

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.

It was a slogan attributed to Hilary Clinton, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Actually its origin is African. The intent of this African proverb was to ensure that the raising and rearing of a child was the concern of a whole community. The idea being that most people can identify with the vulnerability, helplessness and the various needs of little children. Such a worthy and motivational situation that people are moved to help and witness progress.

Change the scene from child/baby to adult/the Poor/the Homeless. Almost immediately the excuses, the rationalizations and the threat are barriers and personal barricades are mounted in self defense or self protection are readily invoked. There is no village for them; there is no motivation to reach them; they appear to be as good as dead; they become the living dead in a way. Will it go on forever. Jesus said ‘yes’ the Poor will always be with you. For now we cannot abandon God’s Poor. It is a spiritual and emotional blindness that allows this to persist.

The old Glen Campbell song said “Can you see your brother standing by the road with a heavy load.....” You can make a difference. It is time. We have Mary’s Table. We serve the Poor, the Homeless. Besides alleviating some troubles of the Poor there is a humanity and personal interior awareness that the best of you has come to life.

Recently, in Ireland over 50,000 students got the results of their national exams. They were overjoyed with hope for the future. They had a future. What future do the Poor and Homeless have? They have you. You are their future. You are their village.

- Father Mike

*Blessed is he who considers the poor;
The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.*

Psalm 41:1



What a treat!
Yum!

Mary's Table and its guests send our thanks to Braun

Linen Service for the In-N-Out cook out. Both staff and volunteers appreciated the no-cook day, even more so given the triple digit temperatures. As for our guests, well who doesn't enjoy a great burger? Also a thank you to the In-N-Out staff for their service and smiles.

IN-N-OUT BURGER



Speaking Out



Veronica's Home of Mercy resident Erica was invited to be a guest speaker at one of Arrowhead United Way's Campaign events. We are proud of her for embracing the opportunity to speak in public and representing our Home and its programs. It is through events like this that United Way donors learn about us and the difference we make in the lives of our moms and children.

Full Bellies, Warm Hearts



Our sincerest gratitude to Home Aide Inland Empire for organizing this year's Full Bellies, Warm Hearts event. The week before the start of school this generous organization treated each and every member of the families. The mothers received makeovers, the children were presented back packs with school supplies. There was lots of fun to be had too; pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, balloon characters made by clowns and games. Also, the food was a real treat: Red Robin served the greatest hamburgers, turkey wraps, fries, salads and lemonade; then to finish off the event, a Tasty Freeze Ice Cream Truck showed up and the residents were able to get what ever they wanted.



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Did You
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In July 2018 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: 6,870 *(includes lunches for parolees)*

Food Bags: 478 bags over 3 Wednesdays

Showers (including a change of clothes): 476

Hygiene kits: 429 plus 214 shaving kits

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): 154 of which 140 were for extreme emergencies.

Thursday Giveaway: 285 individuals & families

Children's Program: 30 families' needs were met. We were also able to help these families with 2 strollers, 2 car seats, 1 baby tub, a box of baby food, 150 pounds of clothes and a bag of toys.

Additionally we helped 142 homeless guests and 120 low income guests with 262 pounds of pet food.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to give 50 blankets and 95 pairs of shoes to those in need.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars! Plan on attending our

2018 Fundraiser Gala

On September 21, 2018 at the beautiful Candlelight Pavilion
455 West Foothill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711

Angel of Mercy awardees Tom & Stephany Reh

