



The Heartbeat of The Mission

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Anticipation

One of the Mission's challenges from year to year is to anticipate needs and numbers of the homeless, hungry and poor who come to our doors. With that in mind the next challenge is, where will we find the food, clothing, volunteers and donors to meet those needs? Year after year we find the answer in the place that has always brought together those in need and those who are willing to help them. This is God's work and He is faithful to provide us with what we need to serve those in need. God is our source and He is faithful as we are devoted to carrying out the vision that He places before us and to conducting all of our work just as Jesus taught us, with love and compassion.



Jim Castleberry

During the past year, with our greatest demand ever for food and services, you our friends in the community provided more grocery gifts to supply food for those in need. We also had more volunteers to serve meals and serve in all of our many ministries. As things became more difficult in our economy, the Mission donors responded and in return no persons were left unserved.

To all of you who donate your time as volunteers and resources to carry out this work, I say thank you from the board, staff and especially from those who come to us in such need. And, a special thank you to those who take time to pray for this work and those we serve. So far 2010 has shown that it will be another demanding year. I am confident that as we work together we will find the resources to meet those needs.

Like An Eagle In Flight

Randy Larrabe spreads his arms straight out to his sides, like an eagle in flight, proudly displaying the bright colors and intricate beadwork of his Native garb. The first time you look into Randy's eyes, you see the joy and peace of a life that's been changed by God. But when you hear his story, you know he's had a difficult journey on his way to this place in his life.

In early 2006, Randy was living with his mom. They managed to get by on his disability and her Social Security. Then, in February of that year, he was arrested for DWI and sent to prison. On July 20, 2006, Randy's mom died. In his words, he lost everything. Still, he had a sense that the Lord was looking after him and working in his heart.

Randy was paroled to Cornerstone Rescue Mission in May 2007. Over time, his heart changed, and today he looks at things differently than he used to. Randy marvels at God's forgiveness. "He forgives us over and over, even drugs and drinking—hard-core things," Randy says. "Jesus can change your life." It is easy to see the wonder of these statements when you look into Randy's eyes. As he shares his testimony, the emotions behind the words cause him to stop a moment. It is obvious that his feelings are not only

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Eagle in Flight

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genuine, they run to the very core of his heart.

Of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission family, Randy has much to say. “This is truly the house of God,” he says sincerely. “I was treated kindly and with respect. The mission opened my eyes to the many programs that can help us in our walk.”

When asked of his plans for the future, Randy is positive in his response. “I will stay in the Truth and the Light; my calling is just. I will spread the Word of God to the poor and homeless, and help in what I can.” True to his commitment to help, Randy volunteers—a lot—at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission; with the Boys’ Club; through his church; and with the Share program.

When finished sharing his story, Randy has a message for the staff and supporters of Cornerstone. “Thank you for taking me under your wing. There are times in my life I need looking after. Cornerstone Rescue Mission and my Lord are doing just that. In turn, I will look after His children...I will say His words.” From what we can see, Randy, you’re doing a fine job of that.



Randy Larrabe

Needs Lists

We are grateful for the support of this community throughout the year! Our current needs include:

Men’s Mission

Salt
Onions
Salad dressing
Milk (fresh)
Eggs
Sugar
Pens (any color ink)
Men’s medium-size underwear

Dear Ones Child Care

50 & 100-watt light bulbs
Paper towels
Kleenex
Standard-size staples
Sticky notes-large and small
Ziplock baggies (all sizes)
Paper bags (lunch size)

Women’s Home

Energy-efficient light bulbs
Toilet paper & paper towels
Kleenex
Fruit (fresh or canned)
Cleaning supplies
Flour
Sugar
Spices

Apartments

Diapers (all sizes)
Shampoo & conditioner
Non-perishable food
Cleaning supplies
Towels & curtains
Pillows & sheets



Cornerstone's Spring Into Fashion Style Show



Saturday, April 17 at 3:30 p.m.

at the Cornerstone Thrift Store, 401 11th

*Proceeds benefit the Cornerstone
Women and Children's Home*



- \$5 ticket donation includes fashion show, prizes & refreshments.
- Doors open at 3:00 PM. Show starts at 3:30.
- Door Prizes: gift certificates & other surprises.
- Raffle drawings for a Sony big screen TV valued at \$250, LaMae Salon gift packages & a LaMae boutique gift package.



Buy your tickets at the following sponsor locations:
Cornerstone Thrift Store, 401 11th Street (712-2768)
LaMae Salon and boutique, 230 Main Street (716-4247)

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The Butterfly Tree

Fulfilling simple needs at the Women & Children's Home

Have you ever heard the phrase, "It's the little things that make a difference"? Well that is true at the Women & Children's Home. If the simple short-term needs of the women and children are met, they can begin to focus on their long-term needs. Our guests also have ongoing needs such as shampoo, bath gel, lotion, stamps, phone cards and bus passes. There are also many needs that are essential to our daily operation at the Home, such as sugar, flour, bath tissue, light bulbs, laundry and cleaning supplies.



The Butterfly Tree was an idea created to inform people with giving hearts or our most immediate needs. A fig tree is decorated with paper butterflies, each with a different need written on it. The tree is sponsored by a church, business or organization and displayed at their location for two weeks. During that time members fulfill a need by donating the item(s) written on each butterfly. Then a Cornerstone staff member picks up the tree and the items are taken to the Home. The tree is redecorated with butterflies labeled with new needs and it is taken to another sponsored location.

Please help by organizing an effort to host the Butterfly Tree at your church, business or organization. Contact Andrea Denke, program director for the Women & Children's Home, at 721-7860 to make arrangements. A Butterfly Tree is also accessible to the general public at the Cornerstone Thrift Store, 401 11th Street.

Life INC Budget Mentor Open House

If you have the desire to help someone learn skills that can be life changing, come and see what budget mentoring is all about. Tours, testimonies, and an overview of Life INC's Budget Mentor program will be provided Thursday, April 15, 6 to 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Call Love INC at 718-5683 to RSVP.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)