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Feeding the Hungry, Caring for the Poor and Changing Lives Everyday!

Blessings to Our Wonderful Friends and Supporters



During these past hot and rainy summer months, our Centers in Miami, Hollywood, and Pompano Beach have seen more hurting men, women, and children than the same period last year. Our vision is “No One is Homeless”, and we have been utilizing every square inch of space so as to accommodate those in need.

With the uncertainty of the economy, high unemployment, and housing foreclosures — your continued support is needed more than ever. **Thank You** for your prayers, financial support, donations of clothing, household items, cars, and for the many who volunteer and give of their time. We could not do all that we do to help those in the greatest of need *without YOU!*

Everyday we serve over 1,000 men, women, and children. Each one has a unique story about their life. Some have fallen deep into addiction, others have come out of an abused home. Some have been struggling for years and some have just found themselves in need due to circumstances that they could not control. Bless you for remembering those in need right here in our communities. Our Centers provide hope, health, healing and a new beginning. We'll be launching our “No One is Homeless” fall campaign in just a few months. The staff, Board of Directors, and special friends want to increase our impact into our communities. *Thank you for helping to change lives every day.*

Ronald Brummitt

Christmas In July Celebration

Over the Independence Day weekend, the Miami Rescue Mission/Broward Outreach Centers helped over 1,200 homeless and hungry men, women and children celebrate **Christmas in July** with 300 volunteers at all three campuses in Miami, Hollywood and Pompano Beach. The Christmas in July celebration included a great barbecue style picnic/meal, live entertainment, a clothing give away for adults as well as a brand new sneaker give away to each child in attendance; a total of over 400 new sneakers were given out in anticipation of the school year to the needy youth of South Florida.

A ‘Children’s Corner’ was also located on each campus during the festivities with pony rides, bounce houses, slides, snow cone and popcorn machine as well as other great activities for the children. Also on each campus, special guest appearances were made by Mr. & Mrs. Claus as well as Uncle Sam to help give out those shoes and special treats (*pictured top right*).

Homeless and needy individuals were also able to receive free haircuts, showers and health screenings.

Over 30 homeless individuals took the first step in building a brighter future by deciding to enter our life-changing program this past Fourth of July Weekend. A big **Thank You** goes out to all of the volunteers, donors and supporters that made the **2011 Christmas in July** celebration possible!



Santa Claus helped pass out over 400 new sneakers to needy children



Over 1,200 homeless and hungry celebrated Christmas in July in Miami, Hollywood and Pompano Beach

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Summer of Hope 2011



Ribbon Cutting For New Playground at Broward Outreach Center Pompano

For most children, Summer is remembered with waterparks, sunshine and vacations. However, there is an average of two homeless children in every classroom in America. For those, time outside of school is marked with uncertainty, doubt and confusion as to what the future may hold.

Hope for a better childhood came to the homeless children who call the Broward Outreach Center home during this **Summer of Hope**. Spanish River Church from Boca Raton, Florida, donated an amazing Playground Set worth over \$20,000 through their hard work and dedication. Each year their Homeless Ministry Group takes on one major project; 2011 was dedicated to South Florida's homeless children.

"We come to the Pompano Campus each Sunday to volunteer as a group and saw their old playground... it wasn't something the children would be excited to play on," said Pastor Dan Myers of Spanish River Church. "These children have gone through so much uncertainty and homelessness that when they are able to have fun like every other child, it brings a smile to everyone's face."

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Looking Forward to a Bright Future

Chris grew up in a small town in Ohio with a troubled family life. During his upbringing, Chris saw multiple stepfathers abuse drugs and alcohol in the home. At the age of 13, Chris began to steal drugs from his stepfather as a way to escape his family problems and disfunction.



"I hit rock bottom when sleeping at a bus station one night..."

His addiction to drugs and alcohol only escalated throughout high school, leading to his incarceration almost immediately after he graduated high school where he spent the next five years in prison causing him to lose hope and self-esteem each and every day.

During high school and after prison, Chris owned and operated his own catering company, following up the Associates Degree in Culinary Arts he received while in prison.

"I never realized how fast my drug use would snowball and lose control."

Chris moved down the East Coast, doing drugs and hitchhiking to his next location,

eventually ending up homeless in Florida for two years. "I hit rock bottom when sleeping at a bus station one night. I was lying on that bench knowing the police would pick me up for my warrants eventually. It was depressing to know I would be living better in jail than here."

After being sent to the Broward Outreach Center instead of jail, Chris has been clean and sober for over eight months, something that had eluded him for the previous 30 years. Chris is putting his skills to work each and everyday, serving as a cook to the staff and residents at the Broward Outreach Center.

The future also looks very bright for Chris as he is currently applying for part-time maintenance jobs, taking classes to get a Bachelor's Degree in Culinary Arts and is looking forward to owning his own catering company once again.

"This is the kind of the life saving help I needed my entire life. All of my thanks go to the supporters who made this possible."



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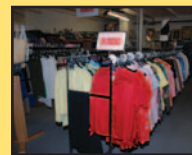
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Gifts of personal property that are in good condition and no longer fill your needs, may be what the Mission could use in our various centers or it may be something that could be sold/used to finance our feeding and resident programs.



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For donations and more information, call 305.573.6340 or visit miamirescuemission.com. Receipts for tax purposes are provided for your donations. Help us feed the hungry, care for the poor and change lives!



Transitional Housing For Our Graduates



One of the hardest things for graduates to do after completing our program is finding affordable housing. We have expanded our services by acquiring small duplexes and triplexes to be used for graduate housing. Men and women who enter this program pay rent they can afford and continue to build their lives and prepare for their own housing. To help us with this program, please call (305) 572.2003.



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