



THE BROWARD REPORT

*Summer of Hope
Help Someone in Need
Experience a Fresh Start*



*Thousands of Men,
Women, and Children
Need Your Help
This Summer*

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Operating Centers in Hollywood, Pompano Beach and Miami.
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COMPASSION - HOPE - RESTORATION - TRANSFORMATION



Dear Friend,

I pray all is well with you and your loved ones. Summer will soon be here and already this year, we have seen 275 formerly homeless men and women complete our programs, find employment, and move into the community. Our Centers are filled and we are preparing for the hot and rainy summer months. Thousands of men, women, and children are still in need and together we will help them experience changed lives. **Your continued support makes this all possible.**

The Broward Outreach Centers have been helping the homeless for over 20 years in Broward County. These Centers are an expansion of the Miami Rescue Mission which has served the homeless and needy for 92 years. Thousands of lives have been impacted. Our core values are: **compassion, hope, restoration, and transformation.** These values link together in reaching out to the least, the last, and the lost.

Compassion is *love in action*, saying yes when others say no, embracing the inherent value of every human being. It is the nonjudgmental, conscious acceptance of those in distress and a deep desire to see them restored to health and happiness. Our Centers embody the love and compassion of Christ, welcoming the homeless and hurting of society without judgment.

Hope is to *expect the best* outcome with confidence. It is a vision for a better tomorrow; the ability to imagine the possibilities for a better life. Our Centers provide hope to those who have lost hope through a road map for restoration.

Restoration is to *regain that which was lost*; to become healthy and whole again—physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and socially. As servants of Christ in the world, our Centers provide resources and a restorative environment that supports those on the path to health and stability.

Transformation is to alter character and outlook; to experience an awakening and a willingness to change. Our Centers provide a safe, supportive environment and effective tools that support individuals in *achieving permanent, positive change.*

All that we do every day is actually very simple — **Help men, women, and children break the cycle of homelessness and become successful in life.** We're serving over 1,300 people every day in our Broward and Miami Centers. We're active in building relationships with the homeless through special outreaches. We constantly encourage those on the streets to make the decision to come into one of our programs or let us help them find a program that they desire.

Our goal is not just to put new clothing on a man or woman, but rather **help people become a new man or woman** with new clothing.

I am very thankful for you and so many others that are concerned about hurting people in our communities. Help us with our **SUMMER OF HOPE** campaign to continue to see **changed lives.** Special blessings to you and your loved ones.

Ronald Brummitt

Rev. Ronald Brummitt



We Love Our VOLUNTEERS!

We couldn't do all the things we do without our great volunteers. Individuals and groups are always welcome at our Centers. Some people find unique ways to help. One group provided a special make-over for a family dorm, another person started a shoe drive, and others have provided drama and music teams.

Businesses and civic groups have come to serve. The Faith Community provides services and special items. Schools have participated in food and clothing drives. To find out how you, your school, place of worship, club, or business can volunteer and help change lives, visit our website at browardoutreachcenter.com or contact Nina Corbe, ncorbe@caringplace.org, or call 954.935.3048.

Thanksgiving in April Served Thousands



Nearly 2,500 men, women, and children took part in our *“Thanksgiving in April”* event held on *Good Friday*, April 18th at our Hollywood, Pompano, and Miami Centers. There was foot care, Mission Hope Bags, music, special activities for the kids, Easter Baskets, clothing, shoes and socks, health booths, and so much more. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal served by our *wonderful volunteers* (over 500 came to serve). We want to especially thank *AmTrust Bank, a Division of New York Community Bank*, for being our main sponsor as well as providing hundreds of Easter Baskets that were donated by their employees. *Scott Evans Productions* provided the music in Hollywood.

Foot washing was done by volunteers and staff. Foot care was provided by *Barry University Podiatry Students* at each Center. This was truly a South Florida outreach that touched thousands of people in need. The reason we do this is to show the homeless and needy that they are loved. *Over 50 people* made the decision to come off the streets and enter one of our residential programs. Our next big outdoor outreach will be *“Christmas in July”*. For more information visit our website or call 954.935.3048. Together, we will continue our vision: *“No One Is Homeless”*.

Maria Has Her Life and Family Back

Maria grew up in a very loving and supportive family. Her parents were hard working and wanted her to go to college, but in High School Maria became involved with an older man who was selling drugs. She finished school and to the horror of her family, moved in with her boyfriend. This was the beginning of her downward spiral into addiction and abuse. She would become deeply involved in drug use and ended up trafficking drugs to other states.

She became estranged from her family during this period in her life and had a daughter. Everything crashed when the police stormed in and arrested her, her boyfriend, and several others. Her daughter was taken and eventually was placed with her parents. Although she helped in the investigation and trials of others, she was given a 10 year jail sentence. Maria was released after serving 6 years and tried to adjust to her freedom. She just couldn't make things work and she experienced 15 years of drug addiction and bad relationships. One day she had had enough and entered the Center for Women with the help of a friend.

“I'm so grateful for all that was done for me at the Center. Thank you for helping me get my life on track. The best part is that I have a wonderful relationship with my daughter and my granddaughter. I'm in my early 50's, but have a very bright future. God Bless You.”





Girlfriends 4 Girlfriends held their “Spring Fling Luncheon” on April 6th at the Botanical Gardens which gifted this lovely venue. Over 150 attended this luncheon to help raise funds to purchase housing for women and children coming out of domestic violence and homelessness. The Keynote speaker was Marybel Rodriguez, an Emmy-nominated weekend anchor for the CBS4 morning news as well as a reporter for the weekday newscasts. The **Girlfriends** raised over \$58,000 including matching funds that were provided by a Family Foundation.

Your Support helps so many hurting and homeless women and children. Visit our website for more information.

Marybel Rodriguez, CBS4, and Marilyn Brummitt

Miami-Dade County Youth Fair held the first “Your Deal Their Meal” canned food drive for our Centers. Anyone that brought 2 cans of food received a discount off admission. **10,000 cans** of food were donated through this joint effort. We can’t wait for next year’s Fair. Thanks to everyone who made this so successful.

“The Youth Fair’s Board of Directors, staff and volunteers are truly privileged to be partnering with the Miami Rescue Mission to assist them in being able to provide hundreds of thousands of meals each year to the less fortunate within our South Florida community,” said **Bob Hohenstein, President and CEO** of The Youth Fair. *“Their work is to be highly commended.”*

Claudia Hernandez-Maltes (in blue), Director of Marketing & Sales, was a huge help with the Food Drive.



Gifts of personal property that are in good condition may be what the Mission could use in our various centers, or it may be something that could be sold/used to finance our emergency and residential programs. **Remember, your donations are tax deductible!** Call 305.573.6340 for a pick-up or visit us on the web. We need clothing, furniture, appliances, and other household items that are in good shape. We also accept cars and boats.

Donate, Shop, or Volunteer to help us help others.

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| <p>Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. Broward Outreach Centers Rev. Ronald Brummitt, President 2159 NW 1st Court, Miami Mail: PO Box 420620 Miami, FL 33242-0620 (305) 571-2273 (CARE)</p> | <p>Broward Outreach Center Hollywood 2056 Scott Street Hollywood, FL 33020 (954) 926-7417 Near West Dixie and Sheridan</p> | <p>Broward Outreach Center Pompano 1700 Blount Road Pompano Beach, FL 33069 (954) 979-6365 Between Copans and Martin Luther King Blvd.</p> | <p>Center for Men 2020 NW 1st Avenue, Miami (305) 571-2211</p> <p>Community Activity Center 2025 NW 1st Ave., Miami Out of School Programs</p> |
| <p>Bargain Barn I & Plus 2233 NW 1st Court, Miami (305) 571-2217</p> <p>Come Shop For Bargains</p> | <p>Auto Auction First Saturday of Every Month View 8:00AM - Auction at 10AM 2159 NW 1st Court, Miami Donate Your Vehicle</p> | <p>Donation Center 2200 NW 1st Avenue, Miami Donation Hotline: Local Calls: (305) 573-6340 1-800-817-HOPE</p> | <p>Center for Women and Children 2250 NW 1st Avenue, Miami (305) 571-2250</p> <p>Jeffrey Tew Education Center 2010 NW 1 Ave., Miami</p> |

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