

# The Caring Place

Miami Centers

Broward Outreach Centers



*Serving South Florida Since 1922*

*March 2010*



## Felicia's Amazing Story of Survival and Success

Your support helped Felicia overcome decades of pain, alcoholism, and hopelessness.

## OPERATION HOPE TOTE CAMPAIGN



*Please help us fill  
Bags of Hope*

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## Your Support Changes Lives Every Day

Dear Caring Friends,

Your generous support during 2009 made it possible for our Centers in Miami, Hollywood, and Pompano to extend a loving and compassionate hand to thousands of hurting, homeless men, women and children. Over **700,000 meals** were served, **300,000 nights** of safe shelter were provided, 650 men and women entered the job market, and thousands of volunteers provided nearly 55,000 hours of help. While the economy is uncertain, unemployment is the highest in years, and home foreclosures continue at an alarming rate, **we are very thankful** for your prayers, financial support, volunteerism, and donations of clothing, household items, and vehicles. **It would be impossible to serve those in need without you!** Thank you for being a life changer and standing with us in providing hope, help, and healing to the homeless and needy of our communities.

During 2009 we saw record numbers of formerly homeless men, women and children move back into society as productive citizens. You are certainly a vital part of this successful transformation. Without your financial support we could not maintain the programs and services that are presently being offered.

Our **Annual Hope Tote Campaign** has begun and is a great way for your business, school, or place of worship to get involved. On April 2nd (Good Friday) we will be having our annual **Thanksgiving in April** outreach at all of our Centers. Thousands will be cared for and enjoy a special day. Visit our websites: [www.miamirescuemission.com](http://www.miamirescuemission.com) or [www.browardoutreachcenter.com](http://www.browardoutreachcenter.com) for more information and ways that you can get involved. Thank you for your generosity and your compassion for those in need. Blessings to you and your loved ones this Easter and Hanukkah.

Rev. Ronald Brummitt  
President



**Our supporters are the greatest people in the world.**

## 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/BOC in **OPERATION HOPE TOTE!**

Our goal is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women and children of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. We started in February 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 Centers - Maria Chavez  
2159 NW 1st. Court - Miami, FL 33127 (305.572.2063)

Hollywood Outreach Center - Vanessa Rios  
2056 Scott Street - Hollywood, FL 33022 (954.620.4017)

Pompano Outreach Center - Nina Corbe  
1700 Blount Road - Pompano Beach, FL 33069 (954.935.3048)



Order Online, and Our Purple Hope Totes Will be Delivered to You!

[www.miamirescuemission.com](http://www.miamirescuemission.com)

[www.browardoutreachcenter.com](http://www.browardoutreachcenter.com)

email: [mchavez@caringplace.org](mailto:mchavez@caringplace.org)

## Felicia Can Now Smile



Felicia spoke at the 5th Year Anniversary of the Hollywood Center for Women and Children. Her story touched everyone.

My name is Felicia and I started drinking at the age of 16. By the time I turned 24, I was an alcoholic. I then started using and dealing drugs I got mixed up with a lot of bad men and bad relationships. I spent 31 years drinking. It was a nightmare. I was just lost. I was hospitalized 16 times for alcohol poisoning and 6 times I ended up in the hospital needing transfusions. I was constantly sick from my drinking. I was slowly dying and I should have died several times. My life was full of pain and despair.

I tried different rehab programs several times. I enrolled in two different year long programs and ten other rehab centers but they never worked. I lived in the woods for five years under a tarp complete with a couch, bed and battery operated refrigerator and television. The way I survived in the woods was that I stayed drunk. I tried to get sober but got beat up several times. The last time I got beat up I went to the hospital and I asked the Lord to help me stop drinking. After I got out of the hospital, I started drinking again and ended up in jail for a year. After that year in jail a pastor recommended that I come to the Broward Outreach Center in Hollywood.

Since coming to the Center my life has been wonderfully changed. When I first arrived, I didn't have any self confidence or self

respect for myself. I was miserable, ashamed, guilty, lonely and sad. I never smiled for years. **But now I smile!** I came here and was against the place because I didn't think they could do anything for me. But the staff have such compassion and love and you can tell that the Lord works through them. It's not just a job to them. They have such patience, love, and kindness and they go out of their way to help. They would do anything for you. They want you to know that you're somebody and you can reshape your mind and soul.

I received educational assistance at the Center. When I arrived I couldn't even add anymore and I had to learn all my math from the beginning which meant first grade level. I'm proud to say that I am now up to Geometry! My memory cells have come back and it's all been because of this program. I didn't have faith in the program but the people teaching it had faith in me. They really showed me that I could become a human being and have a regular normal life through God. It's been an answer to prayer for me. If I hadn't found the Broward Outreach Center in Hollywood I'd be on the streets again. I have goals now and I want to help elderly people. I might have a job soon taking care of an elderly person. Broward Outreach Center has made me a productive citizen once again and for that I am tremendously grateful! **Your support helps people like Felicia every day.**

## Homeless Helping Haiti



Eric and other formerly homeless collected items to send to Haiti

The earthquake devastation in Haiti is unimaginable. Some of our formerly homeless men wanted to do something to help. Eric Burke, one of the students in the Regeneration Program, was in a Bible study and the men were praying for the Haitian victims and their families. Eric thought that they should not only pray but do something for the people of Haiti. He decided to hold a clothing drive with the formerly homeless men living at the Center for Men. They had a tremendous outpouring of **30 boxes of clothing to send to Haiti. We are so proud of these formerly homeless men** for reaching out to help others. These men have been shown love and now they want to give back to help other people that are in great need. They are truly putting their new found faith into action. The Miami Rescue Mission and Broward Outreach Centers are working with PeaceforHaiti.com, Friendships, and local agencies to help bring relief to the people of Haiti. Mission President, Ron Brummitt, was able to go to Haiti with our medical clinic doctor, Pete Gutierrez, and a medical team in January. To learn more and find out how you can help, visit our websites: [miamirescuemission.com](http://miamirescuemission.com) or [browardoutreachcenter.com](http://browardoutreachcenter.com).

## Miami Rescue Mission, Inc.

Rev. Ronald Brummitt, President  
Dr. Franklin M. Jacobs, President Emeritus

Administration Miami : (305) 571-2215  
BOC Hollywood: (954) 926-7417  
BOC Pompano: (954) 979-6365

### Web address:

[www.miamirescuemission.com](http://www.miamirescuemission.com)  
[www.browardoutreachcenter.com](http://www.browardoutreachcenter.com)

### Administration Offices

2159 NW 1st Court, Miami  
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) 571-2217

### 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



## Home Depot Provided a Make Over For Women's Center

Employees from many of the South Florida's area Home Depot stores came to volunteer their time in helping to do a mini-makeover for the Miami Center for Women and Children. Paint was flying against walls and mulch was flying across the grounds of the center. Some of the volunteers helped to install two new washers and two new dryers for the women. **Juan McCausland**, Home Depot Human Resources Manager for District 265 said, "One of the core values of Home Depot is to give back to the communities in which our employees reside." Working from 8 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon, the volunteers worked diligently to help provide a wonderful **"new look"** for the ladies. The Center now feels more like a home. **Thank you Home Depot.** We appreciate your support and all you do for the community!

## Donate And Shop



### Donate Cars, Furniture, Household Goods, Clothing, etc.

### Shop at Our Bargain Barn & Boutique

Gifts of personal property that are in good condition and no longer fill your needs, may be exactly

what the Mission could use in our centers or it may be something that could be sold and the proceeds used to finance our various programs. You may drop off small articles directly or call for a pickup.

Our Bargain Barn and Bargain Barn Plus, located just minutes from the design district of Miami, is open Monday thru Friday from 9:45 AM to 5:45 PM and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM til 5:00 PM. There is something for everyone.

For car donations, home or business pickups, and more information call 305.573.6340, email us at [mchavez@caringplace.org](mailto:mchavez@caringplace.org). or visit our website to donate online.

Don't forget our **Auto Auctions** are held every first Saturday of the Month.

Donate online at [www.miamirescuemission.com](http://www.miamirescuemission.com) or [www.browardoutreachcenter.com](http://www.browardoutreachcenter.com)

