

# News for Our Partners

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## Dreams Becoming a Reality



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*Executive Director*

After many years of dreaming, it is finally a reality: a medical clinic at Crossroads Mission! We are extremely proud to be able to provide this much needed service to the community and especially to our guests. The opening

of the Crossroads Mission Health Services area is a testament to the power of a community, and of love and compassion at work.

Our dreams of providing a wide range of *hope* services is becoming a reality; dreams of having various professional services available right here at Crossroads Mission. Services such as dental exams, eye exams, and even hair care. As other members of our community join Dr. Smock in "Sharing the Love", we will soon make all these dreams a reality.

Another one of our dreams is to reach out to our community at a more interactive level. To do this, we are currently working on the creation of several "radio programs". These programs are based on the 12 steps of the recovery process and include biblical commentaries, interviews, and personal testimonies. Once completed, they will be available on our website.

We feel that these programs will greatly increase the understanding of the amazing challenges and miracles that happen at Crossroads on a daily basis.

Little by little our dreams are becoming a reality. We are grateful to God and to our many kind friends and supporters for making them possible.

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## The Doctor Will See You Now!!!

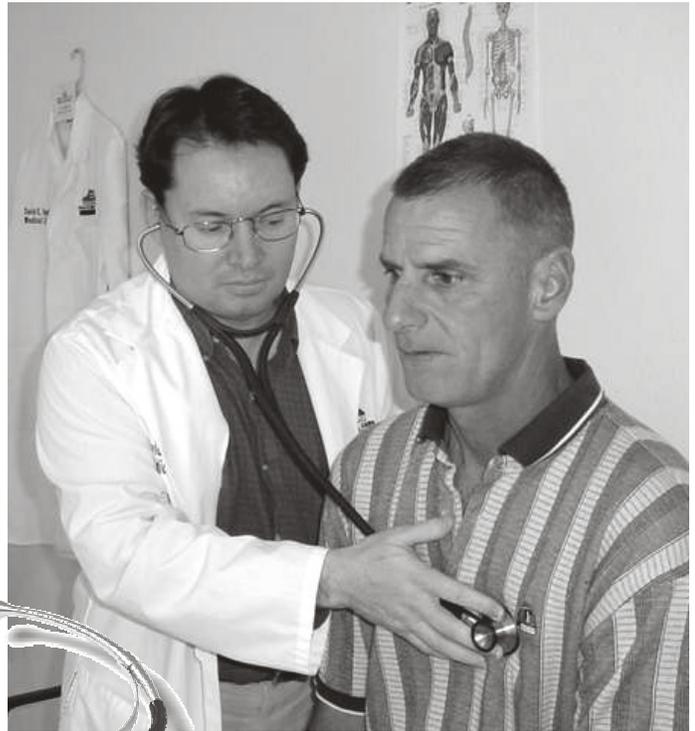
### New Medical Clinic at Crossroads Mission

With a little remodeling, some white paint, and a doctor on board the Crossroads Mission Health Services opened its doors for the first time on Wednesday February 16 at 9:00 a.m.

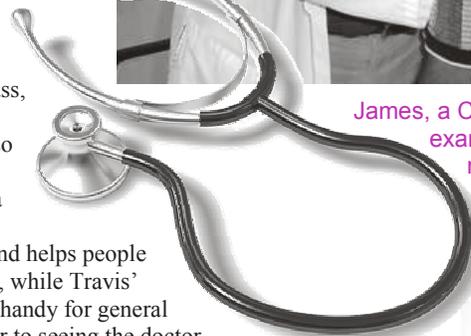
Dr. David Smock, who has been in practice in the Yuma area since the 1990's, has partnered with Crossroads in reaching out to the disadvantaged, the disabled, and the disenfranchised by volunteering his services each Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. He will be giving physical exams to those leaving the detoxification stage of the Recovery Program, pre-employment screenings for residents, and general services to those that need it, regardless of health coverage.

Travis Hedgling, a volunteer Registered Nurse, and Marcia Glass, an NAU-Social Work Program intern, are also part of the Health Services team. Marcia sets up appointments throughout the week and helps people with general questions, while Travis' nursing skills come in handy for general patient screenings prior to seeing the doctor.

The clinic, which used to be the Renewed Life Program dormitory, is located inside the men's shelter just off the lobby. Though it is still receiving its final touches, it already looks and feels like a genuine medical facility. But for now, at Crossroads Mission it sure is nice to hear, "The doctor will see you now!"



James, a Crossroads Mission resident is examined by Dr. Smock in the new medical clinic. (Below) R.N. Travis Hedgling checks his blood pressure



The purpose of Crossroads Mission is to help disabled, disadvantaged and disenfranchised individuals and families achieve a better quality of life. We are a 501(c)3, Private Nonprofit Organization serving the homeless, needy and poor of Yuma County without regard to race, color, national origin, religious background, age, sex or handicap. (Alternative format and reasonable accommodations available upon request.) We depend on the contributions of concerned individuals and organizations. All contributions are tax-deductible. We are a member in good standing of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions. We partner with the State of Arizona, DES, Yuma Community Food Bank & FEMA. We do not solicit in front of stores or door to door. Please report any impostors to us immediately.

News for Our Partners is a quarterly publication for the friends and supporters of Crossroads Mission. We welcome comments about the content of the newsletter. If there are issues you want to hear about, please let us know.

# Happier and Following His Dreams!

**R**igoberto Romero is a happy man. His easy demeanor and affable manner express an inner peace and contentment his limited command of English cannot. The spark of playful mischief aglow in his eyes is eclipsed only by his smile which is joyous, radiant, and highly contagious. Yet, Rigo would be quick to tell you that he had very little to do with the happiness he feels. The credit he is quick to give to God.

Rigo, 32, a native Yuman, is a Crossroads Recovery Center success story that the entire staff delights in. When he first came into the program he was a reserved, quiet, and reflective man given to observing rather than participating. Rigo soon found that an alcohol and drug free life afforded him opportunities he had never dreamed possible. Effecting such a change was not, however, always a priority in Rigo's life.

Rigo refers to his parents as quietly spiritual people, not given to organized religion. The product of a curiously extended family—his parents adopted the 3 children next door when they were abandoned by their mother—Rigo, as many children do, followed in his older brother's footsteps, which in this case, led to the world of drugs. Drugs ultimately yielded Rigo afoul of the law and he ended up on probation.

A guardian angel appeared to Rigoberto at this juncture, an angel in the form of his wife, Nannette. When Nannette discovered that Crossroads was more than a mission and that it was a rehab as well, she immediately

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*-Rigo*

went, not to her husband, but rather his probation officer! Shortly thereafter, Rigo full of trepidation and concern entered Crossroads. He has not looked back since.

A high school dropout, Rigo found that through the Crossroads Education Center he could obtain his GED, and during the first half of the four-month program, Rigo did just that. He was no longer the reserved man who had entered the 'detox unit'. Rigo moved to the fore as a leader amongst the other men in the program, not only in his academic achievements, but in his spiritual walk, as well. Not constrained by the bondage of alcohol and drugs, Rigo looked outside the box and decided while the GED was good, it did not extend as far as his personal vision. He applied and was accepted at Arizona Western College. He begins classes this semester, taking the first steps toward a once dreamed of career in water treatment.

Rigo graduated from the Recovery Program and he knows he has only begun the road to recovery. He, too, knows that thanks to allowing God to play a fundamental role in shaping and defining his life that anything is possible.

When asked to comment on his



Crossroads experience he said simply. “You got to tell the people, tell Yuma about Crossroads; tell them it is more than a mission. Tell them about the rehab. And tell them it isn't just about not taking drugs, that it's spiritual, too. You know what I mean?”

*Yeah, Rigo, we do.*



*Thank You!*

## *Desert Lily Quilters*

A special Thank You goes out to the Desert Lily Quilters who raised a total of \$5,587.25 for Crossroads Mission.

The quilters made and raffled a queen size quilt named “Floral Fantasy”. Tickets were only \$1.00!

The money raised was used to purchase a much needed van for transporting guests and clients.



# A New Flag for Crossroads

There is a beautiful new flag flying over Crossroads Mission. It's a very special flag and Tony Smith made it possible!

Last November Tony used the writing skills that he had learned at the Crossroads Education Center to write this letter to Mayor Nelson:

*"My name is Tony Smith. I am currently a client in the Life Skills Program at Crossroads Mission. In short, a rehab. Crossroads Mission works to help people achieve a better quality of life.*

*Personally, in just about a month's time here. I've gone from chaos and despair to peace and hope for a better life. Thanks go to the incredible staff, the wonderful fellowship, and God.*

*The Mission works tirelessly helping others but there is a problem and I'm praying you will help. Our American flag is tattered and torn. It's a shame such a fine organization as Crossroads Mission is unable to fly a new flag. I'm turning to you, Mayor Nelson, because you know the great things Crossroads does for this community and you have the power to help.*

*Thank you in advance for your time and help and may God bless you sir."*

His words made such an impact on the Mayor and his staff that a request was made to Congressman Raul M. Grijalva for a flag that had flown over the capitol for Crossroads Mission. Everyday a new flag flies over our nation's capitol and is then awarded to worthy recipients. Only 365 flags are presented per year.

The request was granted and last January Congressman Grijalva came to Yuma and presented the capitol flag to Tony for Crossroads Mission. It was a special moment for Tony to see his request fulfilled in such an amazing way. Congressman Grijalva commended him for his letter and encouraged him on his recovery.

The old flag was retired and the new one went up with the help of the American Legion Color Guard during a special ceremony held later that same week. It was a proudful moment for Tony. Something to truly remember.

**Crossroads Mission thanks you!**



**(Top)** Charles Craig, CRM Board Member; Tony Smith; Congressman Raul M. Grijalva; Charlie Allen, CRM Executive Director; Ema Lea Shoop, Yuma Deputy Mayor; and Gordon Block, CRM Education Director.

**(Middle)** Tony receives the new flag from Congressman Grijalva and displays it.

**(Bottom)** Tony and everyone salutes to the new flag during the national anthem at the special ceremony.



**Demonstrating Outstanding Volunteer Excellence**

*Congratulations to Susan Smyth for being awarded the Crossroads Mission's Dove Award.*

*Susan volunteers at the 2nd. Chance Thrift Store and her masterful touch can be seen throughout the store. Her ability to pick out coordinating items to create beautiful and colorful displays transformed the miscellaneous room into a sales showcase - since her very first day!*

**Thank you Susan!!!**

*It is through volunteers like you that Crossroads Mission truly makes a difference. God Bless You!*

*Just* **A Note**  
*To Say Thank You!*

The following letter was sent to the Crossroads Family Shelter by a resident who was able to move into their own housing:

*Thank You! My two children and I ended up homeless and out of state.*

*The people who work at the shelter did so much to help us sort-out issues and accomplish the steps to get a house and connected with people.*

*Special thanks to Rene Sonoqui (Head Case Manager at the Family Shelter) who was non judgmental and facilitated our reintegration in so many areas.*

*Special thanks to Yvonne (another resident of the Family Shelter): her encouragement and office experience really got the ball rolling. Also, there is a very good spirit and care amongst the people who come to the Mission.*

*Again, I and my children thank you. God bless all!*

**Do you, or someone you know, have an addiction problem?**

**WE CAN HELP!**



**The Recovery Program**

We offer a comprehensive drug and alcohol recovery program that includes safe, monitored detoxification and individual counseling. Call 783-9362, ext. 22 for more information, or visit us anytime, 944 S. Arizona Ave.

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**The Thank You Bulletin Board**

A special thank you to all of our wonderful donors. This last quarter was made possible by their gifts, their help, and their prayers!



**Thank You SOBER RIDERS!**  
 Their 3rd Annual Run for Shelter raised \$1,471.50. The funds were put on a Home Depot gift card and were designated for the Family Shelter's floor.



**Thank You SAM'S CLUB!**  
 For their "Good Works" \$1,000 donation during the club's grand opening celebration.



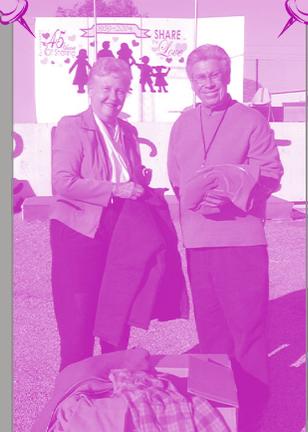
**Thank You LITTLE CAESAR'S!**  
 The "Love Kitchen" was at Crossroads on Jan. 12 and served over 45 delicious pizzas for our residents and guests.



**Thank You KSWT-13!**  
 Their community wide Christmas blanket drive was a great success and they helped warm up many people.



**Thank You valley Horizon!**  
 For their school sock drive and donation for the Family Shelter. Student Council officers Tyler Solis, Lena Tomlin, Yasmeen Hassin, and Yvonne Torres delivered the dozens of socks.



**Thank You Yuma Horse Show Association!**  
 For their donation of coats and blankets that were collected at their Dec. show.



# Contact us *to help or for help...*

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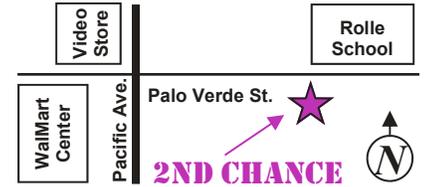
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