

# News for Our Partners

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Crossroads Mission

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## A Good Season Thanks to God



**MYRA E. GARLIT**  
M.Ed., LISAC  
Executive Director

**W**e have had a great winter season. Both of our big celebrations, the Three Days of Thanksgiving and the Three Days of Christmas, went smoothly. We served meals to our biggest crowds ever at these community

events. Our kitchen staff prepared delicious food. It was humbling to see many volunteers involving themselves in all the activities. We simply could not do these big events without so many helping hands. One of the highlights of the season for me was to see the faces of the children during Christmas. Many clubs, organizations and individuals made sure that no child was without. It was a blessing!

On the first day of winter, we held a Memorial Day for all who have died due to their homelessness or addictions. A memorial was held with special singing, messages and activities. This meaningful memorial helped raise community awareness about the homeless and addicted.

In January, we hosted the third annual "Soup-er Celebration of Hope". Fifteen agencies brought more than 22 services on site for the homeless and needy. Many folks learned about the variety of service agencies in Yuma County.

This Easter season we continue to rely on God as we face the challenges and celebrate in the victories as we "help the disabled, disadvantaged, and disenfranchised individuals and families achieve a better quality of life". I want to thank all of our donor friends who so faithfully stand by our side season after season. God bless you during this springtime season!

**RESCUE**

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is a member of the Association of  
Gospel Rescue Missions. [www.agrm.org](http://www.agrm.org)

## Winners All Around!



### Yuma's Best

"We're going for first place!" That is what Myra, Executive Director of Crossroads Mission, kept repeating when she talked about the float participation for the 2006 Rodeo Parade.

This was our first float entry in the parade, and frankly we were nervous about it. A team of volunteers along with Crossroads' staff members Susie Rico and Pat Cox worked hard for more than a week. They planned every detail, every spray of paint and glitter. The end result was fabulous!

The theme was "Feeding the Dreams of Our Red, White, and Blue Buckaroos". The patriotic, western design won first place in its division and the sweepstakes trophy for best in the parade!

**We also won The Yuma Sun's YUMA'S BEST award for best place to volunteer!**

This is a real honor for us because the community voted for us. We are grateful to the many volunteers that help us make miracles happen here at Crossroads Mission!

Thank you for your support and for making us winners all around!



## IN HER OWN WORDS...

## From Geographical Change to Heart Change

**M**y name is Gina and I am an addict. The first 17 years of my life were spent in Chicago growing up in a strict home. I dropped out of school and moved to Phoenix where I was introduced to methamphetamine.

The beginning of the end started during Rehab number one at the age of 19. This ended after a geographical change that took me back to Illinois where I married the father of my two sons at the age of 25. My addiction resurfaced, but with a new face called crack-cocaine and heroin. This new "friend" helped me loose my children and end up in rehab number two.

Once again, I thought that a geographical change was in order so I moved to Yuma. Shortly after moving to Yuma, I was re-introduced to meth. The end began to surface when, due to my addiction, I was arrested. By the grace of God I was assigned Drug Court where the counselors decided to send me to Crossroads Mission. While at the Mission I finally started to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

During a powerful woman's prayer group I found Jesus Christ and started to see



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- Gina

clear cut directions to remove my obsession to drugs—the Twelve Steps. I completed the Life Skills Program and earned my GED. I am now currently employed at Johnny Carino's here in Yuma, and most

importantly I now have a faith in Jesus Christ to guide me.

I can now state emphatically that "My name is Gina, and I am a Christian." Thank you Crossroads Mission.

## Crossroads Mission Salutes Mildred & Russell McNeal "2005 Volunteers of the Year"



**M**ildred & Russell have been volunteering at Crossroads Mission for more than 5 years!

They both were born and raised in Nebraska and moved to Arizona in 1964 because of Russell's construction job. They have been married for 47 years and have 6 children and 4 grandchildren. Mildred and Russell only dated for about one month! She says it was love at first sight!

Currently, Mildred works full time as Special Events and Public Relations Assistant. Russell picks up food donations everyday from grocery stores, restaurants and other places.

Mildred says that they both enjoy volunteering since they get to meet a lot of people and help out, plus they get to get out of the house!

Crossroads Mission salutes Mildred and Russell for their valuable contributions to our daily operations. Thank you and God bless you!

**Demonstrating Outstanding Volunteer Excellence**

## IN HER OWN WORDS...

## The Opportunity to Get Her Life Back...

**M**y name is Lisa F. and I am an alcoholic. I was born in Wisconsin and had as normal a childhood as most - a normal girl in school, all of the normal things youngsters do in Wisconsin. I graduated from high school and promptly went into the military, at age 18. While in the military I had the opportunity to be skilled in the profession of Environmental Science Technician. During my 6 years in the military I got married (at age 22) and had two children, who are now 18 and 20.

This marriage lasted about 7 years. I think I only stayed with him because of the children. Unfortunately, he was neither nice to me nor the children. Soon after I got out of this relationship, I found what I thought was my perfect mate and we got married. This relationship lasted for the next 9 years when he decided to leave me.

When I was around 35, I started drinking heavily and continued until August of 2004, when I entered the Life Skills Program at Crossroads Mission. I know now that this was the best decision I've ever made. After graduating in

December, 2004 I thought I finally got "it". However, I've now determined that I never really knew what "it" was. I've fallen off the proverbial wagon twice since I graduated and each time I re-entered the Crossroads Mission Detox Center.

The last time I went through Detox was around four months ago. In these four or so months of sobriety I've learned much more about myself than I had in the past, I've decided to stay at the Crossroads Mission Family Shelter, and have started working toward a college degree in Environmental Sciences.

Crossroads Mission has given me another chance, and this time it truly does feel different. The atmosphere at the Family Shelter, and the Mission as a whole I find extremely comfortable and suitable for me to work on my studies. I truly believe that without Crossroads Mission's help, none of this would have been possible.

With the above said, I would like to close by thanking Crossroads for giving me the opportunity to get my life back.



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## Crossroads Mission Salutes Tammy Bayne & Pat Cox "2005 Employees of the Year"



Congratulations to the 2005 Employees of the Year. Crossroads Mission salutes them for their excellent work and dedication. Tammy has been at Crossroads since March of 1999. She is our Human Resources Coordinator. Pat has been at Crossroads since January of 2003. He is Crossroads' Maintenance Coordinator. Thank you both and God bless you!

# A Son's Perspective...

**R**obert thinks his father Mike is a hero. We agree.

Everyday Mike helps men who are homeless, hungry, and in desperate need of a helping hand. It's all part of his job as a Case Manager at Crossroads Mission.

Recently, Mike's son Robert had the opportunity to be with his father on one of his work shifts as part of a school assignment. What he saw made a big impact in his young life.

He saw how his father supervised and assigned beds to men to sleep for the

night. He saw men who emerged clean and renewed after a much needed hot shower and change of clothes. Robert saw men, women and even children eating in our dining room during dinner time. These are things that he hadn't see before.

Mike was grateful for his son's experience. "My twelve year old son was able to see just some of the many ways a person can help another human being when in need - like giving them something to eat, a warm place to sleep, and giving them a smile and a 'Hi, how are you?'" he says.

Mike also tells people about all the programs available at Crossroads. "Programs like the Life Skills Program that I graduated from on January 5th, 2005.

Because of that program I am free from drug and alcohol addiction, I have a full time job, and most of all I am finally able to be a father today."

Mike is one of the many heroes who work at Crossroads Mission. It isn't a job that offers a lot of corporate amenities or incentives, but it does yield immeasurable rewards.

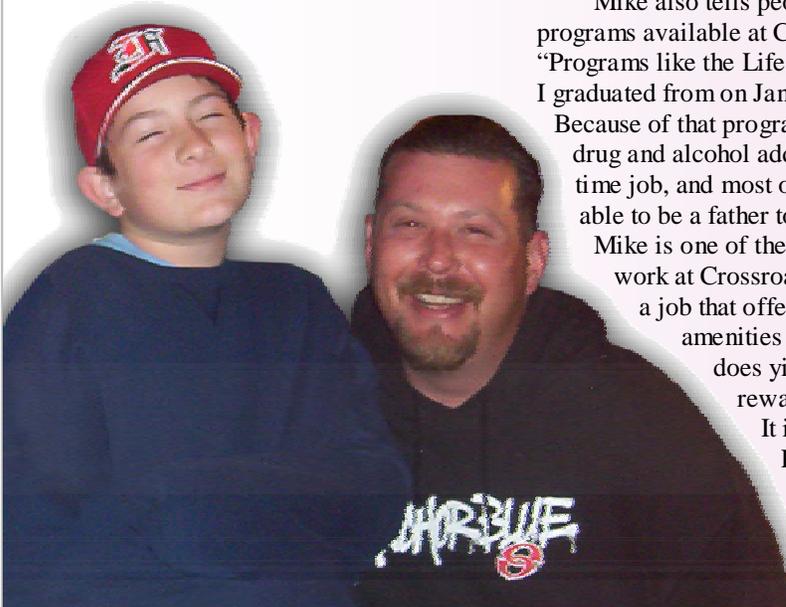
It is hero's work!

Robert was thankful for the opportunity to shadow his father and sent us a short letter:

*Dear Mr. Concannon,*

*My name is Robert Russell and I attend Centennial Middle School. Once a year they have a special day called job shadow day. On this day we get to chaperone a person at their job site. Students do this to try to find a job that they like so they might do the job when they are old enough. The person that I chaperoned was my father Michael Russell. He is one of the Facility Supervisors at the Crossroads Mission. During the chaperoning I had to ask my father twenty questions, then turn them in to school. I have found that my father has a wonderful job. If not for this experience I wouldn't have found that there are so many ways I could help people. Next time someone asks where my father works I will be proud to say he works at Crossroads Mission. For this chance I will know to help someone in their time of need. Thank you.*

*Sincerely,  
Robert Rusell*



## More Transitional Housing!

**T**he Serenity House property located at 244 S. 3rd. Avenue in Yuma, was recently purchased by Crossroads Mission.

We are very excited and very thankful to God for this achievement. The main house on the property had been rented for the past 6 years to accommodate the transitional living program for men. In addition to the large house, the program now has three small cottages available. One of the cottages is already in the process of being remodeled.

The goal of the transitional living program is to provide services to men who need to further their drug and alcohol recovery process in a supervised and structured atmosphere. Also, men who are transitioning from prison to the community or who are referred by local and state agencies.

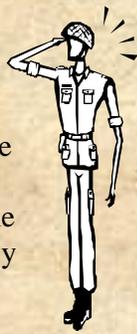
The participants are required to perform assigned household chores, attend 12-step meetings, become gainfully employed, pay program fees and save towards their own house.



This is the original rental property. The three cottages below are part of the new purchase.



# New Officers on Board...



Crossroads Mission would like to welcome the new 2006 officers of the Executive Board of Directors. We appreciate the time and skills that are so generously donated by all of our Board Members. We pray that God will bless each one individually and the entire board.



**Tom Mannan**  
Chairman



**Dennis Krill**  
Vice Chairman



**Sarah Lydick**  
Secretary



**Doug Mellon**  
Treasurer

## November, December, & January Statistics

DEPARTMENT	NOV 05	DEC 05	JAN 06
<b>KITCHEN</b>			
Meals	11,653	11,814	11,033
<b>FAM. Shelter</b>			
Bed Nights	569	645	689
Individuals	45	38	43
Children	17	12	12
<b>MEN'S Shelter</b>			
Bed Nights	1,723	2,077	1,582
Individuals	93	126	75
<b>RECOVERY</b>			
Detox Enter	23	20	23
Program Enter	15	15	10
Graduates	9	2	6
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Students	59	56	58
Hours Studied	627	771	692
GED's	3	2	2
<b>Serenity House</b>			
Bed Nights	248	279	238
Individuals	8	9	7
<b>Giving</b>			
Clothes	1,593	1,977	1,152
Furniture	13	37	15

## The Poet's Corner

### Hobo on the Street

By Danny Liles

*If you look into the eyes  
of a hobo on the street,  
he ain't no different  
than you or me.*

*You sleep in a bed  
and he sleeps in the street.  
he ain't no different  
than you or me.*

*I was walking down the road the  
other day, and I met a hobo  
along the way. He said, "Mr.  
can you help me out today?"*

*You know, I felt so bad I had to*

*turn him away.  
You see, I just lost my job, my  
wife, and everything I felt that  
day, and I wondered just how  
long it would be before I was  
living his way.*

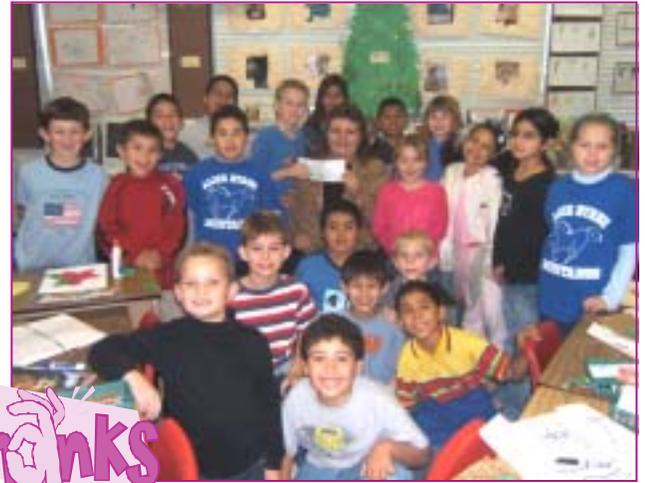
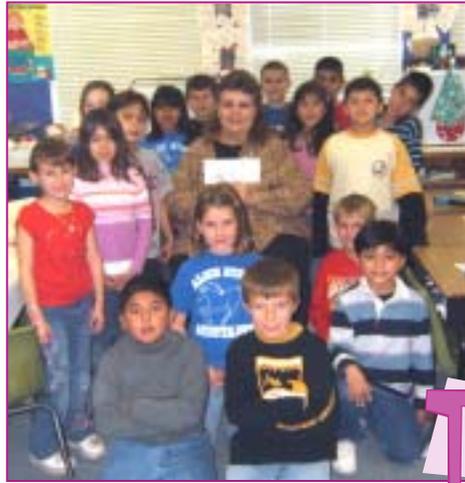
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# A Lemonade Stand for Crossroads Mission

The 2nd Grade class at Alice Byrne school donated \$174.50 to benefit the Crossroads Mission Family Shelter. The group of about 50 kids gave up their morning recess time and worked for five days selling lemonade at 25 cents a cup.

Teachers Mrs. Kate Hazen and Ms. Diana Spratt helped the children organize the fundraiser. The cups and ingredients were donated by parents who also volunteered during the sales. Both classes chose Crossroads Mission as the recipient of their profits after learning more about homelessness and the Family Shelter.



Myra Garlit, Executive Director of Crossroads Mission, visited the students Friday December 16 to accept the

donation. During the visit, the students were pleased to learn that their donation would be used to purchase fun, yet

educational software for a computer that will be installed for the children at the Family Shelter.



**The Cocopah Bend Ladies' 18-Hole Golf Club** raised \$600 for Crossroads Mission through a donation tree, and a two-seat yard waling raffle. Connie Moeke, Lynne Foster, and Denice Heblich presented the check to Myra Garlit, Executive Director of CRM.



**The State Compensation Fund of Arizona** Yuma office purchased, prepared and served a meal at Crossroads Mission. This was an employee activity and the company matched and donated the \$100 that the 7 employees spent to prepare the meal.



**The Yuma TOPS (Taking Pounds Off Sensibly)** donated \$355 to Crossroads Mission. The funds were raised through club activities and challenges. A club representative presented the checks and cash to Myra Garlit, Executive Director.

## New Equipment Thanks to Weyerhaeuser!



**The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation** awarded a \$2,000 grant to Crossroads Mission. The funds were used to purchase much needed new equipment (toaster, buffer, and prep table) that will help the Mission's daily operations, as well as the vocational training program. Foundation members Della Atwood; Helen Rosales, Wellness Coordinator at Weyerhaeuser; and Norma Gonzalez presented the check to Barbara Rochester, Public Relations Director for Crossroads Mission



# The Prayer CLOSET

*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. We will pray for them constantly! Please remember Crossroads Mission's special requests:**

- **Our outreach projects**  
*That we may reach the many people who need services and they are willing to accept our help.*
- **An increase of donations**  
*That our in-kind and cash donations are increased 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, staff family members and donors.*

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

# Our Basic NEEDS

Please consider helping us with:

- Fresh food for our pantry, especially hard to come items such as milk, eggs, chicken, beef and produce.
- Socks & underwear (new) for men, women, and children—in all sizes.
- General toiletries and personal care items.
- Gift certificates to give to people in need and to purchase unexpected needs.

## Memorial & Honorable Gifts

### In Memory Of

Albert Doten .....  
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 Ethel Colby.....  
 Hazel Landers .....  
 Helen White.....  
 Ida Warner .....  
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 Ralph Kehl .....  
 Robert Eddins .....  
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 Scott Webb .....  
 Steve Rittenhouse.....  
 Tommy White .....  
 Victor Girardey .....  
 Wayne Baker.....  
 William Van Orden .....

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 Betty June Johnson  
 John & Mary Whitlock  
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 Charlotta Metcalfe  
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### In Honor Of

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 BJ Lord.....  
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### The Kind Gift Of

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 Hi Jolly Yuma  
 Alma Rosalie Morgan  
 Marsha & Andres Burgos  
 Joyce L. Kemp  
 Donna L. Caffee  
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 David & Julia Williamson

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

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Chapel and Devotion Speakers,  
Special Presentations, Church  
Events & Worship Teams

**Sam Knight**

(928) 783-9362, Ext. 35

## Public Relations

### & Special Events

Fundraising Events, Group  
Presentations, Gifts of Goods,  
Food, Services and Vehicles.

**Barbara Rochester**

(928) 726-0491, Ext. 17

## Special Projects & Development

Financial Stock & Property  
Contributions, Planned Gifts &  
Charitable Trusts

**Bill Esmeier**

(928) 726-0491, Ext. 13

## Volunteer Involvement

Individual, Church & Corporate  
Volunteer Groups, Service Clubs &  
Community Service

**Janet Ward**

(928) 726-0491, Ext. 20

## Career & Academic Ctr.

(928) 783-9362, Ext. 31

## Family Shelter

(928) 783-9362, Ext. 30

## Men's Shelter

(928) 783-9362, Ext. 13

## Recovery Center

(928) 783-9362, Ext. 22

## Serenity Housing

(928) 783-5642

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