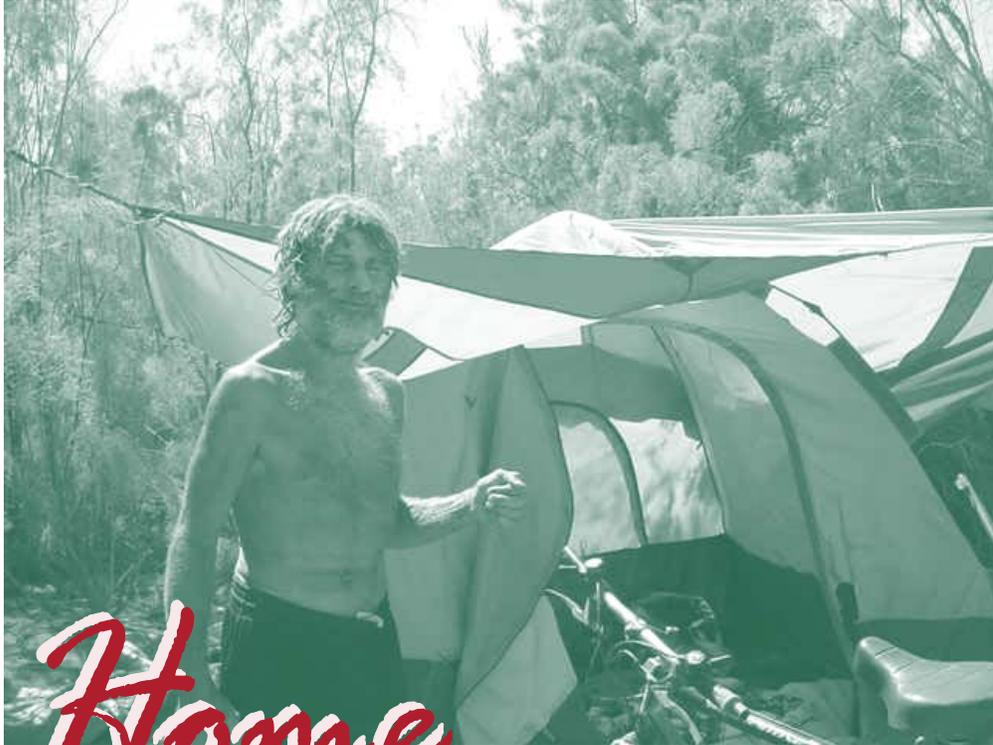


News for Our Partners

Winter 2003

Crossroads Mission

Vol. 6, Issue 4



Home

Is Where The Camp Is

John is one of the many men and women that camp by the Colorado River. For him his home is wherever he sets up his camp. He is saving up to get his 29 ft. travel trailer back into shape so he can live in it.

From 1976 to 1997 John was homeless and slept under bridges. Before 1976 he lived a life full of abuse, jumping from foster home to foster home until he ran away.

In 1997 John came to Crossroads and went through the Recovery program. He was able to reestablish his Social Security benefits and purchase his trailer.

Just as John, many homeless people have been deeply impacted by their early years. The concept of being homeless has become real to them and sometimes acceptable.

Crossroads Mission is reaching out to the people "camping" by the river for some time now. Each week, we deliver a meal and water right to their camps. Our Case Manager on duty talks to them and tries to establish a line of communication.

The goal? To make a difference in their life. To hopefully encourage someone to leave a camp behind in search of something better. Success is to see someone come to our doors looking for hope.

A Brighter Future!

As I read through the October, 2003 issue of the Association of Gospel Rescue Mission's "RESCUE" magazine, I realized that the need to improve our services for families is urgent.



CHARLIE ALLEN
Executive Director

The magazine was a special issue dedicated to *Family Homelessness*, focusing on the three major causes: Current Economy, Broken Relationships and Alcohol and Drug Abuse. At Crossroads Mission we have confirmed those causes as we see over and over how a family that had everything suddenly finds itself at our doors. We don't turn any of them away. We offer our support, services, facilities and our resources to help them.

Our goal is to improve. We want to *Leap to a Brighter Future* by envisioning a better and bigger shelter facility. A two story facility that has studios, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, laundry room, day room, voucher area, proper case managing offices and plenty of storage. We want to continue to help make a difference in the lives of families and individuals. We want to introduce them to God or help them get reacquainted.

Family Homelessness is real. It is happening here in Yuma. I ask you to please pray for all of the people that come to our doors, for all of our staff, and for all of our plans and visions for a brighter future.

May God bless you and make this holi-

*Merry
Christmas*

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.



Clay proudly stands by his Front End Loader

What Clay Needed

Lack of skill was not Clay's problem. He had plenty of that. But, his addiction had taken the best of him and he was no longer able to function to his full capability.

That is when Clay entered our Drug and Alcohol Recovery Center and underwent the 4 month residential treatment. "I was able to get clean and sober and I also got the tools I needed to stay that way," he says.

That was all that Clay really needed. Today he is gainfully employed at Zeller's as an Equipment Operator where he proudly drives a huge Front End Loader. He considers himself a contributing member of the Yuma community. With confidence, clay says that he is most proud of "living like you're supposed to... taking care of responsibilities."

Clay got what he needed and he is thankful to Crossroads Mission for the difference it made in his life. "I am especially thankful to *Arizona Bob*, my Counselor."

Clay returned to Crossroads, but this time he came on official business. He was delivering rocks for the beautification of the Mission landscape. (See picture below.)

Beautifying Crossroads Zeller's Style!

In the month of October, the staff and volunteers of Crossroads Mission held a Beautification and Cost Saving Ideas Contest.

The object was simple, whoever made the most improvements to the exterior of one area of the Mission and gave the best ideas to cut costs would win. There were four separate teams and three out of the four had the same idea - rocks!

Crossroads now has a cleaner looking rock landscape in front of the Main Shel-

ter building, in front of the Chemical Withdrawal Unit and in front of the Administration building.

The biggest blessing was that all 10 tons of Yuma-Grey 3/4" rocks were donated and delivered by Zeller's.

The contest is over, but Crossroads still looks better thanks to them.

The Beautification Projects:

Besides the rocks in the landscape, Crossroads Mission was also improved and beautified in the following areas:

- Administration: Two murals, a sign, lots of paint and beautiful planters.
- Recovery: Well trimmed trees, new flowers and a great new sign.
- Kitchen: New paint and decorations on walls and new roof on all the building.
- Store: new paint, new carpet, signs and better organization.



Wayne Bellemey, CRM Case Manager; Clay Markham, Zeller's Equipment Operator; Frank Villa, Zeller's Supervisor; and Gordon Block, CRM Housing Director



Memorial & Honorable Gifts

*Give the Gift
that
keeps on Giving*

IN MEMORY OF:

Billy Cramp
Charles Abbott
Christina "Tina" Golic
Christina "Tina" Golic
Christina "Tina" Golic
Christina "Tina" Golic
Christina "Tina" Golic

THE KIND GIFT OF:

Robert & Rochelle Thompson
Charles & Norma Kringer
Christina Toozek
Ann Buster
Jean McHenry
Harry L. & Elaine Venable
Louis Camacho & coworkers

Christina "Tina" Golic
Christina "Tina" Golic
Don Corery
Doreen Burkinshaw
Dorothy Loy
Ethel Colby
Laura Smith Hardy
Lonnie Royce
Mildred Johnson
Oris Morgan
Robert J. Moody
Robert Sanchez

Richard & Beverly Byrd
Robert D. & Marilyn Dance
Charles & Sharon Craig
Rosemary F. Abbott
Kenneth E. Loy
C.H. & Mary Meyer Holtz
Mildred J. Dorries
John & Lydia Pineda Phillips
Charles & Sharon Craig
Katherine Fillman
James & Lavina Platt
Mildred J. Dorries
Richard Jr. & Deborah L. Smith
Sam & Florence Ezell
Ted & Louis Mead
Kenneth P. & Peggy J. Reynolds
James H. & Elizabeth M. Moody
Charles & Sharon Craig

Every effort is done to assure that all the names in this Memorial & Honorable Gifts section are correct. We apologize for any errors that may have occurred.

There's Still Time For a Tax Credit!

You can still send in your \$200 donation to Crossroads Mission and convert it into a direct refund from the State!

If you itemize your deductions and you've paid \$200.00 on Arizona withholding throughout the year, you can write a check out to us for \$200 and it is considered a tax credit on Arizona taxes and the full \$200 will come back to you in



BILL ESMEIER
Director of
Development

a refund check. This is covered under A.R.S. 43-1088 and is designed to help the working poor.

If you've paid in less than \$200 in Arizona withholding, you can donate up to whatever you've paid in and it's considered a tax credit, the amount do-

nated, up to \$200 will be considered a regular tax deduction and not a tax credit. In the last three years our donors have grown this program from \$1,800 the first year, to over \$8,600 in 2002.

Please consider this tax credit as it helps us out and you can receive it back at refund time. *You can send in your \$200 tax credit donation now by filling out the form below and mailing it to us today!*

TAX CREDIT DONATION CARD

Crossroads Mission * P.O. Box 1161 * Yuma, AZ 85366-1161

Participants Name: _____ **Social Security #** _____
Last Name First Name MI (For Tax Records Only)

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____ **Phone #** _____

Participating donations will be used for covering general expenses of Crossroads Mission, a 501 C(3) organization. The maximum Arizona State tax credit is \$200 per year, which is determined on the base you established previously, in donating to charitable nonprofit organizations. These donations are pursuant to A.R.S. Section 43-1088. Donations must be postmarked or delivered to Crossroads Mission by December 31, 2003 to be claimed as a credit for this year.

Amount: _____ **Check Number:** _____

100,000 in 2003!

For the First Time in the History of Crossroads Mission!

Ever since Crossroads opened its doors back in 1959 feeding the poor and the homeless has been the core of the Mission. This year, for the first time in the history of Crossroads Mission, we have served more than 100,000 meals in one year! This is both good news and bad news. The good news is that we are reaching out to the needy and homeless and most importantly, they are accepting our help. The bad news is that this same needy and homeless population is not diminishing but instead, it is growing.

We are proud to be serving our community and we want to thank you for being our partner in feeding the hungry. God willing and with your help we will continue to serve as many meals as needed!



Because You Give...

Statistics for the last three months at Crossroads Mission.

KITCHEN	AUG 03	SEP 03	OCT 03
Meals	9,987	8,913	9,211
FAM. Shelter	AUG 03	SEP 03	OCT 03
Bed Nights	769	625	763
Individuals	52	46	53
Children	24	20	22
MEN'S Shelter	AUG 03	SEP 03	OCT 03
Bed Nights	874	783	1,042
Individuals	100	97	69
RECOVERY	AUG 03	SEP 03	OCT 03
Individuals	24	27	34
Graduates	11	7	8
EDUCATION	AUG 03	SEP 03	OCT 03
Students	66	72	84
Hours Studied	529.5	1,067.5	1188
GED's	8 GED's to date since July, 2003		
Serenity House	AUG 03	SEP 03	OCT 03
Bed Nights	132	112	98
Individuals	7	6	4
Giving	AUG 03	SEP 03	OCT 03
Clothes	2,343	2,982	
Furniture	54	85	

The DOVE Award
 Demonstrating Outstanding Volunteer Excellence

Congratulations to Margene Nutt for being Crossroads Mission's 2003 Volunteer of the Year and winning The Dove Award. Margene volunteers 3 days a week at Crossroads since last year. She has helped in the positions of Social Services Receptionist, Transportation Coordinator and Volunteers Coordinator. Margene brings excellence to Crossroads and we are proud to have her on our team!

Board of Directors:

Chairman: Ema Lea Shoop
Vice Chairman: Gene Dalbey
Secretary: Dennis Krill
Treasurer: Ralph Williams
Past Chairman: Tom Anderson
Members: Charles Craig
 Doug Mellon
 Don Olsen
 Joanne Jett

Advisory Board:

Chairman: Devon Howard
Members: Paul Bensel
 Stewart Bradshaw
 Bill Buster
 Betty DeNise
 Chuck Dodd
 Paul Hebink
 Devon Howard
 Frank Irr
 Cindy Rosandich
 Michael Shelton
 Caryl Stanley
 Joan Stover
 Mel Swanson
 Frank Orendain
 Lenora Werley
 Anthony Young
 Anne Wisner



MEMBER of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions.
 An Association of Gospel Rescue Ministries.

Visit Our Thrift Store:
2ND CHANCE

& Find Quality Items at a
Good Price!

2291 E. Palo Verde St
 OPEN TUESDAY—SATURDAY
 8:00 AM—4:00 PM



I want to help? Who do I contact?

**Fundraising, Public Relations
 In-Kind Gifts & Services, Sales**



Fundraising, donations of material goods, food or services and vehicle donations.

Barbara Rochester
 (928) 726-0491, ext. 17

Volunteer Involvement



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

Margene Nutt
 (928) 726-0491, ext. 20

Special Projects & Development



Financial Stock & Property Contributions, Planned Gifts & Charitable Trusts

Bill Esmeier
 (928) 726-0491, ext. 15

Schedule a free pick up of your donations
CALL:

**726
 0491
 Ext. 20**



Visit our website at: www.crossroadsmission.org

The purpose of Crossroads Mission is to help disadvantaged, disabled and disenfranchised individuals and families achieve a better quality of life.



NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 Yuma, AZ
 Permit No. 110