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## THE GREAT Thanksgiving BANQUET



*Help Serve Over  
200,000 Meals  
This Fall Season*



## *Blessings to Our Wonderful Friends*



### **Dear Friend of the Homeless and Hungry,**

During the Fall months, our three Centers in Miami, Hollywood and Pompano Beach will serve over 200,000 meals to the homeless and hungry of our community. For so many, that meal is the first step in transforming their life. We have seen over the 90 years of serving our communities, that **HOPE** really does begin with a meal.

**Our vision is "No One is Homeless"** and we have been utilizing every square inch of space to help as many as we can in need. It is only with your continued support that we're able to do all that we do for the homeless and needy. Our annual **Great Thanksgiving Banquet** serves thousands each year and encourages the homeless to make the decision to come off the streets and enter one of our residential programs. We expect over 60 men and women to make that decision.

This Thanksgiving features an amazing anomaly. The first day of Hanukkah starts at sunset on Wednesday, November 27, the night before Thanksgiving. Some call this combined celebration of thanks, **Hannugivingkkah**. It has never happened in the past and will only happen again in another 75,000 years. May all our Jewish friends enjoy this double blessing. **Thank you for helping so many in need.**

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

Blessings to you and your loved ones,  
Rev. Ronald Brummitt, President

## The Great Thanksgiving Banquet

**T**he Miami Rescue Mission's **Great Thanksgiving Banquet** will be serving hope in the form of a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal for hungry and homeless men, women and children. Over 2,500 home-cooked meals will be served on Thanksgiving Day at our Centers in Miami, Hollywood and Pompano. **This is only possible because of your amazing support!**

In addition to all of the great supporters, the Miami Rescue Mission / Broward Outreach Centers will see over 600 individuals volunteer their time in a variety of ways to help the homeless and hungry on Thanksgiving.

**The Great Thanksgiving Banquet** will be providing more than just a meal. There will be great live entertainment and a fun atmosphere for those families and individuals who might not be able to celebrate the holiday. Each Campus will have its own intake table where homeless men and women can find out about our life-changing programs and how to take the first step to a transformed life.

In 2012, we served over **850,000 total meals** to the hungry, needy, and homeless of South Florida. We cannot do this without our amazing volunteers, donors and supporters like you. **Thank You for making The Great Thanksgiving Banquet possible and bringing hope to thousands.**

### Needed Items For the Fall

- ❑ Turkeys, Hams, Hamburgers, Chicken
- ❑ Green Beans
- ❑ Green Peas, Carrots
- ❑ Other Canned Vegetables
- ❑ Various Pastas
- ❑ Cranberry Sauce
- ❑ Instant Potatoes
- ❑ Corn & Cooking Oil
- ❑ Collard Greens, Lettuce, Tomatoes
- ❑ Sweet Potatoes
- ❑ Tomato Paste & Spaghetti Sauce
- ❑ Rice, Stuffing Mix
- ❑ Dinner Rolls
- ❑ Fruits (Canned or Fresh)
- ❑ Coffee, Sugar, Creamer
- ❑ Eggs, Bacon, Bread
- ❑ Pies, Cakes and Other Desserts
- ❑ Assorted Sodas, Fruit Juices, Milk
- ❑ Salt, Pepper, Other Spices
- ❑ Cheese, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard
- ❑ Disposable Plastic Utensils
- ❑ Disposable Paper Cups & Plates
- ❑ Large Garbage Bags
- ❑ Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
- ❑ Metal Forks, Spoons & Knives
- ❑ Other Assorted Kitchen Items

Tune in to "Mission Possible" on WIOD (610 AM & 100.3 FM) From 8 AM to 9 AM on Sunday Mornings

# We Love Our Volunteers



On September 11th for the *National Day of Service and Remembrance*, a group of Army volunteers, led by *Sergeant Craig M. Brown (behind Melissa Singh - Community Development Associate)*, served lunch at the Miami Center for Men. **This was a tremendous honor to have our brave servicemen helping the needy!**



**60 PepsiCo Volunteers** along with *Marlins Baseball Team* employees served hundreds of meals, washed vehicles, sorted donations, and provided a new durable grass turf at the Center for Women and Children.

We cannot do all that we do without our *wonderful volunteers*.

Visit [miamirescuemission.com](http://miamirescuemission.com) to find out how you can get involved as a volunteer.



The *Ransom Everglades School Football Team* provided a special day of activities for children attending the Miami Community Activity Center's after school program. Over 125 boys and girls were treated to special snacks, games, and surprises. Ransom's students have provided many volunteer projects throughout the years. **Thank you Ransom for your generosity and special gifts.**



Thank You for helping the least, the last and the lost



**J**ane and her daughter are thankful for all the help they received at our Center and their new lives.  
 “To look at me now, you would never imagine that I hit a point in my life that was so dark and so hopeless. I hit rock bottom and could not take care of myself or my daughter. In fact, my mother took care of her for nearly two years. I grew up in a pretty normal family, but when I turned 13, my father suddenly died from a heart attack. My mom and I were devastated. My uncle, on my dad’s side, was very helpful after my dad’s passing. He would help out financially and help my mom with the house.

To my horror, one night when my mom was not at home, my own uncle raped me. He told me not to say a word or he would hurt my mother and me. I didn’t know what to do. My mom came home and he acted as if everything was all right. I stayed in my room and cried all night. His assaults continued until I was a senior in high school. I was once a very happy kid, but with the loss of my dad and the attacks by my uncle, I felt completely numb. I started drinking with older kids and had lots of boyfriends, but somehow I managed to graduate high school. I finally got the courage to tell my mom what was being done to me after graduation. She immediately called the police and my uncle was arrested and later convicted. What an ordeal it was to be questioned and have every part of my life torn apart. He pleaded guilty and I was spared going to trial. Even though his physical attacks ceased, I felt so hurt and alone. I thought something must be wrong with me. I spiraled into more drinking and taking drugs.

My daughter was born and her father did not want to take any responsibility. You would think that I would get my act together and take care of her, but I didn’t. My mom has always been there for me, even when I didn’t care about myself. My lifestyle got so crazy that I decided to let my mom take care of her with the promise that I would get help. I finally came to the Center as a broken person. I had hit a point in my life that I wanted to die. With the encouragement and help I received, ***I have a new life and am so thankful.*** Today I am working and going to College. I have a bright future. The best part is that I am now able to be the mom my daughter deserves. I know that many people support the Center and I am very grateful for everyone’s help.”



**A Thankful Graduate**

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<p><b>Bargain Barn I &amp; Plus</b> 2233 NW 1st Court, Miami (305) 571-2217  Come Shop For Bargains</p>	<p><b>Auto Auction</b> First Saturday of Every Month View 8:00AM - Auction at 10AM 2159 NW 1st Court, Miami <b>Donate Your Vehicle</b></p>	<p><b>Donation Center</b> <b>2200 NW 1st Avenue, Miami</b> <b>Donation Hotline:</b> <b>Local Calls: (305) 573-6340</b> <b>1-800-817-HOPE</b></p>	<p><b>Center for Women and Children</b> 2250 NW 1st Avenue, Miami (305) 571-2250  <b>Jeffrey Tew Education Center</b> 2010 NW 1 Ave., Miami</p>

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