

NEWS

Crossroads Mission ♥ Yuma, AZ
Fall 2007

for our *Partners*

MAKING HISTORY

Breaking Ground on a New Season!

It was early in the morning on August 2, 2007 and the seats and the canopies were set. The sound equipment, the cameras, the refreshments, and the cake were ready. The excitement and the anticipation could be felt over the air. It was a day for Crossroads Mission to make history!

The event was the ground-breaking ceremony for a new Level 4 Substance Abuse Center. Many community leaders and state officials came to celebrate with us and to express their support and

appreciation for our mission and our work. They made history with us! Together, they took the first shovel of dirt on the new 3,300 square-foot building. This new center will replace the current detox unit, which is only about 2,500 square feet, and has provided services for the Yuma community since 1996.

For us, this ground breaking meant a major accomplishment in an uphill battle. After lots of prayer, planning, meeting, and compromising, the first tangible step was finally taking place. The beginning



Making History (from left to right): Mike Simpson, Crossroads Mission New Life Recovery Program Coordinator; Bob Olson, Yuma Regional Medical Center C.E.O.; Marty Krisay, Yuma County Adult Probation Chief; Ralph Ogden, Yuma County Sheriff; Tom Mannan, Crossroads Mission Board of Directors Chairman; Ross Heib, City of Yuma Deputy Mayor; Bill Esmeier Jr., Crossroads Mission Finance Director; Amanda Aguirre, Arizona State Senator District 24; Lenore Loroña Stuart, Yuma County Board of Supervisors District 1; Jay Dunkleberger, Department of Behavioral Health Services Division of Compliance; Terry Stevens, Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona C.E.O.; Myra Garlit, Crossroads Mission Executive Director.

Many Blessings This Fall!



Myra E. Garlit
M.Ed., LISAC
Executive Director

Welcome to our fall newsletter! At our cover story, we let you know about the Level 4 Transitional Unit which will replace the old Detox Center. The services will remain very much the same as they are today but in a new building. The current building was opened in 1996 and helped hundreds of addicted folks from this community achieve sobriety. This program offers more than just abstinence from alcohol or illegal drugs. Case management services, medical services to primary care physicians, assistance to family members, connections to churches for spiritual recovery, psychiatric services referred out to other agencies and many other services are offered to those who are trying to get some stability in their lives began in that building. We are blessed to be able to offer services in the new building with features that we have not had in the past like cabinet space to lock up first aid and medical supplies, a nurse's station, secured entry, a kitchen area and other building features that might seem common to some but are new to us. **We are blessed.**

On Page 5, you can learn about Tax Credits. Tax credit means that you get back every penny that you donate to Crossroads Mission on your State tax up to a certain amount if you are single or married. It's a great way to donate to the Mission and stay in control of your taxes.

Finally, the holidays are nearly upon us and we are quickly approaching Thanksgiving. Someone wrote me a letter about our three-day "feast" and stated they could not donate when we "celebrated by eating for three days". I'm sorry if we ever gave that impression. I want you to know that while that "feast" is going on we are taking over 100 meals to the elderly who cannot come to the meals or if they can come, we go pick them up so they can socialize at the banquet. We go to the river and drive the homeless to the Mission. While they are at the Mission, our case managers are talking to them about getting more services at the Mission or other agencies that can help them. Last year, we had three people admit themselves to Detox during those meal times.

Another lady wrote to me saying she saw children who didn't look poor at the banquet. They were dressed to good to be poor. Many of our clients who are in recovery invite their families to eat with them. Many times this is a first for them after years of separation from their families. The children love this time. They get to see mommy and daddy together again. We invite the neighborhood in because they often refer folks to us or need help themselves. There are many things going on behind the scenes of our banquets. We stretch all of our resources. Food, money, clothing or blankets that are donated during this time are used throughout the year or as long as they last. The 3-days of Thanksgiving and Christmas are ways that we help to make this a better community by providing services to the poor and needy whether monetary, emotional or spiritual. God bless you for your donations. I hope to get to see you at the Thanksgiving banquet.



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But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. —Matthew 6:6 (KJV)

We invite you to share your prayer requests with us on our website. You may also call us or write to us. Please remember Crossroads Mission's special requests:

- **Our outreach projects and special events**
That we may reach the many people who need services through our outreach efforts and special events and they accept our help.
- **An increase of donations**
That our in-kind and cash donations increase to continue the many services that we offer. (in-kind donations are donations of goods such as food, clothing, blankets, furniture, etc.)
- **All the people involved with Crossroads Mission**
All of our clients, guests, volunteers, Board members, staff, and staff family members

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. —Romans 12:12 (NIV)



Please consider helping us with some of our basic needs:

- Food, for pantry and Thanksgiving
- Socks & underwear (new) for men, women, and children—in all sizes.
- General toiletries, personal care items, and bath towels.



Your donations of furniture, clothes, & general items can make a difference! Schedule a

FREE pick up today by calling:

726-0491 Ext. 18

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of a new construction, of a new season.

Old buildings, tight spaces, and sometimes inadequate equipment has been a part of Crossroads Mission for a long time now. Since we depend on contributions and donations, we have become experts on making the best of what we have. One could say that we have gotten used to living within our own *winter season*. Now, the promise of a brand new construction is uncharted territory for everyone at Crossroads Mission.

The new facility will offer stabilization services to individuals who are trying to withdraw from alcohol or drugs. It will be a place to come in and be safe. The

10-day inpatient program will allow a person who is struggling with addiction to stabilize, and then move into more outpatient treatment. The new Level 4 Substance Abuse Center has been licensed at the state maximum of 16 beds, 12 for men and 4 for women.

Crossroads received a \$450,900 grant from the Arizona Department of Health Services, Behavioral Services and \$90,000 in a grant from the City of Yuma Community Development Services. The state funds were provided by a special bill that passed the legislative processes last year. These funds were part of Governor Napolitano's initiatives to combat

the methamphetamine problem in the state.

Cenpatco Behavioral Health of Arizona is facilitating the project. Nicholas Engineering (NEI), Architectural West's architect, George Ehrik, is providing the engineering services and Donald Peterson Engineering Construction Company (DPE) has been contracted for the construction phases of the project. Chuck Finnilla of DPE is the Construction Manager. Construction of facility is scheduled to be completed in early spring with a grand opening at the end of April 2008.

We are proud of what our "little mission" has been able to do. We look forward to a new season in the life of Crossroads Mission. We know that one day soon God will renew Crossroads Mission, not just through new buildings, but through His Spirit on all of us. Your prayers have sustained us time after time and we ask that you keep us still in your prayers. We know that without God on our side we can do nothing!

(Bottom Left) The shovels were ready on the day of the ground breaking. (Bottom Right) The grading of the dirt marked the beginning of the real construction. (Lower Bottom) The artistic rendering of what the new building will look like.



LOVING SCHOOL & LIFE, AGAIN

The Career & Academic Center's and Kimberly's Success Story:

"I love going to school, I love it," says Kimberly, currently a student at Arizona Western College pursuing her goal of becoming a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. But this hasn't always been the case for Kimberly. For her, things were drastically different just two years ago.

Last year, Kimberly came to Crossroads Mission in a desperate move to keep her parental rights over her last remaining daughter. She had been living on the streets of

Las Vegas, using drugs, and in an abusive relationship. The court ultimatum led her to take action. The custody of her daughter was already in the hands of her parents, who live here in Yuma. With a dose of tough love, her

parents informed Kimberly that they would not help her in anyway unless she was sober.

"I could've just said 'forget it', but I was gonna die out there," says Kimberly. "If I would've lost her (her daughter), I would have lost the last reason to be clean," she admits.

Kimberly began her road to recovery and once again allowed herself to have dreams and goals. The Career & Academic Center at Crossroads made a huge impact on her life. When she dropped out of school on her 11th grade she started using drugs and had given up on the idea of being able to learn new things. She overcame her fear of learning and in just three months obtained her General Education Diploma - GED.

Today Kimberly is clean and sober. She completed the New Life Recovery Program, a 120-day residential treatment program that is based on the 12-step model. "They taught me how to live," says Kimberly about Crossroads Mission. "The support that the education department gives you to lead you through to your goals is awesome!"

With the help of her parents she is going to college full time and is happily reunited with her daughter. She says, "I have goals, I'm not just sitting idle. I have a future to look forward to and I have my daughter. If you have a drug addiction give Crossroads Mission a chance because they saved my life. They have a lot more to offer than just a homeless shelter and their employees and counselors really care."

The Career & Academic Center, also known as the education department at Crossroads Mission focuses on helping individuals regain their studying skills, and obtain their GED. They work primarily with participants of Crossroads' programs. They also offer college preparatory courses, Spanish courses, and other computer-based courses. Every year they graduate as many students as a small high school would. Last fiscal year, 29 GEDs were obtained thanks to the education center.

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The 3 Days of Thanksgiving!

We're almost ready for Thanksgiving! As in the past years, we have so much to give thanks for here at Crossroads Mission that we are making Thanksgiving into a 3-day celebration.

Come join us on Tuesday November 20th, Wednesday the 21st, and on Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 22nd from 11 AM to 1 PM. We will be serving a Mexican feast on the

first day; a ham dinner on the second day; and a traditional turkey dinner on the third day. We also have delicious desserts that our volunteers bring with them to share with our guests.

We are anticipating that we will serve over 1,000 meals during those three days! It's a huge job that simply can't be done without the help of the many wonderful

volunteers that take the time to be part of our Great Thanksgiving Banquet.

Free clothing, blankets, home necessities and toiletries are given free of charge to needy and homeless guests. It's three days full of activity - full of blessings!

We still need your help. Call Jen or Joan today to sign up to volunteer: (928) 726-0491, Ext. 20.



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All donations are tax deductible.

Thanksgiving donations help Crossroads throughout the year!

Let's Talk Tax Credits

By Bill Esmeier,
Director of Development

It's that time of the year when people start handling their State Tax Credit to schools and non-profit organizations for 2007. Crossroads Mission has been blessed over the last four years by the "Working Poor Credit".

Remember, on your state tax, what you donate in this manner

up to \$400 for a couple filing together, and \$200 for a single filing can be returned to you as an addition to your tax refund from the State. If you've established a "giving basis" in previous recent years equal to what you donate to us this year, you'll be in line for the above mentioned refund.

Donations must be postmarked or delivered to Crossroads Mission by

December 31, 2007 to be claimed as a credit for this year.

If you have any questions give me a call at (928) 726-0491, Ext. 22. We can also send you a copy of our State Tax Credit brochure for more details on this credit. But, if you're ready to be in control of your deductions, use the form below to send in your donation today.

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INDIVIDUALS	49	36	46
CHILDREN	15	14	16
MEN'S SHELTER			
BED NIGHTS	3,030	2,334	2,383
INDIVIDUALS	98	75	79
NEW LIFE RECOVERY PROGRAM			
ENTER PROGRAM	27	24	20
GRADUATES	4	8	3
CAREER & ACADEMIC CENTER			
STUDENTS	59	54	61
HOURS STUDIED	696	762	620
GED's	5	4	7
SERENITY COMPLEX			
BED NIGHTS	345	322	279
INDIVIDUALS	12	11	11
HARMONY HOME			
BED NIGHTS	42	63	55
INDIVIDUALS	2	3	3
GIVING			
CLOTHES	898	1,453	1,560
FURNITURE	43	10	41



Memorial Gifts:

Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones. A memorial gift to Crossroads Mission is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member.

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Gifts in Honor:

A Gift in Honor to Crossroads Mission is a great way to honor a special person with a gift that will help the needy. Honor gifts make great birthday, anniversary, or recognition award gifts.



John Hoppstetter

By Charles & Sharon Craig

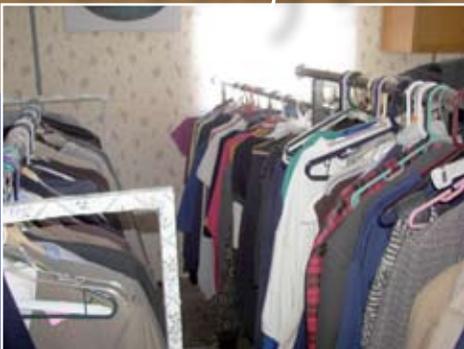
Teresa Culkin

By Raymond & Carole McCoy

Every effort is made to assure that all names are correct. We apologize for any errors that may have occurred.

Serving the homeless...

Thank You!



As a way to better serve our homeless friends we recently installed a voucher closet at our main campus right next to the men's shelter. When the old administration building was torn down, so was the warehouse where we kept the old voucher closet. We kept a few clothing pieces in the office but it wasn't enough. A homeless person can get a free change of clothes every 3 days. Thanks for your clothing donations!

We thank BILL ANDERSON for once again making an unbelievable bike ride to raise funds and awareness for Crossroads. This year, Bill celebrated his 82nd birthday by riding the entire Arizona perimeter! God bless you Bill!



From **old** to **new**!

This year, the Men's Shelter bathroom underwent a complete overhaul thanks to the efforts of our Advisory Council, Grace Bible Fellowship, and Stone Ridge Church.

Years of use had really taken a toll on the functionality and aesthetics of the bathrooms, showers, floors, ceiling, sinks, etc. Everything had to be torn down. The walls were stripped to the studs and even some of the plumbing had to be fixed!

After a lot of work, the bathroom today looks great. Everything works! We even have a handicap bathroom and a shower that we didn't have before.

Our sincere thanks goes out to every single person that made this transformation possible. Our prayer is that God will repay you tenfold!



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



To the AEA Federal Credit Union employees for donating \$1,100 to help us with purchasing new kitchen equipment. The funds were raised through snack and beverage revenues.



To the AEA Federal Credit Union for a refreshing donation of over 5,000 water bottles! They were given to thirsty guests and were literally life savers during the hot summer days.



To Bikers Against Child Abuse. They recently presented Crossroads Mission with an award in appreciation of our support to their organization.



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Career & Academic Center

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