



# The Caring Place

Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. "Reaching Out to the Least, the Last, and the Lost" April 2006



## Your Support Changes Lives Every Day



Your faithfulness in supporting our Centers helps people like Alexis (*left*) get their lives back on track. He's been involved with drugs and hurt his family, but now everything has changed. (*See page 3 for more*)

### Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. Recognized For Community Service

The 29th Annual *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit of Excellence Awards & Scholarships Gala* was held February 25, 2006. Dorthy "Dottie" Johnson (*left*), Founder and President of 'The Portrait of Empowerment, Inc.' (which hosted the event), is seen with Dr. Piyush C. Agrawal, Ph. Ed. Board Member (*right*), presenting Marilyn Brummitt (*center*), the Mission's Community Development Director, the *Gatekeepers Award* for outstanding service to the community. Visit their website at [www.portraitofempowerment.org](http://www.portraitofempowerment.org) to learn more.



### Graduate Directs Art Auction

Emilio Poljanec (*right*), Graduate of the Miami Rescue Mission and Director of Auctions along with Fred Vicedomini (*left*), Volunteer at the Mission, are all smiles. Why? Because of the upcoming Art Auction!

May 25-Thursday 5-9PM at Miami Dade College (Wolfson Campus)  
300 NE 2nd Ave. Miami 33132  
Call 305-572-2221 for more info.



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Dear Caring Friend,

Spring is a wonderful time of year. Even here in South Florida it is a time of new beginnings, a time for new life. I always love to see the plant life budding out and demonstrating new growth and life. The birds are singing and the traces of winter give way to balmy, sunshiny days. Here, at our *Miami Rescue Mission/Broward Outreach Centers*, we celebrate a season of Hope for homeless, hurting men, women and children. It is a season of new beginnings and new life!

On Easter Sunday, after a specially prepared Holiday dinner, hundreds of homeless men, women and children will receive a beautiful purple bag called a "Hope Tote" in our Miami-Dade and Broward Centers. This tote bag will be filled with personal items that you and I sometimes take for granted. But just imagine what it would feel like to go without brushing your teeth for a week, two weeks or longer. Can you imagine not having a stick of deodorant to use after a warm shower? These are little love gifts that many of our friends and donors have provided year after year. I remember what Charles had to say about receiving a Hope Tote. "I was sitting on the curb out there on the street and someone handed me a little purple bag and said, 'Remember that I love you and God loves you, too.' I looked inside to see what was in the bag and started to cry. It was so beautiful! Oh, not just the items in the bag, but the fact that someone knew that I was alive and needed some HOPE! That little bag gave me enough hope that I got up and signed up for the Residential Program. I'm back with my family, have a good job and serving the Lord with my life."

It is a joy to be part of an organization that brings hope to the hopeless, is it not? We need your financial support to help us continue the level of services that we offer here at our Centers. Please give generously during this Season of Hope! You will be helping literally hundreds of hurting people find Hope for a better future. Send your gift to the *Miami Rescue Mission* today and together, let us continue to see changed lives.

Thank you for caring enough to support this important and vital work. We love you and appreciate your friendship. Our supporters are truly the greatest people in the world.

Sincerely,



Dr. Franklin M. Jacobs  
President



Rev. Ronald Brummitt  
Executive Director

## Give Hope To The Needy

Living on the street or in a car or abandoned building can be tough, sometimes even life-threatening. But how about simple things...like not being able to bathe or brush your teeth? Can you imagine what a luxury a pair of clean socks would be?

**We invite you to join with MRM in OPERATION HOPE TOTE!**

Our goal is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women and children in the Miami-Dade County area. We started in March and our supporters are making this a tremendous success. Operation Hope Tote will continue through April. Perhaps your school, business, or place of worship would like to get involved.

Razors, socks, underwear, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, diapers, deodorant, sanitary napkins, baby wipes, lotions, etc. are items that make great Hope Tote stuffers.

**You can pick-up and drop off your Hope Totes at:**

Miami Rescue Mission Central Office  
2159 NW 1st. Court - Miami, FL 33127 (305.572.2050)  
E-mail : [nbloem@caringplace.org](mailto:nbloem@caringplace.org)

Order Online, and Our Purple Hope Totes Will be Delivered to You!  
[www.miamirescuemission.com](http://www.miamirescuemission.com)



## From Drug Lords to THE Lord



*"My whole life has changed. I used to be an emissary for the drug lords, but now I am an emissary for the LORD."*

Alexis had a Fine Arts degree and was running his own photography school in New York until he became involved with a notorious drug ring.

"I lost all respect for myself and got involved in things that led to a 25 year jail sentence. I

had to serve 5 years and when I got out, I returned to the drug scene. I felt empty and tried suicide unsuccessfully. Most of my family eventually gave up on me.

I was in a car accident which left me terribly hurt. After rehab, I stayed clean for a while, but soon found myself in the same trap. I came to Florida and found myself in and out of jail. It didn't matter where I went, it seemed

as if I was doomed to failure. Even when I tried to live a normal life, I felt empty. My mom told me to contact the Mission. Looking back, I can see the hand of God was upon my life, even in my darkest hours. I've been here nearly 10 months and am ready to graduate, but I got into a lot of trouble when I first started the program.

Then things began to change. I began to change and I surrendered myself to God. Everything about my life has changed. I marvel at what God can do with a guy like me. When I think of my past life, I break down and cry knowing I don't deserve anything. How can I express my gratitude for the Mission and all that is provided here?

Now I'm involved in helping others in the program. I also serve in the Donation Department answering phones when people call for pick-ups. I've been going to many classes and studying the Bible. Knowing God is about His forgiveness and I have been forgiven much. Now I'm an emissary for the LORD, not drug lords."

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## Will and Estate Planning Guides

### Clip and Mail

Dear Mrs. Brummitt,

\_\_\_\_ Please send me the article **"Eight Reasons People Don't Make Wills."**

\_\_\_\_ I would like to learn about a Living Trust by reading the article **"Four Reasons You May Need A Living Trust."**

\_\_\_\_ Please send **"How to Help Your Lawyer and Yourself"** -- a guide to help you gather information before you meet with your lawyer.

\_\_\_\_ Please have the Estate Planning Advisor contact me to help me get started on my estate plan.

\_\_\_\_ Please e-mail the articles to me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



**F**or decades now, virtually every survey on the topic of estate planning indicates the majority of adults in America do not have a valid will, living trust or other plan for distribution of their resources upon death. In fact, well over 70% of the adults who die each year have no valid will.

The impact of death without a will is enormous. In addition to the obvious -- the questions of asset distribution -- there are potentially devastating issues surrounding guardianship of minors and their long-term well-being. And these only scratch the surface of potential issues.

In the face of this dilemma, we have compiled several articles to assist you in developing your own estate plan that cover these potential issues and more.

To receive one or all of these articles, please use the response form provided.

## Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. Broward Outreach Centers

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Rev. Ronald Brummitt, Exec. Director

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BOC Hollywood: (954) 926-7417  
BOC Pompano: (954) 979-6365

### Web address:

www.miamirescuemission.com  
www.browardoutreachcenter.com

### Administration Offices

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Mail:  
P.O. Box 420620  
Miami, FL 33242-0620  
(305) 571-2273

### Center For Men

2020 NW 1st Avenue, Miami  
(305) 571-2211

### Jeffrey A. Tew Education Center

2010 NW 1st Avenue, Miami  
(305) 571-2243

### Center For Women & Children

2250 NW 1st Avenue, Miami  
(305) 571-2250

### Community Activity Center

2025 NW 1st Avenue, Miami  
(305) 572-2066

### Industrial Division

2159 NW 1st Court, Miami  
(305) 573-6340

### Bargain Barn I & Plus

2233 NW 1st Court, Miami  
(305)573-6340

### Donation Center

2200 NW 1st Avenue, Miami  
Donation Hotline:  
Local calls: (305) 573-6340  
1-800-817-HOPE

### Broward Outreach Center Hollywood

2056 Scott Street  
Hollywood, FL 33022  
(954) 926-7417

### Broward Outreach Center Pompano Beach

1700 Blount Road  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069  
(954) 979-6365

### Auto Auction

First Saturday of every month  
Gates open (8 AM)  
Auction at (10AM)  
2159 NW 1st Court, Miami  
(305) 573-6340

## We Love Our Volunteers & Supporters



Wendee McCue delivered nearly 500 pairs of shoes to be used in our centers in Miami and Broward.

It's absolutely amazing to see our wonderful volunteers help us help the homeless in so many ways. Wendee McCue (left) was going through her two sons' closet one day and realized there were many pairs of shoes that were too small for them, but were in good shape. She was inspired to do a "Cleats and Sneaks" shoe drive for the needy.

Her sons' school assisted in the drive. Flyers went out and nearly 500 pairs of shoes were donated. **WOW!** She is now starting a non-profit organization to build upon this success. "I call this a sole to soul organization," beams Wendee. To find out how you can get involved call 954.288.8737.

Florida State University Alternative Break volunteers came to the Miami Resuce Mission during their Spring Break. These wonderful young people came to the mission every day, Monday through Thursday. They experienced different ways of helping: in the kitchen, in the education department, at the Center for Women and Children and at our Bargain Barn.

We couldn't do all the things we do for the homeless and needy without our wonderful supporters in the community.



Don't Forget to Order Your Hope Totes and Give Hope during this Easter/Passover Season. (See page 2)



Donate Your Usable Household Items, Clothing, or your Car. Call 305.573.6340



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Over the Years, Thousands of Lives have been Touched by Your Generosity.

The homeless and needy that come to Miami Rescue Mission find shelter and food, but more importantly, they find Hope, overcome problems, and get their lives on track.

Your compassion can continue from beyond the grave. Find out how by clipping and sending the form on page 3.