

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.

The month of May is usually dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. It is a special time also for Mary's Mercy Center and especially for Mary's Table. All the while Mary's Mercy Center has been and continues to be placed under the dedication and the protection of Mary, the Mother of God, it has been blessed and prospered. There is also an unseen element which is deeply rooted in the gospel. That is in John 19 where Jesus gives us His Mother from cross. In the apparitions of Guadalupe to Juan Diego Mary also said "I am your Mother." One of the unseen elements of Mary's Mercy Center is how Mary mothers us. She makes sure that her sons and daughters get their daily bread. She makes sure that the expectant mothers are well taken care of. So in all of this Mary's Mercy center has a real Mother in Mary. Jesus gave her to us and we are blessed by her in so many ways. We welcome May, her month and the assurance that she is guarding and guiding us.

- *Father Mike*

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Happy Mother's Day



*"Mary's greatness consists
in the fact that she wants to
magnify God, not herself"*

Pope Benedict XVI

"As we honor our mothers this Mother's Day, we also honor Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother who in giving birth to Jesus our Savior, has given birth to the life we share in Christ."

Archbishop Coakley

Volunteer Luncheon 2018



It was a great celebration of our volunteers. It started off with mass inside the beautifully remodeled Our Lady of the Assumption Church. We give our sincere thanks to Fr. Gonzalez and the parish for allowing us use their church and hall for our event. We appreciate all our volunteers for without them Mary's Mercy Center would not function. This event is a time when we recognize volunteers who serve so faithfully and consistently and remember those volunteers who have gone to be with our Lord.



25 Year - Lydia Hollamby

15 Year - George Theios, Dan Morgan,
Norma Alcantar, Pauline Schubert

10 Year - Sandra Rankin, Chris Almada, Oughn Nguyen, Wally Recio, Isabella Recio

5 Year - Victor Arellano, Mark Ross, Betsy Taylor, Mary Jo Kunkel, Greg Kunkel

Years



Hours

Most Hours - Mary Gonzalez

Over 400 Hours - Mark Evans

Over 100 Hours - Paulette Finnesth, Lydia Hollomby, Bonnie Hubers, Laurie Geniuch, Tom Huerta, Lydia Huerta, Patricia Navarro, Paulene Smith, Gordon Gertner, Betsy Taylor, Eva Rayon, Eileen Verosik, Mary Lou Sampaio, Sandra Rankin, Mary Lopez, Christina Garcia, Betty Barr, Barbara Cregan, Marie Fentress, Diego Arroyo, Oynh Nguyen, Chris Paulino, Odie Arellanes, Marcie Reyes, Ivett Rodriguez





Renewed Smiles

On behalf of our guest who received much needed dental care, we thank Dr. Tom Rogers and the University of Loma Linda Dental School. for their care and compassion. Dr. Rogers spent two days here at Mary's Table screening the guests for the dental clinic. It was a lot of work and we cannot thank them enough.



Tasty Acknowledgment

CA Champions for Change, San Bernardino County and Reach Out held a nutrition education outreach at Veronica's Home of Mercy. The goal was to help families identify the types of added sugar in sugary drinks, understand the link between drinking sugary drinks, obesity and Type 2 Diabetes and learn how to choose healthier beverages. There were cooking demonstrations and free cookbooks. The residents learned many delicious ways to eat healthier.



Mother's Day Rose

Honor the moms in your life and support your local crisis pregnancy center. Once again the Diocese of San Bernardino is coordinating Mother's Day Rose sales in many parishes to support local pregnancy resource centers. Volunteering to assemble the bouquets or buying bouquets are easy ways to support Pro Life centers that provide hope in times of personal crisis and beyond. Many centers offer parenting classes, have a clothing closet for maternity clothes and baby clothes. Just as important as being there to help the mom choose life these centers provide after care.

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Did You KNOW



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

Meals served: **6,074** (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **513 bags over 3 Wednesdays**

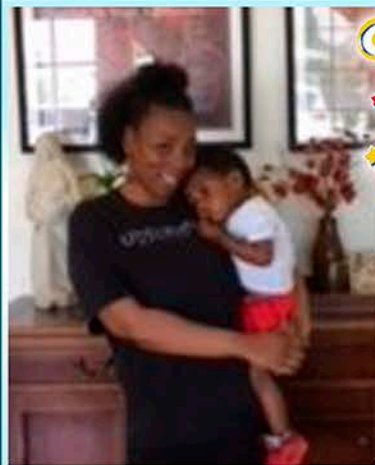
Showers (including a change of clothes): **438**

Hygiene kits: **402 plus 392 shaving kits**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **113 of which 95 were for extreme emergencies. 46 pairs of shoes**

Children's Program: **20 families' needs were met. In addition to the diapers and formula we were able to help with 1 crib, 2 strollers, 1 walker, 2 baby bath tubs, and 60 pounds of baby clothes and baby blankets.**

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



Welcome Home!

Veronica's Home of Mercy welcomes two new families. On the left is Tyshawna and her son Isiah. On the right is Andrea and her son Jericho.

