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# The CARING PLACE

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GIVING WITH  
THANKS!



PROVIDE MEALS, HOPE,  
AND MORE THIS  
THANKSGIVING  
AND BEYOND



MIAMI RESCUE MISSION  
& BROWARD OUTREACH CENTERS

*Serving the Homeless since 1922*

November 2020



# OUR VISION OUR MISSION

# No One is Homeless

Transform the lives of homeless men, women, and children through comprehensive residential programs to effect lasting change and empower them to be productive members of society. We provide food, clothing, shelter, substance abuse treatment, education, computer literacy, job placement, healthcare, spiritual development and housing with Christian love, compassion, and encouragement.

## Special Blessings

Dear Friend and Valued Supporter,

During the fall months, our Centers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties will serve over 250,000 meals to the homeless, needy, and hungry of our communities. For so many, that meal is the first step in transforming their life. During 98 years of serving those in the greatest of need, we have seen that *HOPE really does begin with a meal!*

It is only with your continued support that we're able to do all that we do for people in great need. Your generosity provides meals, safe shelter, and *life-changing programs* for men, women, and children. This has been an extraordinary year for the world, our nation, our communities, and our families. Our ministry has been severely impacted by the virus and I am extremely grateful for all of our wonderful donors and partners. We continue to pray for you and that our nation is healed of so many divisions.

*Special Blessings to you and your loved ones this Thanksgiving and beyond,*

Ronald Brummitt

Rev. Ronald Brummitt  
President



## Help <sup>the</sup> Miami Rescue Mission Broward Outreach Centers



## PACK the PANTRY

Last year the MIAMI RESCUE MISSION served over 990,000 meals to HOMELESS and HUNGRY men, women and children in the community.

We need **YOUR HELP** to Pack our Pantry this **Thanksgiving!**

HELP SPONSOR A  
**FOOD BOX**  
FOR A FAMILY TODAY!!!  
**\$25**  
PER BOX

### URGENT NEEDS

- HAMS & TURKEYS
- PIES (SWEET POTATO/PUMPKIN)
- CASES OF BOTTLED WATER
- CASES OF CANNED SODA



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[www.caringplace.org/pantry](http://www.caringplace.org/pantry)

#### MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:

- **Miami Rescue Mission:**  
PO BOX 420620, Miami, FL 33242-0620  
Attn: Community Development Department
- **Broward Outreach Centers:**  
PO Box 220490, Hollywood, FL 33022-0490  
Attn: Community Development Department

#### DONATION DROP OFF:

- Miami:**  
2010 NW 1st Ave, Miami, FL 33127
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## GIVING WITH THANKS

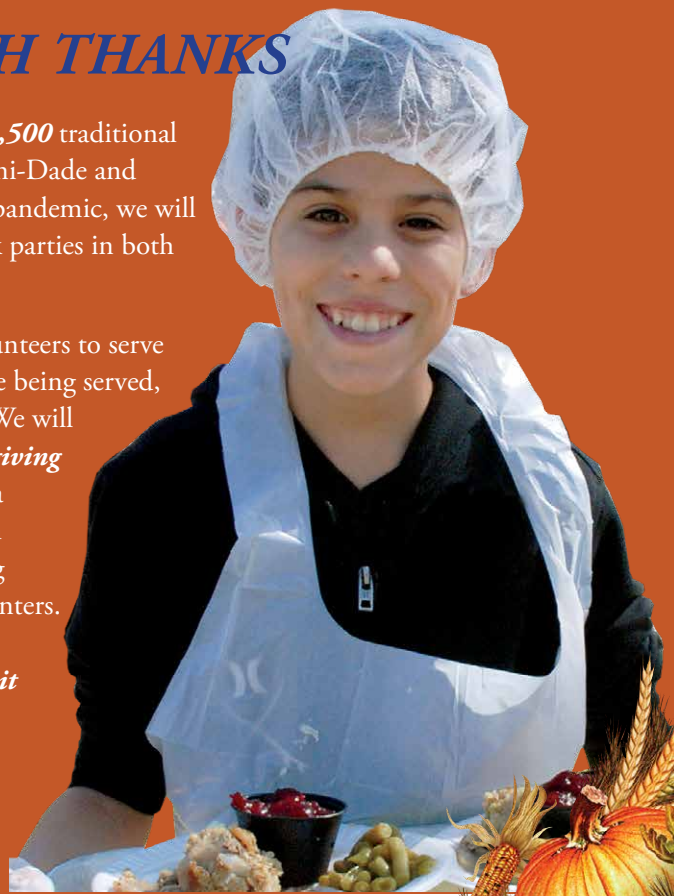
Our Centers will serve *nearly 2,500* traditional meals this Thanksgiving in Miami-Dade and Broward. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will not be having our traditional block parties in both counties.

Normally, we would have 600 volunteers to serve the meals and socialize with people being served, but that is not possible this year. We will be distributing *fully cooked Thanksgiving meals* to individuals and families in a safe, cautious and responsible way on Thanksgiving. We will also be serving meals to all of our residents in our centers. *To make a special donation to bless others with Thanksgiving meals, visit our website: [www.caringplace.org/thanksgiving](http://www.caringplace.org/thanksgiving).*

*“I really enjoyed the entire morning. My kids loved the activities and I even got some new clothes. Thanksgiving was great!”*

— Kimberly, mother of 4 and 2019 banquet attendee

**Your Support Is Very Appreciated!**



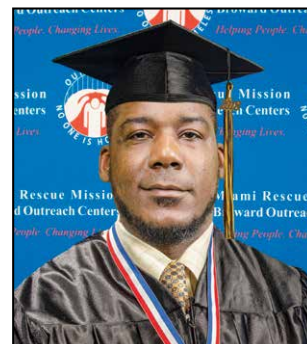
## Our First Virtual Graduation



Each year we have a special graduation ceremony to honor the accomplishments of the men and women of our programs who complete all their studies and are prepared to be successful in life. The outbreak of the virus caused us to delay our normal graduation in the spring, but we were able to have a virtual graduation on Oct. 17th. This was all done with caution and following virus safety protocols. Men and women donned caps and gowns, marched across the stage, and received their diplomas. A new addition, for this year, was the need for facial masks (see above CARINGPLACE.ORG

photo). *Pastor Marcus Gonzalez* opened us in prayer and his church, *Good Life Church*, provided great music. *Brian Pollock*, a graduate, shared his life-transforming testimony. *Luisa Rodriguez* sang “*The Blessing*” and Forward Fellowship Church Pastor, *David Pereira*, gave a special challenge for the graduates to continue to grow! Even during this horrible virus pandemic — men, women, and children are being served and lives are being transformed.

*Thank you for continuing to support our vital ministry!*



**Brian Pollock**  
*Graduate Testimonial*



# Jorge is Thankful!

My family and I came from Cuba when I was 6 years old. It was my goal to play baseball professionally when I was a kid. My team even won the state championship. As a teenager, I injured my knee really bad while playing and the doctor told me I could never play baseball professionally. It was a life changing experience for me because I was set on playing baseball. From that moment on, my life took a turn for the worse. I started hanging out with a bad crowd and started doing drugs. I became a functioning addict. During a drug deal, I was shot at, but the bullet miraculously missed hitting me. This was a wake up call for me and I enlisted in the Navy to get away from drugs and the gangs. After 4 years, I ended up getting kicked out for smoking marijuana and other things. I just gave up on life. I ended up homeless and living under a bridge. I came to the realization that I needed to change my life. A friend of mine suggested that I go to the Miami Rescue Mission. The basic reason I went and was willing to change my life was because I believed God had a plan for me from a very young age, but I was not willing to follow Him. A short time after entering the program, I committed my life to Jesus Christ. I started seeing what His purpose for me was. It hasn't been easy to change, but I'm so thankful for all the help and love I have received. I'm now enrolled in Miami-Dade College and studying to be an addictions counselor. I pray that I will be able to help others overcome addiction and homelessness in the future.

*Your Support Touches and Transforms Lives!*

## Our Stories!



On Saturday, October 24th, our *CoverGirls* from Miami & Broward, hosted a virtual conference event – “*Our Stories*” – to honor *domestic violence awareness month*. Over 100 supporters got together to raise awareness and funds to help women and children in our centers fleeing domestic violence and homelessness.



**Maria Cristina Maradiaga**  
*Special Speaker*



**Lara Dada**  
*Entertainer*



**Kaysia M. Earley,**  
*Attorney for Earley Law Firm & Speaker*



**Luisa Rodriguez**  
*Singer & Worship Leader*

Many thanks to our Presenting Sponsors: *St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Gladys Maria Booth, Christina Lucas*, and our *CoverGirls* mentor, *Loyda Lewis*. The keynote speakers, *Kaysia Early, Marlen Cantral*, and *Maria Maradiaga*, shared their inspiring stories and courageous life journeys. The performers, *Lara & Luisa* ministered in music. Last but not least, our hosts and special guests went over all the many ways one can get involved to make a difference in the lives of the women and children being served. To join our *CoverGirls* or for more information, visit: [www.caringplace.org/cover](http://www.caringplace.org/cover).

*Your support provides hope and healing!*

## We Love Our Volunteers

Get Involved: [www.caringplace.org/volunteer](http://www.caringplace.org/volunteer)



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