

Mercy Seekers

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

August 2017 • Volume 249



Mary's Mercy Center, Inc.

Mary's Table • Veronica's Home of Mercy
P.O. Box 7563
San Bernardino, CA 92411

Phone: (909)889-2558
Fax: (909)386-7704
E-mail: mmcinc@msn.com
www.marysmc-center.org

Board Members

Father Michael Barry
President/Chairman of the Board
Michael Hein
Vice-President/Administrator
Agnes Bryant
Secretary

Board of Directors

Mary Bradfield
Sr. Maura Feeley
Jerry and Nell Hackbarth
Carl Jones
Terry Kent
Terry and Ellie Klenske
Dena Larson
Cindy Ludvigsen
Ed Lugo
John Morrissey
Harriet Roggenbuck

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

“**W**hat is Mary's Mercy Center all about? It is about helping the poor and less fortunate: it is about providing food and clothing; it is about ministry. What and why do people reach out to the poor and homeless? There are many answers to those questions and they vary according to each person. “I feel good”: “I want to do something meaningful”; “I want to help improve people's lives.” Jesus gave us the answer that embodies all of the above and even gives us a deeper meaning. He said “blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God” (Mt 5:3) Jesus even enlarges it in Matthew 25 when He said “as long as you did it to the least of my brothers you did it to Me” (Mt 25:40). It is good to realize that you are the hand of God reaching out to the Poor and you minister to God in them. So in essence you are not only doing the right thing in helping God's poor, it is through them you have learned humility because it takes humility to recognize God in the poor and less fortunate, and humility leads to holiness. Humility stops us from judging. Humility allows us to see that the homeless and poor can do more for us than we can do for them. Humility allows us to see that God is doing something new for us and that we are now called the “blessed” of God. Mary's Mercy Center is all about humility and the opportunity to become a better person because we have served the least.

- Fr. Mike

Our 30th Anniversary Gala Fundraiser Dinner

Save The Date

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION

Featuring “My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra”

Plan to help us celebrate and
honor this year's Angel of Mercy recipients

Terry & Nicole Kent





Braden Davis lives in Running Springs. He chose, as a project for the Eagle Scouts, to collect diapers; wipes, sheets, blankets, pillows, shower curtains with rods, and kits containing hygiene products. We thank Braden for all his work to provide these items to our families.



Veronica's Home of Mercy has a beautiful barbecue! Many thanks to Annie for donating and to Anthony, Debra's husband, for putting it together.



Congratulations Julia, Maria, Rebecca! All of these ladies graduated from IBHS's Drug and Alcohol program. They worked hard to complete this very intense program. Keep it up ladies.

Congratulations



Congratulations Emma on your graduation from pre-school. Keep up your good work in elementary school.



What a great experience - eight of Veronica's Home of Mercy's kids were chosen to attend a Youth Camp. The five day program focused on developing strong, independent, moral leaders through promoting both spiritual and personal growth. While the campers enjoyed activities like archery, kayaking, sailing, etc they were learning confidence, perseverance, and independence. In the setting of the cabins, the kids learned the value of friendship, community living, and responsibility. Campers were given many opportunities to reflect on their own character and create memories by interacting with their peers.

Beyond Policing



A BIG thank you to officers Todd S and Misty K of the Colton Police Department - They gave a pizza party for the families spent time visiting with the families. They also brought their Hostage Crisis Van, and showed the kids what they do. It was a very positive experiences for our residents and their children. Thank you!



These young adults, students from Cal State San Bernardino represented their school with pride. Our kitchen, dining room, storage rooms, food bank, clothing closet and even our admin offices were helped by this energetic group. We were particularly happy to hear some of them say they wanted to return to help again. They are, all of them, welcome to come again.

Thank you for all of your hard work!



Mary's Mercy Center

PO Box 7563
San Bernardino, CA 92411

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SAN BERNARDINO, CA
PERMIT #944

We are a non-profit public benefit corporation and organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

August 2017 • Volume 249



Veronica's Home of Mercy is funded in part by Arrowhead United Way



Did You KNOW



In June 2017 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **6,331** (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **673 bags over 3 Wednesdays**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **362, 14 shoes and 144 shaving kits**

Hygiene kits: **310**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **65 of which 35 were for extreme emergencies.**

Children's Program: **25 families' needs were met, in addition to diapers and formula we gave 80 pounds of baby clothes.**

With your donations were able to help with 12 blankets, 1 sofa, 2 book cases, 1 bed, 1 TV center and a child's desk.

THANK YOU - what we are able to do is possible because of you!



August 15th - The "Assumption of Mary" proclaims that the Mother of our Lord had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. EWTN quotes Father Clifford Stevens from an issue of "Catholic Heritage" as writing - "That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death."