



# The Caring Place

*Serving South Florida Since 1922*

*June 2010*

## *Summer of Hope*



## *Christmas in July Celebration*



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## 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 Miami-Dade and Broward 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 Miami.

- 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
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- Pompano: Lavern Evans 954.935.3039

### Christmas in July



#### Miami-Dade Centers

Christmas in July celebration will be taking place on Friday, July 2nd. 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 Broward Centers will have their celebration on Saturday, July 3rd. 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."

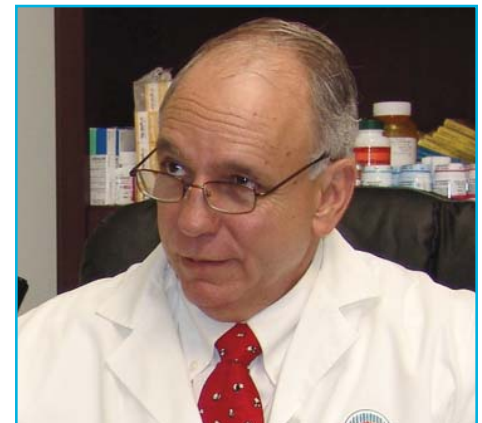
Last year, we provided nearly **360,000 free meals** to the hurting and homeless of Miami. The Centers also provide emergency shelter, residential programs, counseling, education, and job placement. It's all about seeing lives changed.

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Nearly 100 former graduates and staff from our Miami, Hollywood, and Pompano 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



**Marty Steinberger** (above left) was honored at the Donor Next Donor luncheon where nearly 350 people from various organizations attended. Marty works with our children at the Community Activity Center and implemented **Read On**. This is a program that seeks to enhance school children's education by fostering the love of reading. **Gisela Bretones** (above center) was honored by the Miami-Dade Health Department for her service at our **Miami Health Clinic**. Gisela is the Patient Care Coordinator and works with the many volunteers that make the Health Clinic possible. **Dr. Pete Gutierrez** (above right) is the volunteer Doctor that oversees the Health Clinic. Dr. Gutierrez's involvement is critical to the success of the Clinic and he also serves on our Board of Directors.



Volunteers from the **Dolphins** were on hand to help with the **Bomabastic Birthday Party** for the homeless and needy. There was a delicious meal, cake, entertainment and presents. 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

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### Donation Center

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### 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 Fresh Start



Angel never thought she and her children would end up homeless.

"My name is Angel and I came to the Miami Rescue Mission's Center for Women and Children after losing my job. I was no longer able to pay my bills. Things became overwhelming and I got evicted from my home. I am a single mom of two little boys, two year old Nathaniel and 11 month old Xavier. When I arrived at the Center, I was hurt and very

depressed. I was going through a lot of pain. I was frustrated and I didn't know what to do. It was very overwhelming for me. I never imagined that I would be homeless. I am very thankful that the Center for Women and Children made a place for me and my sons.

I was scared with where my life would end up, but everyone at the Center for Women has been so helpful to me. Since coming to the Mission I have learned to become more independent, to be stronger, and to be wise about the choices I make throughout life. One of the things I enjoy every morning is our devotional time where we learn to study God's word and learn about life through His eyes. I have given my life to Christ and I am learning to depend more on Him.

I am thankful for the help I have been getting here at the Miami Rescue Mission's Center for Women and I hope to be able to go find a job and save up some money to be prepared to go out and get a place of my own. I am **thankful for a fresh start**. I'm looking for clerical work and I'm praying that the Lord leads me to the right job. I would recommend the Center to anyone who needs help and is looking for a place to grow and to better yourself.

I appreciate all of our donors because without your support, I wouldn't have been able to get the help I have received here at the Mission. We use everything you give us very wisely and we appreciate everything you do, even the small things."

**Your compassion and support makes the difference.**

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