to our website [www.abqrescue.org](http://www.abqrescue.org) for a link, or look for us on Facebook and YouTube under Albuquerque Rescue Mission/ Easter Foot Washing Event. You will find links to both sites on our home page. ■



## UPDATE: Shoes Multiply..

**O**ne of the blessings from your generous financial donations was the ability to give 65 of our homeless guests new shoes in their own size. Now, this may not seem like a big deal to most of us (we go to a store and find the right size and even grouch when there is only a limited variety available). But, imagine being a homeless man who wears a 14½ W! Finding that shoe size as a used donation is impossible. It was even hard to find it in stock at the store. To have clothes of any kind that are exactly the right size is a rarity for the homeless, and to get new shoes in the correct size... priceless!

Before our Foot Washing Service, the funds allotted would purchase 65 pairs of shoes for men and women. Saturday, as we washed the feet of homeless men, women, and children, the request we heard the most was, "Is there any way we can get new shoes too?" We had to deny their requests that afternoon- ARM does not have the funding to purchase all those new shoes. However, in faith, we did finally take their names and sizes and prayed that there would be some way for us to fulfill their pleas.

Praise God for our donor family! After notifying them of this need for shoes, the funding came in to purchase new shoes for every single person on the list! This was an additional 75 pairs of shoes!

THANK YOU! ■



You are cordially invited to

## Second Annual Women's Center of Hope Tea

Saturday, June 12, 2010, 12 NOON to 3 PM.  
Patio of La Fonda del Bosque, National Hispanic Cultural Center.

Mistress of Ceremonies — Cathryn McGill.  
Silent auction to benefit the Women's Center of Hope  
5 Finger Sandwiches  
Scones with Lemon Curd & Devonshire Cream  
3 Finger Desserts  
Raspberry Iced Tea and Lemon Mint Brewed Tea

Business Dress with decorated hat & gloves encouraged.  
Tickets are \$45. Call Carol 452-0585 or Diane 228-6536 for tickets or to become a sponsor.



## Many Helped Make Women's Center of Hope Graduation a Great Success

Thank you to our WCOH staff, guests, volunteers, sponsors and donors. Your prayers and support made 2009-2010 a great success. We are looking forward to another year of transformation with all of YOU right here beside us!

- Christ Community Fellowship Women's Department
- Calvary Chapel Women's Department
- Center City Church Women's Ministry
- East Gate Church Women's Department
- Joy Light C.O.G.I.C. Women's Ministry
- Metropolitan C.O.G.I.C. Women's Ministry
- God's Way Community Church Women's Ministry
- First Family Church
- Sagebrush Community Church
- Paradise Hills United Methodist
- Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. Women's Ministry
- Volunteer Chaplains From International Fellowship Of Chaplains:
- Supporters Of Women's Center of Hope
- Mentors/Sponsors
- Tutors



## Construction Industry Helps ARM



### Kiewit

This past winter one of our angels in disguise was Kiewit Construction Company. They provided a fabulous Christmas to several families with presents for the adults and children with financial assistance for necessities that has extended into the rest of the year. We applaud their dedication to bettering the lives of the needy and homeless of



We would also like to thank the UA Local Union 412 Plumbers and Pipefitters for allowing ARM's Women's Center of Hope to hold larger group events, such as the past two WCOH graduations, in the beautiful setting of their hall. ■



## Sponsors and Volunteers made ARM Annual Banquet happen.

The Albuquerque Rescue Mission's Annual Banquet fundraiser, held on March 13th, 2010 was made possible by the following sponsors; Berger Briggs Real Estate & Insurance, Inc., New Mexico Mutual, Answering Solutions for Funeral Services, and P.J. Developments, Inc. ARM wishes to thank all the donors to the silent and live auction as well. The red "surprise bags" donated by Board Member Jolene Benoit were a big hit. Thank you too, to all the volunteers who made the event a success. ■

Please remember the Albuquerque Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan.



FROM PASTOR HILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Be a Champion. Volunteer.

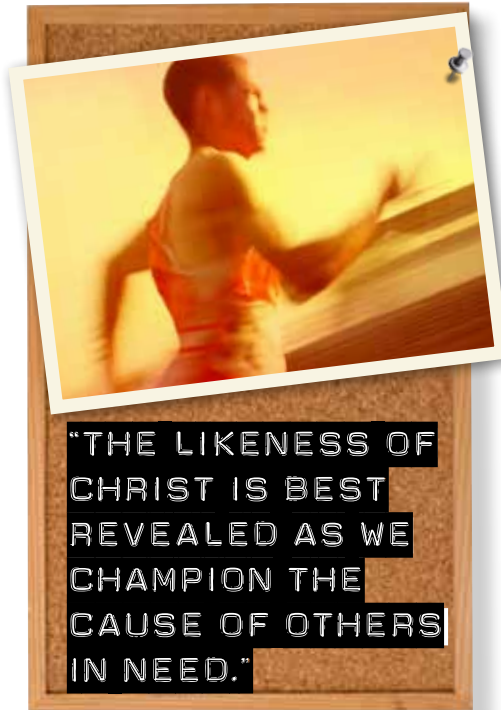
A champion is almost always thought of as an athlete who has beaten all the contenders, won the prize, and gained the glory.

**G**od is much more concerned about each of us becoming a champion for Him. That is, one who stands in the gap; who takes up the cause of the poor, the orphans of society, and the disenfranchised; the one who, in fact, becomes their champion. **Be a Champion! Volunteer! Achieve excellence!** Volunteer positions available:

**SERVER:** Help in our dining room for either morning or evening meals. Breakfast is served at 6:00 a.m. and Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Monday- Saturday. A minimum of four volunteers are needed at each meal. Volunteers report 30 minutes early.

**CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL POOL:** Assistance is needed between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday- Friday to help with the mailing and general assistance in the office.

**CONSTRUCTION HELP:** Professional and non-professional. This is an ongoing need to keep our facilities maintained.



"THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST IS BEST REVEALED AS WE CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF OTHERS IN NEED."

**LEARNING CENTER TUTORS:** Tutors are needed to assist men and women in our New Life Programs: Math, English, computer literacy as well as instruction in filling out job applications, interviewing techniques, budgeting and check book management.

**BARBER:** A volunteer barber is needed on a regular basis for the New Life Participants.

**PRAYER PARTNER/PRAYER CHAIN:** Volunteers are needed to undergird the mission ministry as a whole, for each of the volunteers, staff and board members and especially for the New Life Participants and homeless individuals and families we all strive to serve. "Be their champion and pray without ceasing."

Contact Eldridge Scott, Volunteer Coordinator, at 346-4673, ext 235, for more information. ■

PRAYER CORNER

## Prayer Needs

**I**saiah 65:24 says, "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." (NIV) Listed below are requests that we would like you to join us in praying for:

*Blessed Lord, Supreme Healer of all, we pray for Your blessings on these precious people. Bring them comfort, healing, and reassurance. Remind them, we ask, of Your unending grace and limitless mercy. Allow them relief, that they might worship You in joy and peace. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

Cindy Padden  
Pecasting Family  
Jimmy Baca  
Jessica Turner – Torres and Family  
Tim Bowl

James and Diana Sperenza  
Harold Poindexter  
Michael Naranjo  
Henrietta Loy

*"I pray that you bless the new staff at the WCOH, give them words of wisdom and the confidence to express your word to the guests that reside there. Also, Lord, I pray we all become healthier with the new "workout" program. Lord, I lift up all the women's lives to you so they will be touched by this program and make you the focus of their weight loss goals." - Prayer by staff member, WCOH ■*

## Mission Statement

**O**ur purpose is to show the restoring love of Jesus to hopeless and homeless men, women, and children resulting in spiritual and emotional healing, and life-long discipleship to Jesus.

To fulfill our mission, we provide:

- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Education
- Mentoring
- Biblical Counsel

## Visit the Mission Online

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## On the Battlelines

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HOW YOU CAN HELP - SPRING 2010

## Double Your Impact Through the Month of May!

Making a gift during our 2010, May Matching Gift Month, is a win-win for all. Our goal is \$60,000! Your donation is tax-deductible and the effective value of your contribution will be doubled. Your gift will be used to help the hungry and homeless men, women, and children of Albuquerque! If you have any questions or wish to make a special matching gift donation please call Lawanna Johnson, Donor Services Coordinator, 346-4673 ext. 233. You may also go to our website [www.abqrescue.org/donate](http://www.abqrescue.org/donate) to make your secure online donation. ■

## Volunteering at Women's Center of Hope

WCOH volunteers needed: Cooking classes, Life Skills classes, Etiquette Classes, and Case Management support. Contact Eldridge Scott, Volunteer Coordinator, at 346-4673, ext 235. ■

## Makeup - Give the Gift of Beauty

When homeless women are trying to get their lives back on track, we find that makeup becomes "healthy medicine" towards regaining their self-esteem.

The Women's Day Room at the Mission would like to supply our guests with some beauty essentials. Body wash, perfume, lotion, nail products, lipsticks, eye shadow palettes, mascara, foundations, even makeup cases or samples. With summer almost here, lip balm and sunscreen are also appreciated. ■



## Purchase a Time Share in Vail, Colorado

This is an opportunity to own your own timeshare in spectacular Vail, Colorado. This one bedroom, one bath condo has something everyone will love. This time-share was donated to the Mission and we would like to see it go to someone who can appreciate it.

The property is a contemporary one bedroom accommodation at the Marriott StreamSide at Vail, Colorado. On-site recreation includes an indoor/outdoor pool, whirlpool spas, sauna, steam room, and racquetball courts. Various outdoor activities and events are available for every season. StreamSide is located just two miles from Vail's International Village and Ski Slopes and can easily be reached by StreamSide Shuttle Service. Sunny and inviting weather, allow activities from gondola hopping to sidewalk shopping, trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding, greens for golfing, games and balloon rides for kids, along with plenty of outdoor events and concerts under the clear night skies. Valued at \$5900.00, we will consider all offers. Contact Jannetta LaMort at 505-346-4673 ext 237 for more details. ■



## Our Pantry is Low!

### Food Box Donations are Needed

Our need for donated food items is constant. We often see surges in donations around the holidays, but the rest of the year we struggle to provide the meals and food boxes needed. Right now our pantry is extremely low on supplies of every kind.

Please help us continue feeding the thousands of hungry people here in Albuquerque by donating any of these items.

We can use economy sized (good for daily Mission meals) or single cans or boxes (used for the food boxes we give away).

### DRY

Pinto Beans	Sugar
Rice	Cereals
Oatmeal	Pancake/
Flour	Waffle mix
Spaghetti	Syrup
Spaghetti	Powdered
Sauce	Milk
Mac & Cheese	
Granulated	

### CANNED

Stew Meat	Tuna Fish
Chicken	Evaporated
Roast Beef	Milk
Soup	Juices
Ravioli	Pork & Beans
Canned Fruit	

### FROZEN

Whole	Lunch Meats
Chickens	Stew Meat
(parts, thighs, breasts)	Roasts
Ground Beef	Ham

## 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

John S. Hawkes	Karen
Henry C. Strauss	Peggy Lee Wilson
Manuel Sena	B.J.P.
Fred Maes	Eli Gustafason
Sharon A. Kelly	Brian Lee
Antonio B. Martinez	Diana L. Esparza
Charles W. Waite	Carl Larson
Steve Rodriguez	Silva Family Members
Andrew Segura	Beth Smith
Larry Stevens	Fred Williams
Peter and Edna Reilly	Richard G. (Dick) Saylor

### Honorary Gifts

Don Barnard  
Phil and Silvia Felix  
Kathy Jean Barber  
Paula Mills  
Richard and Julia Cavet  
Christopher A. Garnett  
Margaret Peterson  
Grandfather Silva



### GET INVOLVED: GIVE

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