



ALBUQUERQUE RESCUE MISSION

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# On The Battlelines

NAME CELESTE GOODROWE: CHANGED LIVES & FUTURES

## God's Rx

Celeste was addicted to prescription drugs, until God prescribed a new daily dose



Stepping off the bus Celeste shifted the battered suitcase to look at the papers clenched in her hand. Her body aching from the long ride, her mind filled with fear and uncertainty. What was to become of her? What chance did she really have for a future back where she had started so many years ago? Shouldering her bags, she walked off into the city streets, alone.

Born in Roswell, NM, Celeste Goodrowe grew up in a military family-her father, Air Force; her mother, Royal Air Force. She fell in love, married, and had children and lived what we would call a "normal" life. Then one Christmas Day, a severe auto accident changed Celeste's life forever.

She woke up in the hospital dazed, confused, suffering from speech, hearing, and cognitive injuries, her body was wracked with the pain of a back injury, and in an attempt to control the pain, her

physicians prescribed heavy narcotics. These, combined with a head injury caused personality changes-some obvious and some to be revealed as she began the slow process of healing. Sinking into despair and anger, Celeste began relying on the pain medications to control how she managed not just the pain, but also her life. The blackness of this addiction began to haunt her marriage, children, family and work.

Celeste knew there was something

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## God's Rx

CONTINUED FROM COVER... missing. Her decision to come back to her roots in New Mexico was an attempt to mend her torn soul and find purpose in life. She never expected to be walking into the Albuquerque Rescue Mission needing food and a safe

reminds her to take it to the Lord in prayer, and to approach solutions with a sense of accountability. "I thank God the Mission was here for me, and continues to be here for all the others just like me."

Celeste never stopped believing in God through all

spending time in daily prayer with her Lord and Saviour. "I never started my day with prayer before. Now, that simple act helps me when the day has not gone exactly as I wished. It keeps me from getting lost in self-pity or frustration. "

she was 2 years ago lost, lonely, fearful, defiant, angry, sorrowful. They need tender loving care, respect, and greatest of all, hope infused in them again. She notes that lost relationships take a huge toll on women; some are victims of abuse, abandonment,



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place to rest. Marie Marmash, Women's Dayroom Supervisor, welcomed Celeste and through God's grace, ARM provided food, clothing, support, and strength through the programs offered her at the Mission. Celeste contributes much of her success to the Mission, and to Marie as her mentor and source of strength these past two years. When she is depressed or upset, Marie

her trials and tribulations. One day last spring she realized that famous song running through her head described her attitudes and choices in life so far. "Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places" stopped in her tracks, and Celeste faced the fact that she had been choosing all the wrong loves to guide her life. As an addict she needed God's

Witnessing, praying and supporting the other women that come to the Mission for help keeps her smiling and giving thanks for God's wondrous presence. "If you are an addict take yourself to the day room. Stay there and let the presence of God soak in. Talk, listen, and be encouraged to start the day in a new light of recovery " says Celeste.

and unemployment after a life of low-income jobs. These lead to a path of nowhere to go, no one to turn to and deep despair. She tells them, " In order to get better, you have to find honesty. It's embarrassing! You will make mistakes, but it works." Celeste is a shining example of what God's love can do, once you allow him to be the center of your life and says, "The word Restoration is the most important word ever spoken in an addict or homeless persons life- Restoration is what you will find here at the Mission." We are so happy to be a part of her recovery and restoration. ■



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restoring love. Celeste joyfully attributes her continued strength and vitality on

Over the past seven months, in her own home and employed she sees many women come into the day room exactly as

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



ABOUT OUR STAFF: GLENDORA HILL – ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

## Smiling Support

Glendora's graceful and steadfast support

**W**hen you walk into the administrative lobby here at the Mission, the first person you see, and most likely will speak with, is Glendora Hill, Administrative Secretary. Lawanna Johnson, Development Coordinator says, "Glendora is a team player, who is devoted to her work and a wholehearted believer in the Lord." Glendora has worked for over two years at the Mission answering the never-ending phone calls, requests for bus passes, and any other questions tossed her way. "During our peak seasons she is the most supportive of our staff" said Stephanie Session, Executive Secretary. "You can always count on her to be here with a smile". Her administrative duties cover the gamut; from data entry, to answering the door,

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directing visitors, getting our office supplies to the right individuals, organizing and posting the substantial amount of mail the Mission receives every week, and so much more. Thank you Glendora for your graceful, steadfast supportive service here at the Mission! ■



VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE: BEE & MOE AND BEA & JIM

## Always in Motion

No idle hands in the clothing room

**C**ome down to the Mission on any day and you will see an abundance of loyal service to our Lord through our wonderful volunteers.

Thursdays are special, due to an outstanding group of volunteers: The twins Bea and Bee and their husbands Jim and Mo. These couples have worked many years together doing their part to help the homeless and needy of Albuquerque.

In this work they find great spiritual gifts that encompasses all other areas of their lives. Over 45 years ago when Bea first came to the mission through her church, she not only stayed on, but also brought along the three closest people to her heart. They share her deep passion for the Lord and the work needed to bring help and hope to the homeless in our community.

Bea and Jim have been a vital part of the

Mission, starting when their children were very young. They sang at the evening services, and

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prayed and witnessed with the homeless afterwards. Bee and Moe were drawn here by the enthusiasm of Bea and Jim and instill their work with the same joy for the Lord. They have seen the mission grow, move and grow some more. Always in motion- no idle hands here! Bea and Bee share with their husbands Jim and Mo, the



constant work of folding clothes and organizing the shelves in the clothing room with donations from the processing center. All four are quick, efficient, cheerful and very loyal. Thank you for your loving, uplifting, and

inspiring work. We are so blessed here at the Mission to have such a gift from God in you! ■

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



## Easter Celebration a Great Success

March 22nd was an extra special day here at the Mission. 547 homeless and poverty stricken men, women, and children were all able to share a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings and celebrate a day about birth and renewal. The Easter story was shared with our guests through music in our courtyard by New Covenant Church, service by our wonderful volunteers at dinner, and ministry of the Word in the Men's Day Room and in the Lobby by Pastor Jeff Leslie. We would also like to thank all of our donors for your generous response to our Easter appeals! ■

## Women's Center of Hope Opens

With an estimated 1000 homeless women living in Albuquerque, the Albuquerque Rescue Mission took an important step in providing housing and restoring the lives of these women.

The Rescue Mission opened the "Women's Center of Hope," a 10 bed transitional housing facility for homeless women, on February 28th. In a grand opening event, dubbed the "Celebration of Hope," — held in the chapel with Lt.

Governor Diane Denish as the keynote speaker. Denish addressed the importance to the state and local communities and urgent need for life restoration programs and facilities. She also said, "Recovery from addictions and homelessness needs all the attention we can give it," Lt. Governor Denish said. "This program is a step in that necessary direction, helping women get the support



and services to become healthy, productive citizens."

While living in this facility, the women will be enrolled in a life restoration program, designed to be completed in about 12 months.

The goal is that the women will find employment, move to permanent housing, and lead productive lives. This life-changing program is intended to address the spiritual, educational, emotional, and

physical needs of the participant.

A chaplain will oversee the progress of each of the women while serving as case manager, counselor, and advocate. The program also aims to add strict discipline, accountability, and structure to the lives of the women, some attributes of life that may be new to some of the program participants.

If you have questions about the program please call: (505) 243-3310 ■

## Thank You "Bridge of Hope" Banquet Donors

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- **Volunteers**
- Michael Hastcoat
- Brian Butler
- Tinka Castioni
- Kama Boeckman
- Karen Stallard
- Erin Gibson

## Memorial 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.

Steven Sutherland  
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THE PASTOR'S PEN

# A Healing Touch

## Elijah and the Healing of the Widow's Son

The story of Elijah reminds us clearly that our hearts should be in tune with his words to the widow, but expanded further by saying, "Give me your sons and daughters!"

Each day at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission is a stark reminder of our calling and responsibility from God to reach out beyond ourselves and provide a healing touch in order to restore our brothers and sisters, and sons and daughters, back to a complete state of wholeness and balance.

The beautiful story found in I Kings 17 is a profound example of powerful healing and restoration, as it describes how Elijah proactively responded when the widow of Zarephath sought him out when her only son died. Without reservation Elijah said, "Give me your son." He prayed to God, and laid himself out on the boy; and miraculously life returned to him.

Elijah took what responsibility he could

and gave the rest to God. We have recently extended that theme with the addition of our Women's Center of Hope and now proclaim, "Give me your sons AND daughters!"

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I pray for? What can I give to? What can I do? Give me your sons and daughters!" As we do what we can do and turn to God for the fulfillment of His promise, I believe that the beautiful people who come to ARM for healing, restoration, wholeness, and balance

ask, "What can

will come to know God as a loving Father who meets them right where they are just as he once met you and me right where we were in our deepest hour of need.

Just as Elijah started with one widow's son and a few days later went to the nation, it starts with you and me and our commitment to say to the world, "Give me your sons and daughters!"

We continue to do the "impossible" with your prayers and support. Please know and recognize how much we appreciate your willingness to be our "first responders", our very own "Elijah!" ■

*Pastor John Whittell*



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.

*John and Virginia - that John may find a new job quickly, and they both be healed*

*Beryl - during the uncertainty in her life right now, help her find peace in Your steady hand guiding her life*

*Mr. and Mrs. Lopez - healing for both of them*

*Rita - for healing*

*Robert Jones - for strength*

*Women's Center of Hope participants - for strength as these women take their first steps towards a new foundation and life in Christ*

*Staff at the Center of Hope - that God will continually pour our is blessing, wisdom, and love unto them so that they may be fit to do His service*

*Michael Naranjo - for healing*

*Dan and his business- for Your guiding hand to success*

## 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



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—SPRING 2008

## Toothpaste, kleenex and underwear! **The bare necessities.**

When homeless men, women and children come to our Mission, they often lack basic health care items. We have a constant need to replace our supplies of hygiene items and underwear.



Right now, we are in drastic need for toothpaste, (full-sized tubes or mini tubes any brand), boxes of kleenex and men's underwear (size small to large) dropped off at our donation center at 525 Second Street SW. Directions to our donation center are on our website, or call (505) 346-4673 for directions.

If you have a church group or a class or school that would like to hold a toothpaste or underwear drive, contact Kip Vaughn our Volunteer Coordinator at (505) 346-4673 ext. 237, for any help you need organizing a drive. ■

## Auction items for sale

Our "Bridge of Hope" event was a great success. Some of our fundraising participants donated items that are now featured on our website for very reasonable prices. 100% of the proceeds for the sale of these items will benefit the Albuquerque Rescue Mission.



Go to [www.abqrescue.org/catalog](http://www.abqrescue.org/catalog). You will find pictures and a complete description of each item, its worth, and current price, that you may purchase securely online. ■

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# Double Your Donation in May

### Make a gift during the Matching Gift Challenge in May!

Your commitment of \$10, \$35, \$500, or even \$25,000 will grow to \$20, \$70, \$1,000, or \$50,000 right when we need it most! Your special contribution today - the most generous you can afford - will help the Albuquerque Rescue Mission continue to expand its mission of offering hope, warm food, safety and transformation through the power of God's love.

The 2008 Matching Gift Challenge is a win-win for all involved - donations are tax-deductible; the effective value of your contribution will be doubled; and the money will be used to help the hungry and homeless men, women and children of Albuquerque.

### You can donate to the Matching Gift Challenge several ways:

- Via [www.abqrescue.org/donate](http://www.abqrescue.org/donate)
- Call 505-346-4673 ext. 233 to give your credit card information.
- Send your check to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission and designate to the "Matching Gift Challenge."

**A small group of donors have pledged to match every gift in May**

## Our Pantry is Empty!

### Food Box Donations Needed

Here at the Mission, we feed hundreds of people a day and give well stocked food boxes to those that need assistance in feeding their families. Our need for donated food items is constant. We often see surges in donation around the holidays but in between there is a shortage, as we have right now.

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 meals) or single cans or boxes (used for food boxes).

### DRY GOODS

Pinto Beans  
Rice  
Oatmeal  
Flour  
Spaghetti  
Mac & Cheese  
Pork & Bean  
Powdered Milk

### CANNED

Stew Meat  
Chicken  
Roast Beef  
Canned Fruit  
Soup  
Ravioli  
Spaghetti Sauce

### FROZEN

Whole Chickens - parts, thighs, breasts etc.  
Ground Beef  
Lunch Meats  
Stew Meat  
Roasts  
Ham