

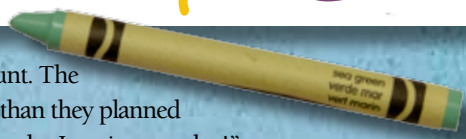
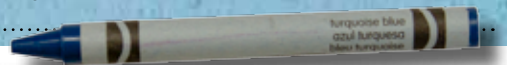
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becomes doubled and tripled in amount. The Lord leads these donors to give more than they planned and through their giving they are blessed—I see it every day!”

Not related in the 2005 story was that when Juan was still in our program, his girlfriend (now wife) Erma was terribly injured and spent three months in a coma before awakening and then had to endure a long recovery period. They came together through that experience; Erma saw the remarkable difference in Juan and through his witnessing to her, and his loving dedication to her and their son, she came to the Lord.

Juan and Erma have worked through many trials, and as Juan tells it, “I had to learn how to be there for my wife, to respect her, to be a good caretaker, and she has done the same for me. We lack nothing, no food, clothes, or a home because of God.” Juan, Erma and Little Juan are a happy family lovingly guided by God. Juan says, “I just came to the Mission that day to get something to eat—drugs and violence ruled my life back then. Now, seven years later, here I am! God had my life written for me and I am happy now!”

We give thanks to Him who brought Juan to us at the Mission, first as a program member and now as an employee and as a shining example of what a marvelous transforming effect God can have on our lives. ■

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It is a blessing that my Dad works at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. My mom really likes volunteering at the mission. My mom also volunteers at my school. I love learning about God from my mom and Dad. My favorite verse in the bible is Matthew 9-9. As Jesus went on from there he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collectors booth. Follow me he told him and Matthew got up and followed him. I like this scripture because I always want to follow Jesus.

From, Juan



## Update: Easter 2011 Footwashing Event *Serving the Lord by Serving His People*



April 23 was a glorious day in the Lord serving His people! We at the Mission want to say thank you to the many people who helped by volunteering, and giving money and supplies to make this a blessed event for so many of the homeless and near homeless in Albuquerque.

With your generous giving, we provided shoes, socks, hygiene supplies, medical and dental help, food boxes, haircuts, snacks, Easter baskets, and a delicious Easter Dinner to 800 men, women and children!

We thank our volunteers—all 240 of them—and we invite you to view more exciting pictures and video clips taken the day of the event and posted on our Facebook page— you will find a link to it on our [abqrescue.org](http://abqrescue.org) website or you can search for the Albuquerque Rescue Mission on facebook.com and add us to your friends!

Special thanks: Sole Comfort Shoes and P.W. Minor Shoe Com-



pany donated 300 pairs of new men's and women's shoes. Extra thanks to Peggy Swisher and Janet Simon, Co-Owners of Sole Comfort Shoes, for personally fitting these shoes during the event.

In addition, we thank the local churches, many businesses, and our generous donors for the drives, volunteerism, and financial donations, which made this event possible. ■



## Women's Center of Hope Gets a New Name... *The Jo Nicholson Women's Center of Hope*

The Mission's Board of Directors, Executive Director, Staff, New Life Program participants and many family and friends attended the renaming ceremony on May 20, 2011 of the Women's Center of Hope. The center was renamed the *Jo Nicholson Women's Center of Hope*. Jo Nicholson was a long time advocate for the Mission and for homeless and hurting women. Through her volunteer work at the Mission and service on our Board of Directors, Jo saw an increased need for homeless women to have a place of safety and respite, and because of her tireless work towards this goal, the Women's Day Room was opened to serve the women of the community.

However, Jo's vision was to expand the Women's Program beyond providing the necessities and to empower



women to thrive and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. Jo saw a compelling need for more services for women that included safe housing, continued education, and guidance for homeless women.

Through Jo's championing of homeless women's needs, the Mission established secure sleeping areas for women in the Winter Emergency Shelter, and several years later, the Albuquerque Rescue Mission's Women's Center of Hope celebrated its grand opening with a ten-bed facility. This facility has now been in service to the homeless women of our community for over three years. Sadly, Jo left us this past year but her dedication to the most needy will never be forgotten.

It is with great pride and gratitude that we honor Jo Nicholson and her legacy of loving compassion for homeless women in Albuquerque by renaming our Women's Center of Hope to, *Jo Nicholson Women's Center of Hope*. ■



## Dear Supporters of the Women's Center of Hope,

There are not adequate words to thank you for all of your support for the ten women who were treated to a Christ-centered retreat (Mercy, Hope and Restoration) up at Camp Stoney, April 29-May 1, 2011. Thank you to those of you who generously donated your hard-earned

dollars to make this happen. Several of you donated your talents in making beautiful jewelry, T-shirts and soaps. The women were so very blessed by these beautiful items made with your love. Thank you to those of you who donated other items to make it a successful and pampering weekend for these precious women. In addition, thank you to the team of volunteers who donated many hours of their time, energy and love to share God's love with these ladies.

It was very apparent that the LORD was in the planning of this retreat and He did some amazing work on the hearts of the women and the hearts of the team members at the retreat. God is so good to us. And He was glorified at this event. May God bless you abundantly for your agape love!

– MHR Committee (Ray, Christie, Kaye, Lori and Sue) ■

## 5th Annual Celebration of Womanhood

On May 13, the Women's Dayroom hosted our fifth annual Celebration of Womanhood. Guests, Staff, Board Members and Volunteers came together to worship their Lord and to give thanks and to support, encourage and equip each other in their walk as women in Christian faith.

Our theme this year was *"Praising God through the Storm."* Some of the highlights were testimonies, prayer, worship in song, special music performed by a Christian Mariachi group, prize drawings, refreshments and a delicious lunch. We welcomed 26 volunteers, 7 children, 3 infants, 5 teens, and 60 women guests!

We would like to thank the following for their support of this Celebration:

Ms. Michelle Judkins, Ms. Patricia Gibson, Ms. Corina Hernandez, Ms. Erin Gibson, Mr. Ray Rivera, Ms. Celeste Goodroe, Ms. Girleen Mack, Ms. Renell Jones, Ms. Margaret Soo, Ms. Christie Leslie, Ms. Lovie McGhee, Ladies of Desert Light Church, Ladies of New Hope Baptist Church, Ladies of Metropolitan Church of God in Christ, Hope Evangelical Free Church, Ms. Glendora Hill, Ms. Beverly Apodaca, Ms. Roseanne Page, and all of our many friends of the Women's Day Room. ■



## 2011 Men of Iron Conference

The 2011 Men of Iron Conference took place April 28-30 in the beautiful Glorieta Conference Center, set in the midst of the awe-inspiring Santa Fe mountains. Nine men from the Albuquerque Rescue Mission New Life Program were selected to attend the conference based on seniority.

Every one of the five sessions was filled with powerful ministry geared toward the needs of men for successful Christian living, dynamic and passionate worship, as well as times of personal response and commitment in prayer. When asked about the impact that the conference had on their individual lives, the men made a variety of comments including, "I really had an encounter with God," "This is what I really needed," "I am different, more solid in my relationship with God," and "This was the best thing I have ever been to."

Thank you to all who were instrumental in making this Conference available to these men. It is evident that life transformation has occurred. Who can fathom the harvest of fruit produced through the seeds that God has planted in each of their hearts? ■

## Albuquerque Community Foundation, Gorvetzian Croker Family Fund

Thank you Albuquerque Community Foundation, Gorvetzian Croker Family Fund, for designating the Albuquerque Rescue Mission as a recipient of funds from your grant. Your generous donation makes a difference in the lives of many homeless men, women and children in our community. ■



## OPERATION: Back To School



Even though we are now ending one school year, a new one begins in just a few short months.

Back to school time marks a return to routine, new teachers, new friends and new challenges...at least it will be for most kids. Albuquerque Public Schools reports 6,000 kids are homeless in our area. These children and youth face enough obstacles without having to worry about going back to school unprepared. The Mission will be holding a back-to-school event where students can enjoy a nutritious lunch and a lovingly packed backpack full of supplies they need for a great start to their school year! The event will include free kids activities, facepainting, haircuts, medical and dental care and so much more.

### Ways to get involved in Operation: Back To School:

- Start a school supply drive between **June 24—July 30** at your church or place of employment.

- Become a corporate sponsor.
- Raise money, which we use to purchase additional school supplies.
- Buy a few extra school supplies and drop them off.
- Volunteer for our **Sort-a-Thon July 30, 2011** and our event **Operation: Back to School on August 6, 2011.**
- Make a donation! Go to our website at [www.abqrescue.org](http://www.abqrescue.org) or send your check made out to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission with **Operation: Back to School** in the memo line to 525 Second St. SW Albuquerque NM, 87102.

To learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Jannetta LaMort at 505-356-4673 ext. 237 or by email, [jlamort@albqrescue.org](mailto:jlamort@albqrescue.org)  
*Items to donate: Backpacks, pencils (#2), crayons, white glue, scissors, pocket folders (with brads), pink erasers, colored pencils, watercolors, wide-lined spiral notebooks, packages of paper (wide-lined), glue sticks, zipper bag or school box, red pens, water-based markers, erasable pens (black or blue), rulers, protractors, compasses, and calculators. Additional supplies needed are antibacterial liquid soap, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues, pencil sharpeners with receptacles, composition books, index cards, ziploc bags (quart or gallon size), and children's Bibles. ■*

## Calling All Teens... Volunteers Needed This Summer!

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission? There are many different reasons for you to start volunteering:

- *To help others. It is rewarding and FUN!*
- *To learn about an activity that interests you.*
- *To beat boredom. Volunteering in an activity you enjoy can be a great way to change things.*
- *To overcome a loss you have experienced. One of the best ways to help and comfort yourself in a time of loss is to help others.*
- *To gain perspective on life. There is no better way to understand your blessings than to help people in need.*



Your reasons for volunteering are as individual as you are, but no matter the reason, you can get a lot out of volunteering. You can learn about yourself, learn about others, and meet interesting people by volunteering. For more information on how you can help make a difference, contact Doug Chandler, Volunteer Coordinator by email, [dchandler@albqrescue.org](mailto:dchandler@albqrescue.org) or by phone at 505-346-4673 ext. 235. ■

## Prayer Needs

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

*Please join us in a special prayer offering for our tornado hit states and members of our ARM community.*

- Carol and her son Marc— to find great comfort in your abiding love, holding fast to your teachings and living a strong life in Your ways.
- For the lost, homeless and hurting— we pray that every man, woman and child from here to the furthest corners of the world be saved. We ask that that You as Lord of the Harvest use the Mission Staff as Your laborers across these lives this day to share the good news of the gospel in a special way to touch their hearts.
- Board of Directors— we pray that Your Spirit rests on them. We believe that Godly wisdom has entered into the hearts of our Mission leaders, that they will do Your will, that they have hearts and ears attentive to your Godly counsel in the decisions they must make for the Mission's growth.
- For Nancy G.— thank you for delivering her safely through surgery and your continued presence, strength and guidance through her time of healing. ■

# Ways You Can Help – Summer Heat Help for the Homeless

Summer presents another set of challenges as temperatures soar. Some of the health risks for homeless people are dehydration, heat stroke, general exhaustion, and athlete's foot. Here are six ways you can help people who are homeless this summer. Consider organizing a drive at your church, school or workplace for some of these items.

- 1. Light Summer Clothing.** Most homeless people have limited access to air conditioned facilities so they really need cooler clothing during the summer. Be sure that the clothes are clean and in good repair. The general rule is, if it is something you will not wear yourself, throw it away.
- 2. Baby Wipes.** You can provide people who are homeless with baby wipes. People who are homeless can use these to clean up when they do not have access to proper shower facilities.
- 3. Bottled Water.** Water is essential to prevent dehydration on very hot days in our New Mexican summers.
- 4. Foot Care.** Foot care is a major concern for people who are homeless. Because of heat, lack of access to regular hygiene, and lack of clean socks, athlete's foot is a major concern for homeless men and women. You can help by giving new socks, foot powder, and athlete's foot spray.
- 5. Backpacks.** Homeless people often need backpacks. The homeless have to carry almost everything they own with them. Backpacks can be a real blessing for them.
- 6. Underwear.** Another item the homeless need year round is underwear. A good rule of thumb is to purchase your own size, and put an extra package aside to give to the homeless. ■



## Designate Your Donation

Tell us what you are most passionate about... Simply enclose a note with your donation or even write the area you wish to support on the bottom of your check and we will be sure that your gift is used in the area you designate. If you wish to learn more about our mission and the specific areas you can help contact us at (505) 346-4673.

## 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

Mary, Donald and Susan  
Fallen Soldiers  
Larry Verzi  
Verde Pearl Sheets  
Loren Peters  
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Marilyn Brooks  
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### Honorary Gifts

Emma Lopez  
Quintana  
My Father  
Tony Gardner  
All Homeless  
People  
Norm Marsh  
Mary Ellen Kindley  
Benjamin Ortega  
Ben Trujillo

## 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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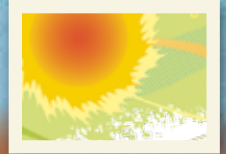
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# On The Battlelines



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In 2005,  
the spring edition of  
"On The Battlelines"

featured the story of Juan Arzola's transformation from a hardened sinner to a glorious child of Christ through the New Life Program here at the Mission. In that story we celebrated his graduation from the New Life Program, his continued sobriety, his new job in the counter top refinishing business, his new dedication to his wife and child, along with the sheer joy of living in the Lord that he expressed not only in word but also in deed.

Six years later—we are happy to report to you that Juan now works for the Mission as our Donation Van Driver; his young son has grown into a healthy and happy nine year old, whom we all fondly call "Little Juan." Juan's lovely wife Erma, and his son also regularly volunteer at the Mission.

Juan exudes a grace and spirit of grateful happiness that can only come from the Lord. "Changes in my life are startling to those that knew me before. I was in a terrible darkness; I was withdrawn and unable to make connections with people. I was so closed in and self-centered, I was not a good citizen, I did many bad things and now I have

an opportunity to give back and show everyone that I have changed." Juan goes about his daily duties with a smile and a cheery greeting to his fellow staff members and says, "The Mission Staff are my extended family."

His daily routine includes driving our Mission van to make trips to local businesses to pick up their generous donations. Juan says, "My job with the Mission is a new chapter in my life; I can't believe sometimes how different I am—now I go into a business and I am not only there to pick up donations but to build a relationship with those donors and represent the Mission."

As he thanks each donor, loads the items into the van or truck, and writes out their receipt, he witnesses to them about the Mission. He also tells them of the services we provide, the people we help and his own story of transformation through the Mission. With a shake of his head and a smile, Juan says, "I am amazed at God's work—often I go to pick up items and what at first is only 'this much' suddenly

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