

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.

June is different. It is a month where changes happen in many areas. June is graduation month where thousand of people look forward to a change in their lives. It is the month of marriages where couples make a commitment for life together. June is named for the Roman god Juno, who was the wife of Jupiter and thus the protectress of marriage. Basically then June is a month of action.

Here at Mary's Table June brings hope. The weather itself even gives our people a sense of newness and hope. There are more smiles and our clients are more amiable and affable. God is doing something with them through the month. It is noticeable. The presence of more children seems to bring a lighter atmosphere to the place. People are not so overburdened with their conditions although their particular circumstance may not have changed.

They are changing. Love is in the air. No matter which month of the year it happens to be, that is our most powerful force for change and that is love. We give that out every day. It keeps us going and you are an integral part of that love. It is significant and I hope that you can realize that because of it you make every day of the year

- *Father Mike*

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Happy Father's Day



*A good father, often unnoticed & unsung, is
one of the most important persons to shape
a child's life and in turn our society.*



26TH ANNUAL STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE 5.12.18

The 'Stamp Out Hunger' drive began 27 years ago! For years, before the official start of this food drive, a number of National Association of Letter Carriers locals collected food for the needy as part of their community service efforts. Starting in 1993 the drive has been scheduled for the second Saturday in May. Why May? Because - "Input from food banks and pantries suggested that late spring would be the best time since by then most food banks in the country start running out of donations received during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods." Letter



carriers are in our neighborhoods at least six days a week. More than just delivering letters the NALC chapters often get involved when something needs to be done, whether it is watching over the elderly through the Carrier Alert program or assisting the American Red Cross during time of disaster. We are grateful to the letter carriers and the postal customers who together donate much needed items to food banks across the nation including our very own St. Martin de Porres food pantry.

Charity in Action

With sincerity we thank St Peter and St Paul's Charity in Action Ministry and the entire parish for their consistent and generous support of Mary's Mercy Center. This month their 'Undie Sunday' collection provided close to 1,000 items such as undies, socks, diapers, wipes and more. This collection/donation helps provide emergency infant needs through our Mary's Children program as well as helps us provide a clean change of clothes for the homeless who come here to shower.

Thank you!



Putting your best foot forward..



How often do we think about our feet? Any injury to your feet needs to be attended to; because your feet are in direct contact with dust, there are higher chances of contamination. Additionally medical conditions such as diabetes, arthritis and other disorders associated with circulatory system and nerves show their initial effects on your feet. Nursing students from Cal State Fullerton provided a presentation about good foot care and also brought new socks and foot hygiene products to give to our homeless. We thank them for their regular visits and the care they give our guests.

UPLIFTING, CARING & AFFIRMING



This past month of May was special for the moms here at Veronica's Home of Mercy. A couple of residents attended a special event hosted by Pastors Royal and Sandra Webster. The theme of the event was 'Hold On Pain Ends. It aimed to encourage attendees and provide a little pampering.

Ja'Nece Dickerson, founder of Simpli Service, and volunteers hosted a "Women's Day" at our Veronica's Home for all the women and their children.



Their goal was bring hope and to shower the women with love. The volunteers started the day with brunch. They followed up with volunteers in stations providing hair styling, facials, manicures, pedicures, and makeup plus a special activity for the moms to do with their children.

Then students from Rancho Cucamonga's Sacred Heart parish school (the Bulldogs) brought flowers to the mothers of Veronica's Home of Mercy for Mothers Day. It is wonderful that these students appreciate mothers beyond the family. The lovely blooms brightened things for our residents and our home.



Thank You!



You did it!
Congratulations

We are proud of Monica. She stuck to her studies and graduated receiving her GED from San Bernardino Adult Education.

Growing strong now...

Nancy Fogo held an event for the residents of Veronica's Home of Mercy. The moms and kids were given self defense training to help to protect themselves and protect themselves and their families. The effects of an assault go beyond the physical and this type of training helps empower the moms and aids the healing those who have been affected by an assault.



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

Meals served: **5,971** (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **466 bags over 3 Wednesdays**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **409**

Hygiene kits: **383 plus 148 shaving kits**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **120 of which 89 were for extreme emergencies. 62 pairs of shoes. We were able to give 23 blankets, 36 jackets**

Children's Program: **27 families' needs were met. We were also able to help these families with two strollers, two car seat and over 80 pounds of clothes**

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

