

The Broward Outreach Report

Serving Broward County Since 1992

June 2010

Summer of Hope



Christmas in July Celebration



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Broward Outreach Centers Serve the Homeless and Needy of Broward all year long.

Thank You to Our Wonderful Friends and Supporters



Dear Amazing Friends and Supporters,

It's summertime already. Can you believe that the first half of 2010 is already past? Our Centers in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties have seen an increase in the number of homeless men, women, and children that need help and we could not do all that we do to help them without **YOU**. We are seeing more people who have never experienced homelessness. There are more calls, letters, and emails from people asking for help.

Many people have lost their jobs, their homes, and are struggling to get back on their feet. We are striving to continue services for those in need, but we are also experiencing the negative effects of the economy. **Thank you again for your continued support.** We are also seeing an increase in the number of children that are homeless and seeking services. We need

your support more than ever to provide vital life changing programs to help families get back on their feet.

Recently we held our **Bombastic Birthday Party** for the homeless. Volunteers were on hand as we sang Happy Birthday, served birthday cake, and passed out presents to all. What a tremendous way to let those that are hurting know that people really do care. These acts of kindness encourage men, women, and children to keep working towards success. Our **Christmas in July** will also be a time to support the homeless and bring joy into their lives. Please send your gift, large or small, to help us help those in need and provide a **Summer of Hope**. With gratitude for all that you do for the homeless and needy,

Ronald Brummitt

Rev. Ronald Brummitt,
President

Our Supporters are the Greatest People in the World.

Ways to Help

There are so many ways to get involved and help us help others to experience changed lives. From monetary donations to volunteering. Below are a few of the ways people are making a difference and supporting our work in Broward.

- Host a Canned Food Drive
- Collect Hygiene Products
- Gather Baby Items such as diapers
- Organize a Toy Drive
- Come and Serve Meals
- Be a Mentor in our Adult Education Class
- Tutor Children
- Do a School Supplies Drive
- Collect New Underwear
- Organize a Clothing and/or Shoe Drive
- Invite some Friends for a tour
- Get Involved with a Special Event
- Help Kids in our out of school programs
- Help out in Painting or Landscaping
- Donate Household items and furniture
- Donate your car, boat, or motorcycle

These are just some of the ways that you, your friends, business, or place of worship can get involved and help us help the homeless and needy. It's all about seeing changed lives.

We love our Volunteers and Supporters!

To Volunteer Throughout the Year Contact:

- Miami: Diana Barbosa 305.571.2227
- Hollywood: Liz Chantz 954.620.4038
- Pompano: Lavern Evans 954.935.3039

Christmas in July



Broward Outreach Centers

Christmas in July celebration will be taking place on Saturday, July 3rd. This will be a fantastic celebration and its theme is "Bringing Independence to the Homeless". Uncle Sam and Santa Claus will be on hand to bring excitement and joy to the men, women, and

children. There will be a delicious meal, music, entertainment, clothing, and brand new sneakers will be given to each child. The Miami Centers will have their celebration on Friday, July 2nd. We expect to serve over 1200 people.

This is only possible because of your support.

"Volunteers are very essential," says Rev. Ronald Brummitt, President of Miami Rescue Mission/Broward Outreach Centers. "We couldn't provide the services we do without their help. We also want to thank our donors whose financial support allows us to reach out to men, women and children and help them experience changed lives throughout the year. This special occasion is to show those in need that people do care."

Last year, we provided nearly **330,000 free meals** to the hurting and homeless of Broward. The Centers also provide emergency shelter, residential programs, counseling, education, and job placement. It's all about seeing lives changed.

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Nearly 100 former graduates and staff from our Pompano, Hollywood, and Miami Centers gathered recently for an **Alumni Picnic**. It was a great time to enjoy a beautiful day at the beach, play games, eat lots of food, and express their gratitude for their new lives after completing the residential programs. These men and women have come a long way from the streets of our communities. Alumni are also involved in helping as volunteers. They are helping others out of the pit of hopelessness and homelessness. Over the years, thousands of men, women, and children have been assisted. **Your support makes these changed lives possible.**

We Love Our Volunteers and Supporters



Nina Corbe (center, dressed in red), the Community Development Associate at the Pompano Center gratefully accepted a donation from the **North Broward Preparatory School** located in Coconut Creek. Students at the school have been great friends of our Broward Center and really raised the bar to the help the homeless. Students **raised nearly \$12,000 dollars** for the Center. The Pompano Center serves nearly 230 men, women, and children every day. Thank you to North Broward Preparatory School for your generosity and compassion to those in need. Nina would love for your school, place of worship, or business to get involved. There are so many ways that you can help change lives. Contact her at 954.935.3048 or email her at ncorbe@caringplace.org.



20 **Girl Scouts** from Troop #10233 came to the Hollywood Center and renovated two of the dorms of the Center for Women and Children. They painted and provided new furnishings for the rooms. Thank You!



Barry University provided foot care at the Centers during our annual Thanksgiving in April celebration. Hundreds enjoyed their foot care, great food, music, medical care, clothing, and your purple Hope Totes.

Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. Broward Outreach Centers

Rev. Ronald Brummitt, President

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Jeffrey A. Tew Education Center

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

Center For Women & Children

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(305) 571-2250

Community Activity Center

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

Industrial Division

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

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2233 NW 1st Court, Miami
(305) 571-2217

Donation Center

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

1-800-817-HOPE

Auto Auction

First Saturday of every month
Gates open (8 AM)
Auction at (10AM)
2159 NW 1st Court, Miami
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Thankful For a New Life



Antonio never thought that he would ever end up homeless. He had a job, a family, and enjoyed life. But that all changed two years ago. Antonio knows first hand, how your life can change literally in a moment.

"I use to see the homeless on the streets and think why are they living like that? I would never imagine that I would end up on the streets. My life was shattered just a couple of years ago. You see, I was driving my motorcycle and had a very bad accident. I nearly lost my life. Because of the

accident I was severely hurt and lost one of my legs. When I learned what had happened in the hospital, I was in shock. I became depressed but was very fortunate to have people around me that cared. I was fitted for a prosthetic leg, but began slipping into a deep depression. I just couldn't handle what had happened to me. Even with support, I began drinking to block out my pain. Each morning I woke up, I just wanted to get drunk. I thought my life was over.

My drinking increased and I was separated from my family. Eventually, I was living on the streets. I had no ambition, no dreams, and no hope. I had heard about the Pompano Center and one day decided to see if they could help me. I was a mess. That was just a few months ago and I am very thankful for all the help I have received. I'm sober and am learning to live a **new life**.

The staff here is terrific. I enjoy all the classes I have been attending. I feel as if I have been reborn. I now have a better outlook about my future and my life. I have met so many other people that have also experienced tragedy. I have a better understanding of how anyone could end up on the streets - homeless and alone. I want to thank the many volunteers that I have seen come out and spend time with myself and others. I also want to thank the people who support the Pompano Center. Now, I can actually smile and know that I have a purpose."



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A higher purpose.*

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