

# THE CARING PLACE

## Defining Moments

*170 formerly homeless men and women graduate in caps and gowns.*



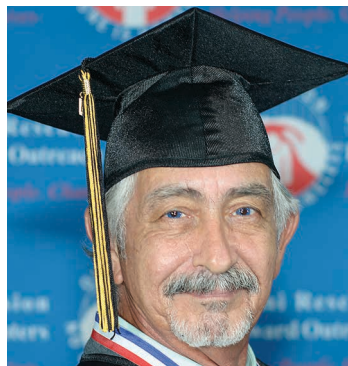
### OPERATION MISSION HOPE

Providing Hygiene & Hope  
To Those in The Greatest of Need



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## Message of Thanks from the President



Dear Friend,

This message is surrounded by happy people. People who have been transformed by your compassion and generosity. So many changed lives in 2013. **I'm so thankful** that our Centers in Miami, Hollywood, and Pompano

Beach were able to serve thousands and see many lives changed. In 2013 we were able to:

- ◇ Provide 950,000 nutritious meals
- ◇ Provide over 350,000 nights of safe shelter
- ◇ Have 11,800 volunteers serve over 91,000 hours
- ◇ Provide over 100,000 hours of education
- ◇ Provide over 140,000 hours in counselling and life skills classes
- ◇ Provide health services for our residents
- ◇ Help over 600 boys and girls in our out of school programs including Summer Camp
- ◇ Help over 10,000 unemployed/underemployed with food, furniture, and clothing
- ◇ Brighten the lives of thousands on special holidays and outreaches
- ◇ See over 700 men and women graduate and enter the job market
- ◇ Provide permanent and safe housing for 65 men, women, and children in the community

The Graduation Celebration honours men and women who have worked hard to get their lives back on track and become successful. ***This would not be possible without your support and involvement.***

***Our Vision is: "No One is Homeless"*** and together we can impact even more lives in 2014. Right now we're in the middle of our **Operation Mission Hope Campaign (page 3)** which provides hygiene products to those that we serve throughout the year. Our goal is to have 50,000 bags filled.

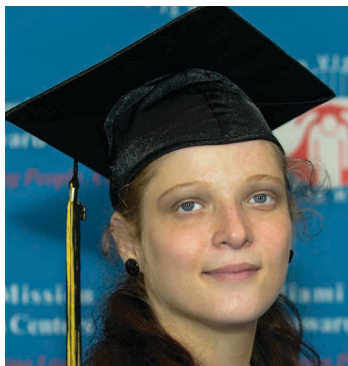
On April 18th, we'll be hosting our **"Great Thanksgiving Outreach on Good Friday"** that will impact thousands of lives in Miami, Hollywood, and Pompano Beach.

We're also anticipating opening the new **Miami Center for Men Annex (page 7)** in March. This will allow us to serve another 78 men in our life-changing residential programs.

Another great project is acquiring a safe and affordable multi-plex home for graduates of our Center for Women. A special group called **Girlfriends 4 Girlfriends (page 7)** is raising awareness and funding for the project.

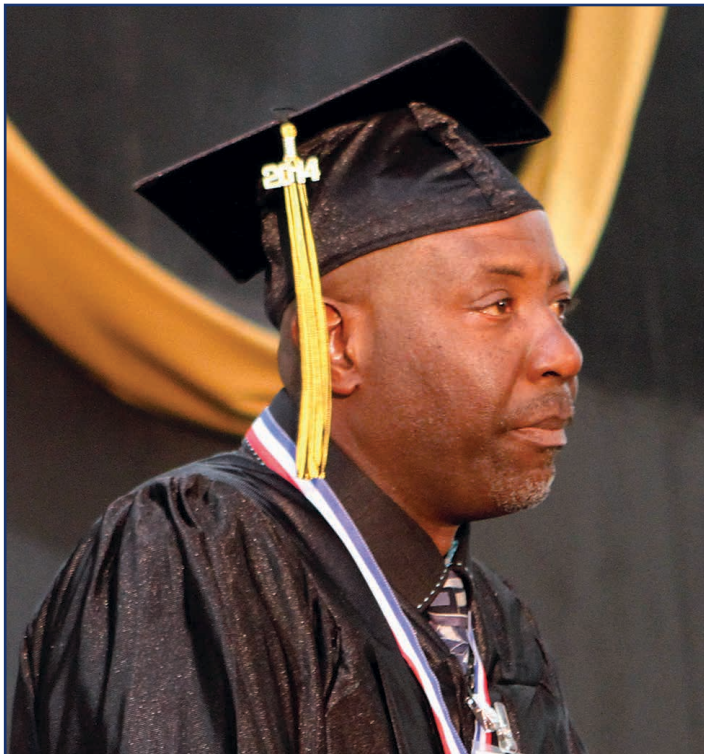
***I am so thankful for your support.*** All the best in 2014!

Rev. Ronald Brummitt





## Lives Transformed



**Earl**, left, and **Pernell**, right, addressed their fellow graduates and guests. It's not easy to share your life of failures and lost years. **Earl** told of his days of drugs and lost relationships, but how grateful he was to have a new beginning. **Pernell** said, "I understand today that is not about what I could have, it's about what I do with what I got. I'm also very grateful for all the help I received and I plan on helping others." **Your Support Changes Lives Every Day!**

## Help the Homeless With Operation Mission Hope

Filling this little bag can make a BIG difference in the life of a homeless person. **MISSION HOPE** is a small, purple bag that can be filled with inexpensive/unused items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tissues, socks and even underwear. These simple, basic products help those living on the streets clean up and feel more like themselves. We know that when someone feels better, they are in a better position to make other changes like getting involved with our full-scale recovery programs. Imagine providing the hope of a better tomorrow to someone who has been sleeping on the sidewalk for months! How many bags can you fill today? Go to our websites: [www.miamirescuemission.com](http://www.miamirescuemission.com) or

[www.browardoutreachcenter.com](http://www.browardoutreachcenter.com) to order bags online. Or call **Maria Chavez** at 305.573.6340. We will send them to you and can schedule a pick up of large **Mission Hope** bags. **Hope** is the beginning of change. This is a great way for you, your business, school, place of worship, or organization to help us serve over 1,300 men, women, and children every day. Items are used throughout the year and are given out to everyone during our community outreaches (see page 7).

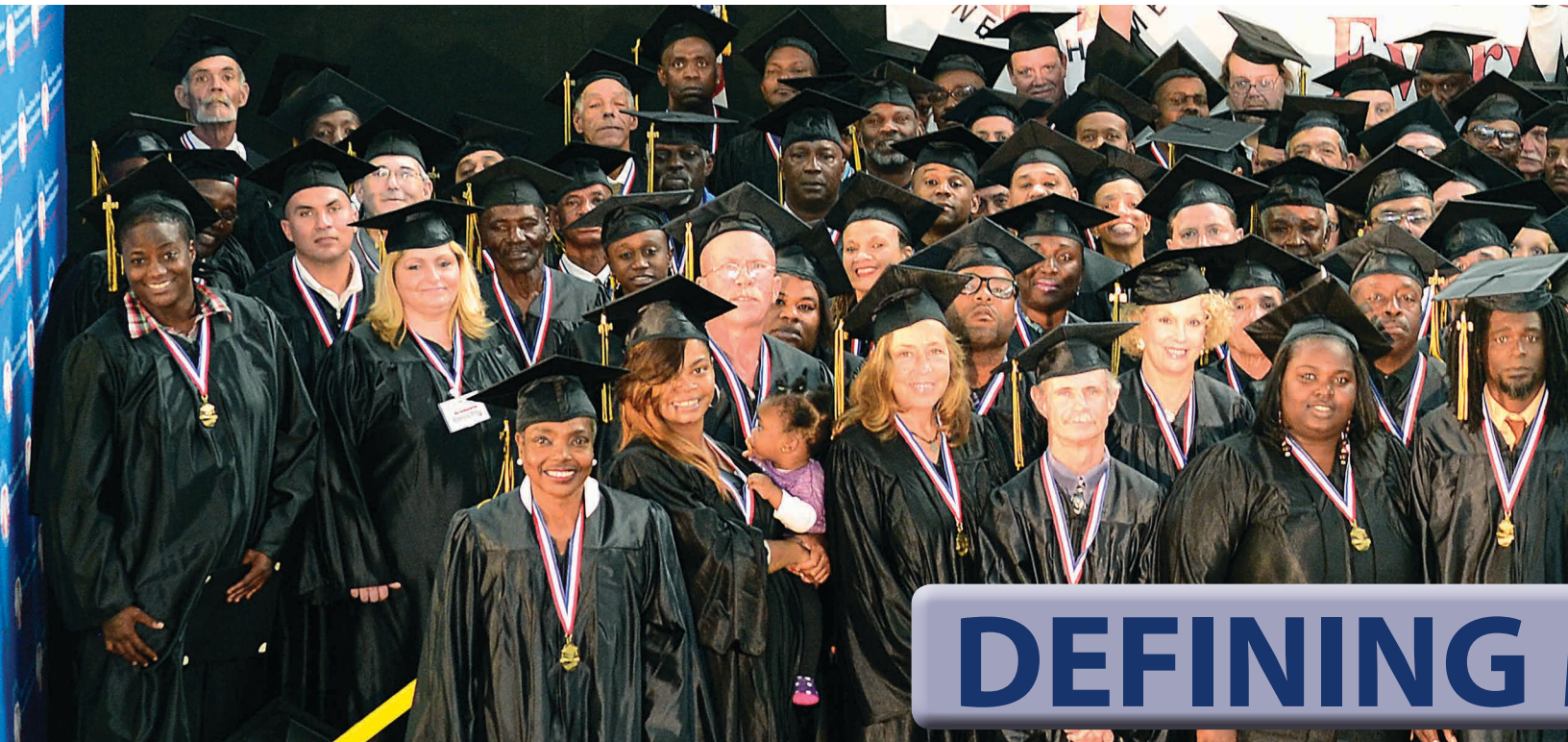


### Hope Tote Items

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Combs
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Socks
- Razors



# 170 Formerly Homeless Men and Women



Nearly 170 formerly homeless men and women graduated from the Miami Rescue Mission | Broward Outreach Centers in a cap and gown ceremony. Many of the 500 attendees were friends and families of the graduates and supporters of MRM/BOC. This ceremony surpassed the amount of graduates seen in the last Miami Rescue Mission/Broward Outreach Centers' ceremony which took place year ago in February. The graduation marks a new life and illustrates a miraculous redemption for so many formerly homeless individuals.

The theme of the graduation was **"Defining Moments"**. The atmosphere was exhilarating from the moment you walked into the converted Community Activity Center of the Miami Campus. Decorations reflected inspiration, accomplishment and a defining moment.

The Musical Prelude was given by **"Deep Fried Funk Band"**. Thunderous rounds of applause filled the air as the graduates marched into the auditorium to take their seats. The Mission's own **"Regeneration Singers"** also performed and several testimonies of changed and grateful lives were heard.

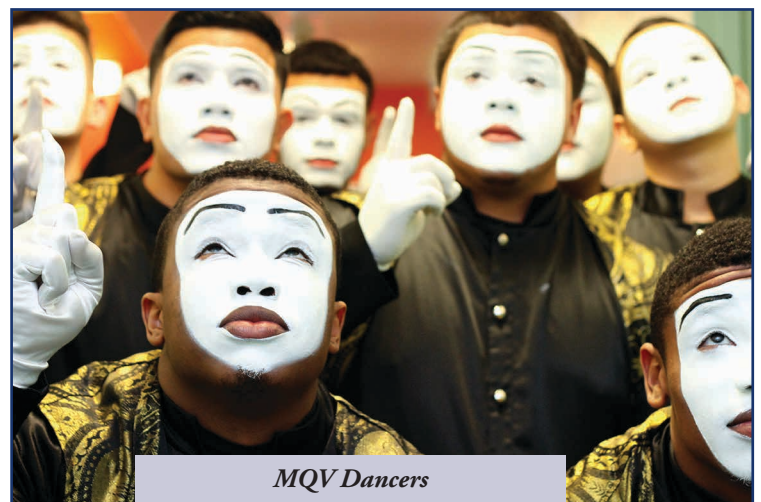
The program consisted of several inspirational speakers. **Dr. Linda Washington-Brown**, Associate Dean of Broward College RN-BSN Program and Board Director, told her own story of how she overcame her troubles and learned to forgive, let go of anger, study hard, and became the person she is today. The Keynote speaker was WIOD Radio Personality **Rick Sanchez**, who gave a moving, inspirational talk to the graduates focusing on the up and downs of life. He reminded everyone that no mat-

ter how many failures a person experiences, the real test is that you keep getting back up and going on.

The Challenge message was given by **Minister Darian C. Bouie**, who captivated and charged the graduates to keep striving for future **"defining moments"**. He stated, *"Just because you are in a defining moment now does not mean that you are done. Keep training for other defining moments yet to come."*

The **MQV Dancers** brought the house down with their special pantomime. **Shanier Souffrant** sang an awesome arrangement of "Moving Forward". The final blessing and prayer for the graduates was given by our President, Rev. Ronald Brummitt.

*These changed lives would not be possible without YOU!*





# And Women Celebrate Graduation



## MOMENTS



Dr. Linda-Washington Brown



Rick Sanchez



Minister Darian C. Bouie



*“Our graduations become a **defining moment** and is a culmination of all that happens at our Miami-Dade and Broward Centers. We see the homeless come to us broken, hopeless, suicidal, hungry, addicted, abused, sick in body and spirit. With the help of our donors and supporters, men, women, and children are inspired to experience a new beginning.*

*Love and acceptance are the biggest assets they receive. Our education, life skill classes, and case management ties it all together to help transform lives. Many of our graduates discover that God loves them and has a purpose for their life. This helps to empower them to reach for their next **defining moment**.”*

- Rev. Ronald Brummitt, President



## Volunteers and Supporters Change Lives

Over 11,800 volunteers provided acts of service at our Miami, Hollywood, and Pompano Centers in 2013. Businesses and organizations helped raise additional funds for our programs as well as take on various hands-on projects. It's especially heart warming when we see so many young people get involved and want to help those that are in great need.

*The bottom line is that we could not do all the things we do for the homeless and needy without our volunteers.*



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### Special Thanks to Everyone that Helps the Homeless

**Top Left:** Potential Church held its annual Flip Us A Bird Thanksgiving Drive at all of its locations. Over 1,800 turkeys, hams, and pies were donated. **Top Right:** South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has been helping for 14 years. Here they are with a toy drive. **Middle Left:** AmTrust Bank was a main sponsor for our Christmas celebration. They also had branches in Miami and Broward hold toy drives. **Middle Right:** InXpress, the domestic and International Shipping Company, had managers from around the world serve in Broward. They also raised money for new kitchen equipment.

**Bottom Left:** Our Friends, the Marlins Baseball Team, came out to wrap presents for the homeless and needy.

**Bottom Right:** Point Blank Enterprises with Dupont made a generous donation to our Pompano Center.

*Without our partners in the community, we could never do all the things we do to help those in the greatest of need. The above volunteers and supporters are just a few of our great friends who give of their time and finances to help the homeless through our Centers. Our Supporters are the greatest people in the world!*





2013 Outreach



Girlfriends 4 Girlfriends Housing Luncheon

## Great Thanksgiving on Good Friday Outreach

On Friday, April 18th, our Centers will have a special outreach to the homeless and needy. This is to raise awareness that homelessness is a year round problem. Nearly 2,500 men, women, and children will be served delicious meals and more. Visit our websites to find out how to donate or volunteer.

## Girlfriends 4 Girlfriends Providing Safe and Affordable Housing

Reintegrating back into the world is a time consuming and often costly measure for women who have completed the Center for Women and Children's residential program. **Girlfriends 4 Girlfriends'** goal is to establish safe and affordable housing for these women. The first multiplex housing unit is expected to be opened this year. You can be a Girlfriend by pledging \$50 a year or \$5 per month. YOU will receive a **GIRLFRIENDS 4 GIRLFRIENDS** pink wristband. To find out more, go to [www.miamirescuemission.com/g4g](http://www.miamirescuemission.com/g4g) or email Marilyn Brummitt at [marilyn@caringplace.org](mailto:marilyn@caringplace.org) or call 305.571.2200.

## A Thankful Supporter

We are so thankful to all of our donors and supporters. Mark and Jo Ann became supporters through one of our letters sent to homes. They began to support helping the homeless financially. Mark and Jo Ann raised their children with love, support, and guidance. They never thought they would need help with their own son.

Jo Ann recalls, "Our son was doing so well, but he got involved with others that were doing drugs. His whole behaviour changed. One night we got a call and he said he had been arrested for drugs and a crime he committed. Talk about being in shock. We tried to help him in so many ways, but his life spiralled out of control. There came a point in time that we just could not have him in our home with our other children. We didn't hear from him much during the next year, but one day he called and said he wanted help and was facing going to jail for breaking probation. We searched around and Mark contacted the Mission to see if they could help. Well, the short story is that our son has made a complete turn-around in his life. Not only has he stopped using drugs, but he is off probation. The greatest part for us is that he now has a relationship with God. We've been at the Center many times and are so impressed in what is being done for so many. We are very thankful for the Mission and will continue to support it in as many ways as we can."

*Your Support helps so many hurting and homeless men, women, and children.*



## Expansion Project to Serve More Homeless

This new building will allow us to provide an additional 78 residential beds for men who are enrolled in the Regeneration Program as well as provide meeting rooms, offices, and general assembly areas. More homeless have come for services due to the economy, lack of work, evictions, and other factors. We are thankful for funding from a grant award we received from FHLBank Atlanta's Affordable Housing Program and from very special donors to get this needed expansion opened. The expected opening will be in March.

*You will be invited to the Grand Opening in the near future.*



## Special Auction on March 8th

A special donor gave us a tremendous amount of fine furniture. We have placed many items in our Centers, but there is still a lot of quality pieces left. To raise funds for our programs, we will be having a **Special Auction** on Saturday, March 8th. This will be in our newest building located at 2031 NW 1 Court, Miami. Doors will open at 8 AM for registration and inspection. The auction will begin at 10 AM. All sales are final and items need to be picked up that day. Go to:

[www.miamirescuemission.com/auction](http://www.miamirescuemission.com/auction) for more details.

Don't forget to check out our great **Auto Auction** where you can find amazing cars, motorcycles and even boats on the first Saturday of every month. Inspection begins at 8 AM and the auction starts at 10 AM. We accept donations of cars, boats, recreational vehicles, cycles, and most things with wheels. We just need to have a valid title. Some vehicles are used in our Centers.



Gifts of personal property that are in good condition may be what the Mission could use in our various centers, or it may be something that could be sold/used to finance our emergency and residential programs. **Remember, your donations are tax deductible!**

Our Award Winning Thrift Stores, Bargain Barn & Bargain Barn Plus, located in the Design District of Miami at 2133 NW 1st Court, are open Monday - Friday from 9:45 AM - 5:45 PM and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



For donations and more information, call 305.573.6340 or visit our websites. Receipts for tax purposes are provided for your life-saving donations. Help us feed the hungry, care for the poor and change lives each and every day!

**Donate, Shop, or Volunteer to Help us Help Others.**

<p><b>Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. Broward Outreach Centers</b></p> <p>2159 NW 1st Court, Miami Mail: PO Box 420620 Miami, FL 33242-0620 (305) 571-2273 (CARE)</p>	<p><b>Broward Outreach Center Hollywood</b></p> <p>2056 Scott Street Hollywood, FL 33020 (954) 926-7417</p> <p>Near West Dixie and Sheridan</p>	<p><b>Broward Outreach Center Pompano</b></p> <p>1700 Blount Road Pompano Beach, FL 33069 (954) 979-6365</p> <p>Between Copans and Martin Luther King Blvd.</p>	<p><b>Center for Men</b></p> <p>2020 NW 1st Avenue, Miami (305) 571-2211</p> <p><b>Community Activity Center</b></p> <p>2025 NW 1st Ave., Miami Out of School Programs</p>
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