

# Mercy Seekers

“... Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR  
FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

“**T**his is the year of Mercy. Mercy is so misunderstood. Jesus is God's mercy poured out upon us. Mary's Mercy Center is motivated and operates under the mercy of God. "Go and find out the meaning of Mercy" (Mt 9:13.) I believe God gives us the opportunity each day of experiencing His mercy. Mercy involves a triangular relationship that is me, the other and God. About a year ago I was in Turkey in a small town square. I was sitting on a bench near a fountain. Some pigeons were flying down to the fountain waters to drink and bathe. I thought of the scripture, "Consider the birds of the air they neither sow nor reap, ... yet My heavenly Father takes care of them"(Mt 6:26.) How true that is. Out of the corner of my eye I saw an old haggard woman begging. She hardly looked human at all. My thought pattern changed. She could be someone's mother or someone's sister or someone's wife. She could be Jesus. No because Jesus was a man. Yes she could be Jesus. Yes. The thought came to me how much are you going to give her. I came up with a figure and then like another voice or idea suggested the amount has to have meaning for you too. In other words the amount must be more and significant for you. So I took some paper money and walked over to her and gave it to her. She smiled a beautiful smile and I returned to my place. A flood of emotions engulfed me, I had discovered the meaning of Mercy. I got the gift of Mercy that morning. This is what Mary's Mercy Center is all about. Mercy involves the two great commandments, love of God and love of neighbor.

- Fr. Mike





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Veronica's Home Of Mercy residents were invited to the Inland Empire 66ers vs Stockton Ports baseball game at the San Manuel Stadium. The families had fun watching the close game. We thank Children's Fund for providing this



Learning can be a fun family experience. Our thanks go out to Brenda Dowdy, homeless education program specialist and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Office. Because of their efforts every Veronica's Home of Mercy family was able to spend a day at the zoo. The homeless education program provided transportation and admittance. The moms put together the lunch sacks for the trip. The children enjoyed seeing all the different animals and learning about them.



## Sorting out or cleaning out your linen closet?

Veronica's Home of Mercy can use twin size bedding and towels. If you'll be taking advantage of the upcoming white sales, or if your downsizing, keep the residents and their children in mind when deciding what to do with the extras. On their behalf we thank you for your consideration.

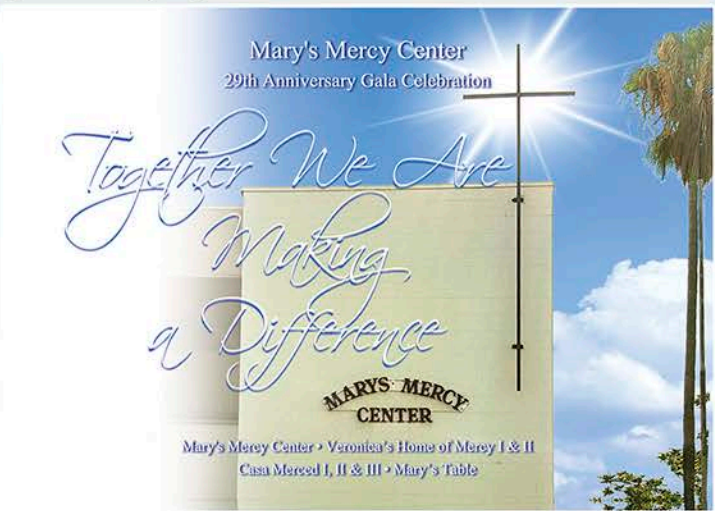



This year's Angel of Mercy Award will be presented to Ellie and Terry Klenske in recognition of their steadfast and generous support of Mary's Mercy Center. They have been involved with us for 25 years and words fail to express our appreciation for the blessing they are to us. The award will be presented at our gala fundraiser dinner; September 23rd at the Candlelight Pavillion.

We trust you have received your invitation to our 29th Anniversary Gala Celebration. The theme for this year's celebration is "my brother's keeper" (Gn 4:9). The committee has been preparing for this event for months keeping in mind our brothers and sisters who are homeless, impoverished and in need of help. The proceeds from the event will benefit all of Mary's Mercy Center's programs.

This year's gala will include: a cocktail reception, a special dinner created by executive chef Juan Alvarado and his staff, dance music by JTD Motown Group, a silent auction, grand raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. It promises to be another lively evening. Please come join us.

We want to thank the ladies who have donated the prize money for our Grand Raffle. They want to remain anonymous but year after year they sponsor the raffle and deserve our most sincere gratitude. In our next newsletter we will publish the grand raffle winners.



# Congratulations



Progress tends to build on itself. It is easy to easy in the leaps and bounds of technology and in Veronica's Home of Mercy resident Shanna. In late July she completed her GED and in late August she passed the exams to enter Concorde University's medical coding program. Putting one foot in front of the other and staying focused on her goals, Shanna is doing a great job. All at Veronica's Home of Mercy are proud of her.

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In July 2016 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: 6,276 (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: 526 Food bags over 3 Wednesday

Showers (including a change of clothes): 329 with shaving kits

Hygiene kits: 188

Hair Cuts: 20

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): 59 clothing which 40 are extreme emergencies

Children's Program: 42 families' needs were met.

**THANK YOU** - What we are able to do is possible only because of you!



*The time  
to buy is  
now!*

**September 23, 2016**

Mary's Mercy Center's  
Gala Fundraiser Dinner  
at the Candlelight Pavilion  
Honorees - Terry & Ellie Klenske