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return to the Mission and the program. And that is what Sean did.

When he returned to the Mission a few days later, he was welcomed. Sean settled in and found a support system he had never imagined existed. "I needed a safe place. God made sure I had that," Sean relates. While talking with his chaplain, he experienced a complete feeling of trust in the genuineness behind the advice. He listened to Jim outline the necessary steps to his recovery through the program to a future based not on fear and anger, but a life built in and with God. "ARM has been a

cult. "I was so scared that I was responsible that I deserved the beatings; I deserved everything that happened to me. For so long I really believed my family when they told me I was bad." Understanding that the abuse was not his fault was a start in Sean's emotional healing. His health issues also had to be dealt with and step-by-step he made progress. Sean remembers, "The year I spent in the New Life Program was one of great uplifting and support by the staff and fellow NLPs. I really miss the continual encouragement, daily affirmation and circle of love that I received here at the Mission."

Life for Sean now, after a year in the New Life Program, has him transitioned into his own apartment with friends to support his new life in Christ.

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copied mechanisms for many years. However, there were times he would try to get help. A variety of programs, counseling, and even an attempt at religion didn't have the long-term effect he was seeking. Even in the times he was able to stay sober, he felt miserable, angry, fearful and isolated. Sean added crack cocaine, hallucinogens and prescription drugs to his life. "Anything to take the edge off" continued to be the mainstay and purpose of Sean's days.

Sean's struggles came to a climax one Fall day. As he sat alone in his apartment contemplating suicide, not for the first time, he felt a conviction like never before in his desire to die. He was tired of the struggle; there was no hope for him. Death was the only answer. A voice pierced Sean's black thoughts telling him to leave - leave now... do not look back; LEAVE and LIVE. Without a second thought, Sean grabbed up a few items and ran, leaving everything else behind him and headed for an unknown place where he could receive help.

"COMING TO THE MISSION GAVE ME THE OPTIMUM CONDITIONS FOR RESTORING MY LIFE."



Wandering while confused and ill, Sean knew that he could neither stop nor go back to the life he had been living without dying. Sean stayed with good friends while he tried several agencies. Finally, his search brought him to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission and the New Life Program for Men. But the interview was cut short by Sean's illness and aggravated by stress which caused him to stammer and shake until Jim Skinner, Chaplain, kindly told him kindly to go back, get stabilized on the right medications, and then

great blessing to me. Words can't describe how I feel about the Mission, and my life was saved because of the work done here with myself and so many others."

Life at the Mission was not the easiest for Sean; he was not able to shut himself off from his chaplains and fellow NLPs. He had to begin facing the emotional pain of his childhood abuse, so long suppressed. He knew that without God's help he was not going to be able to forgive those who had hurt him. Placing his anger and pain in God's hands was very diffi-

When his friends saw what the Mission did for Sean's life, they were so impressed that they have vowed to support the Mission. Sean's plans for the future include starting school to earn a degree in Construction Management Technology. He would like to open his own business eventually and work with FEMA in the natural disaster assessment field. ■

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



ABOUT OUR STAFF: JANNETTA LAMORT - COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Going the Extra Mile

Jannetta's dedication to the Mission

(Editors Note: in this edition, I deferred the writing of the Staff piece to my co-worker, as writing about oneself is rather difficult! Thank you Lawanna!)

Each morning as our Communications Coordinator Jannetta LaMort reflects on the day ahead, she seeks guidance and direction from our Lord to bring all the roles in her position together in one cohesive package. Her calendar is filled with many tasks and rolls. As the Historian, Jannetta takes photos of ARM's surroundings and daily events with determination and grace. As the Editor of *The Battlelines*, she interviews, writes the content, coordinates the layout and photographs, edits and prepares the newsletter. Another aspect of her duties is the ARM website, www.abqrescue.org. She enjoys updating and finding inventive and resourceful ways

to keep everyone intrigued with the site. "Jannetta will go the extra mile to do what it is needed to get the job completed. She

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LAWANNA JOHNSON

has a purpose and pride in everything that she does," says Lawanna Johnson, Donor Services Coordinator.

Outside of ARM, Jannetta also has many roles. One hidden talent that Jannetta has is her passion for poetry and was recently chosen for international publication in the Irish poetry journal "Revival". She is also a freelance graphic artist and writer, in both the

marketing and design aspects of the web. In addition, Jannetta writes courses for online adult learning. She has two great loves of her life - her children Conway, 14, and Nicole, 12. Her children keep her focused to be the best that she can be because she wants to leave an inspiring legacy and give them a wonderful example to follow.

Jannetta is always stimulated and inspired by the changed lives that she meets here at the Mission. Relying on God, Jannetta will continue to be steadfastly unmovable and always abounding in enthusiasm and joy for the work of the Lord. Thank you, Jannetta, for being such an asset to this important part of ARM's ministry! ■

VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE: PAT PIERSON

Accounting All Appreciation

Pat's valuable addition to the accounting team

Volunteerism comes in many forms here at the Mission. Serving meals, helping with special events, and witnessing to our guests are just a few ways of volunteering. Pat Pierson has given great amounts of her time and talent on the administrative side of the day to day running of the Mission for nearly three years. Pat began her volunteer work here, as many do, through her church family, Paradise Hills United Methodist Church, taking a Mission tour. She wanted to be a part of the work of the Mission and asked where she could help out. She has been an invaluable member of the accounting team ever since. When asked, Accounting Clerk Allena Hogue said, "Tuesdays are always a blessing to me because I know Pat will be here to help. Her faithfulness in coming each week enables me

to "save up" various tasks knowing she will do them. I appreciate her cheerful willingness to work in new areas. Pat volunteered originally to help batch our donations on Tuesdays. Now she stays to assist

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me in filing, recording purchase orders and invoices paid, and coding our donations for computer entry to name a few of her regular duties. Pat strives to complete each task accurately and as quickly as possible, and then asks, "What else do you have for me to do?" Like I said, Tuesdays are a blessing because Pat



comes." Nancy Gwyn, Director of Finance, also adds to Pat's praises, "Pat is reliable, dependable, and eager. She is a delight to work with and a blessing to all." Thank you, Pat for, your outstanding volunteer service! ■

■ **GET INVOLVED: VOLUNTEER**
Contact Kip @ 346-4673 ext 237 or visit
www.abqrescue.org/getinvolved



772 Served at Great Thanksgiving Banquet



The Mission dining room was filled with activity and appreciation during our Great Thanksgiving Banquet. Many gracious volunteers served a hot, delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings to 772 hungry men, women and children. Without volunteers we would not be able to feed so many people. Thank you to the volunteers from city offices, Heather Wilson, Steve Stucker, the Board of Directors, and many, many others. To see more photos of the day, go to www.abqrescue.org. ■

Christmas Celebration: A Hearty Feast for Body and Spirit



Volunteers filled Christmas Eve at the Mission with laughter and good cheer as they served our guests. The New Mexican dinner included green chile chicken tamales, posole with red chile, guacamole salad, fresh flour tortillas, beans and a selection of cheesecakes.

On Christmas Day Reverend and Mrs. Jim Tracy inspired our guests and New Life Program members with a wonderful devotion complete with music. We thank all those who made this blessed day filled with Christmas cheer for their donations and volunteering. ■

Toy Drive a Great Success

December 19th was a day of joy and happiness as we were able to give away toys to over a thousand children. The toys were donated to the Mission through the generosity of many individuals, churches, groups and businesses.

Special thanks goes out to 104.1 The Edge Radio, a Clear Channel Radio station, for their generous donation of toys. The Edge radio station held a very successful toy drive with tickets to a local concert for bringing a toy worth \$10.00 or more.

We had an abundance of volunteer help from the Department of Energy, Mountain Christian Church and many more volunteers with wrapping gifts, organizing the toys, and distributing the toys. ■



October Coat and Blanket Drive - Great Example of Teamwork

Mary Mann Photography benefited the Mission by hosting an Open House with a Coat and Blanket Drive in October. This was the second year of bringing this event to the Westside for Mary Mann at her photography studio. Mary and her employees are wonderful examples of diligence and enthusiasm in supporting ARM.

They began this effort last year, and the event grew this year with additional help and support of two more Westside businesses. Cupcakeology provided refreshment items to the Open House and Chick-Fil-A participated by promoting the Mission through their advertising and also held a blanket drive in October.

We applaud Mary Mann Photography for their hard work in expanding their event which brought in many blankets, clothing, and financial contributions to benefit the work of the Mission with the homeless. In addition, we join in the enthusiasm of Mary Mann as she tells us that she is looking forward to the future and the possibility of collaborating with other businesses next year! ■

Mary J. Mann
PHOTOGRAPHY



Veterans in Need Effort was a \$10,000 Success

In late November, Pastor Dave Blackwell and Tom Blaine of Peralta led the volunteers of Veterans in Need Effort (VINE) in a successful effort to raise \$10,000. They camped outdoors in makeshift cardboard coverings to highlight the plight of the homeless veterans of New Mexico. The money raised will be used to benefit homeless veterans.



This was a coordinated project of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission (ARM) and the Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church (PMUMC). For more information call (505) 865-9334. ■



Thank You, Local Businesses

Thanks to everyone that has generously given to the Mission. We rely entirely on the kindness of private donors for support. Because of you, we are able to continuously provide all of our services and special programs to the hungry and homeless men, women and children in the Albuquerque area. These businesses faithfully support us with goods and/or services throughout the year.

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Just Water Heaters, LLC

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All Pro Glass & Screen Co
Tetra Corp
Alpha-Omega Power Technologies
ABQ Isotopes Baseball Club, LLC
Northwestern Mutual
UNM-Lobo Basketball
Albuquerque Bio Park
Albertson's
FastSigns
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Costco
Wolf's Bagel
Unique Cakes by Karen
QinetiQ North America
Just a Bite
House of Bread
Borders Bookstore



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

Rev. W. Hile
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Donald Rothenburg
Nancy Sogg

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Needs

Isaiah 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.

- *Josina R. Chaves- that she can be healthy in mind and body*
- *Sarah, Terri, Max, & Pauline - to find employment and strength in an uncertain time.*
- *Monica –for healing.*
- *Irene- for healing from her back pain and diabetes.*
- *God's Blessings in expansion of the present Mission facility and services to accommodate more homeless and near homeless individuals.*
- *We humbly ask that God place a hedge of protection around and in ARM, WCOH and Winter Shelter in these times of financial hardship. That He will strengthen and guide the staff and Board of Directors in maintaining and building the Mission's outreach to the hungry and homeless of Albuquerque.*
- *That we as staff at ARM might be a showcase for the grace of God to be evident in our lives as we minister to and for others.*
- *That we might be diligent as good stewards of the gifts sent to provide for the needs of the homeless we seek to reach.*

Mission Statement

Our 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

AbqRescue.org

Learn more about us, discover how lives are restored and even see past issues of the Battlelines, all at our web site.

On the Battlelines

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HOW YOU CAN HELP—WINTER 2009

Give at Work and Double the Impact of Your Gift

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Your employer's matching gift will assist even more homeless and needy men, women, and children right here in Albuquerque.

If your company has this policy, request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it signed and completed with your gift. We will do the rest. The impact of your gift to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses.

If your company does not currently match employee donations, please ask your company to do so.

For more information, please contact Vicki Whitby at (505) 346-4673 ext. 222.

"Tea of Hope" Benefit **Saturday, February 21, 2 PM - 4 PM Tickets \$35.00**

Attend an elegant tea and luncheon to benefit and support women in the Albuquerque Rescue Mission's Women's Center of Hope. This celebration commemorates the first year of the Women's Center of Hope.

Purchase your ticket online at www.abqrescue.org/donate or call (505) 346-4673 ext. 233. If you would like to find out more about donating items to the silent auction, sponsoring or volunteering please contact Vicki Whitby at (505) 346-4673, ext 222, or vickiw@albqrescue.org.



Easter Dinner **Saturday, April 11, 4 PM - 6 PM**

Easter is an extra special day here at the Mission. Every Easter homeless and poverty stricken men, women, and children are able to share a delicious ham dinner and celebrate Jesus's resurrection. If you would like to volunteer or donate food for the dinner, please call our Volunteer Coordinator at (505) 346-4673 ext 237 or John Monte, Food Services Manager at 346-4673 ext 230.

Classic Car Show & Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 16

There will be food, live music, games, contests, and fun for all! This is a family friendly outdoor-judged car show open to all motorized vehicles of all makes, models and years. Bring your family for face painting, food, live music, and fellowship.

All proceeds go to benefit the Albuquerque Rescue Mission.

If you would like to find out more about donating items for prizes, sponsoring or volunteering, please contact Jannetta LaMort at (505) 346-4673, ext. 236, or jlamort@albqrescue.org.



"Bridge of Hope" Silent Auction & Banquet

Saturday, June 27, 6 PM - 9 PM Tickets \$50.00

Experience an evening of fine dining and a vast array of exciting silent auction items. Proceeds go to benefit the Albuquerque Rescue Mission.

Purchase your ticket online at www.abqrescue.org/donate or call (505) 346-4673 ext. 233.

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Cold Winter Supplies Needed



During the winter months, the Mission gives away thousands of blankets and warm winter clothing. The Winter Emergency Shelter is filled to capacity through the months of November through March, and this puts a strain on our supplies. You can help us save lives this winter by donating the following items:

- Blankets & Sleeping Bags
- Winter Coats for Men, Women and Children
- Warm Knit Hats and Caps
- Gloves of all sizes
- Warm Socks
- Thermal Underwear
- Sturdy Winter type Shoes

Please drop off donations to the Mission at 525 2nd St. SW, Monday through Saturday, 9am until 4:30 pm. Call (505) 346-4673 for more information.



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For more ways you can help the mission visit www.abqrescue.org/donate



On The Battlelines

SEAN GALDOS: A CHANGED LIFE

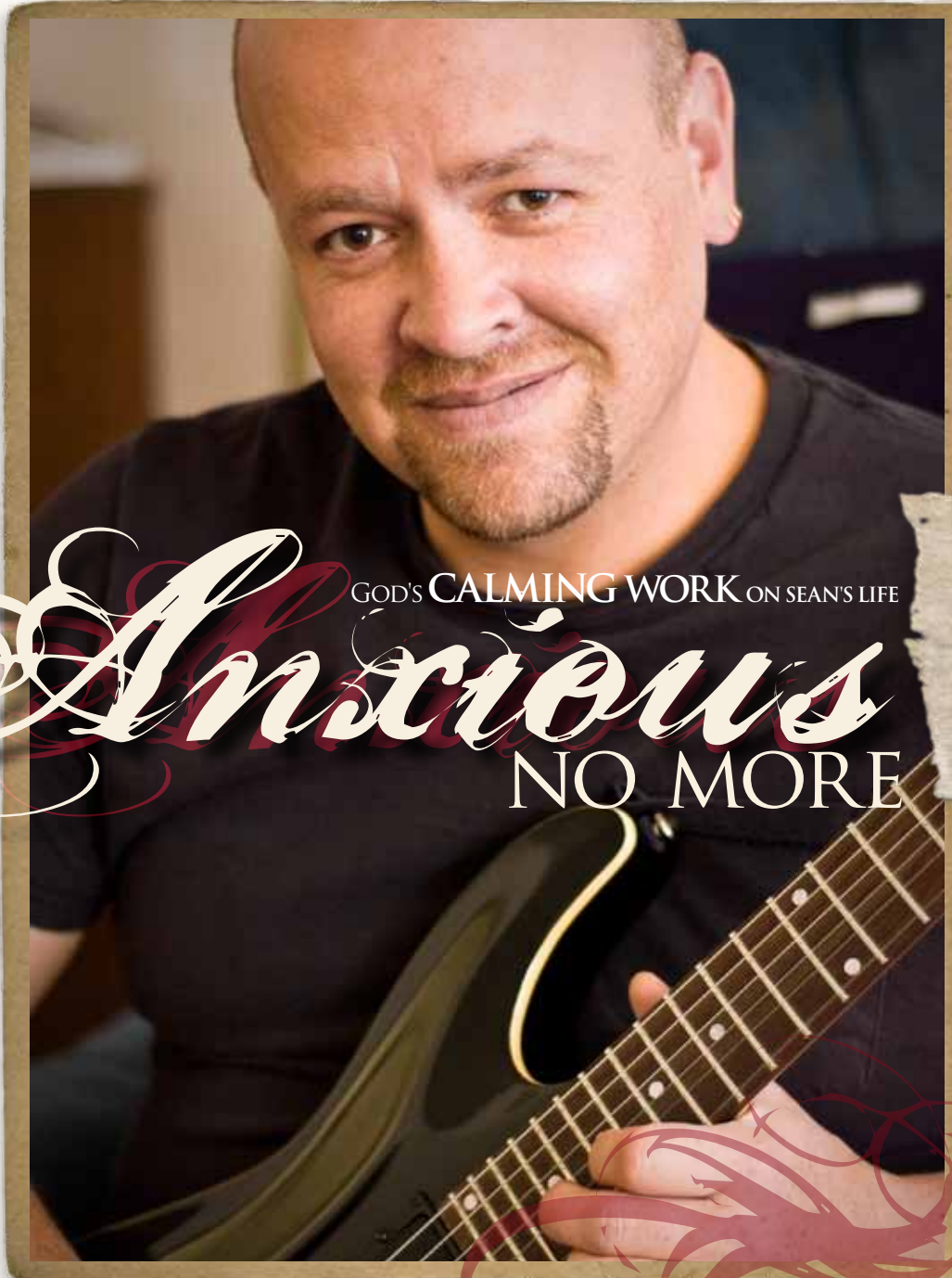
Hear thumping anxiety gripped Sean. His speech was broken by stuttering while his legs and hands were visibly shaking as he spoke with Albuquerque Rescue Mission's Chaplain Jim Skinner.

That day at the Mission is clear in Sean's mind. He remembers his anxiety easing and a sense of wonderment at the realization that he was in a safe place. No longer did he have to run from the enemy within, and the possibilities of a new future began to take shape.

Sean's earliest memories were of abuse. His father, a violent man, was known to take his temper out on Sean when he was just an infant. Later, the physical and emotional abuse from his parents and others included sexual abuse from the age of six. This terrifying childhood built layer upon layer of deep anger, resentment, fear, and depression.

Crippling depression and paranoia had long ruled his life and caused him to ruin relationships, lose jobs, and scorn friendships. Sean built a fortress in his apartment and left his place of safety only to get more drugs. Drugs and alcohol were his ammunition from an early age. Marijuana was easy to obtain, and the effects of the drug eased the pain and anguish, but only for a while. Getting high, drunk or otherwise numbing his senses were Sean's main

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GOD'S CALMING WORK ON SEAN'S LIFE

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