

# Mercy Seekers

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

July 2018 • Volume 260



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.

July augurs in “Independence Day”, July 4. We understand the idea of Independence as being free from tyranny and the dictatorship of a foreign power. That is purely external. Many are free of foreign control but are never free. I speak of the freedom that encompasses the whole person. There was a famous Irish patriot who was executed by the British in 1803 and who gave his final speech from the dock which is paraphrased as follows: “Let no man write my epitaph until my country is free and then only then shall my epitaph be written.” We may well observe independence day with parades, fireworks and stars and stripes forever, but many Americans are not free. They are not free from prejudice; they are not free from fear and judgment; they are not free from disease.

There was a slogan at the election time which read ‘no child left behind’. We have no slogan for the poor and less fortunate other than they are a threat. In fact, they are judged to be a blight on the face of society. Jesus words to them are ignored and forgotten; “**Blessed are the poor for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs**” we can have independence— but no freedom as long as our less fortunate brothers and sisters are hungry and homeless. We can spend millions of dollars in defense and protection but who is protecting our unborn. **Who is feeding our hungry? Who is sheltering our homeless?** These are questions which go unanswered as long as we can content our consciences with our “Independence” and sacrifice our freedom. First let us be free so that we can celebrate our independence

- Father Mike





Above - Students from Cal State San Bernardino held a drive in support of Mary's Table. They collected, sorted, and bagged hygiene items, socks and more items to help our homeless. We appreciate the time, effort and compassion the students put into this drive.

To the right - Brigid Adkins and her students put together food bags. Each bag was decorated with cheery colorful art, scripture, and words of encouragement, and. We thank all, the students, parents, parishioners, and staff from Our Lady of the Assumption for their generosity.

## Giving with heart

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Cor 15:58



## Carrying on the good work...

For many years Betty Barry came to Mary's Table and distributed items her friends and fellow parishioners gathered for the poor and homeless who visit Mary's Table. When she was no longer able to come to Mary's Table, it left a gap. God is always good and has provided lots of donations to enable us to continue the lunch time giving started by Betty. In the month of May the lunchtime giving program helped 450 persons with assorted items: toys and treats for children, hats, jackets, shoes, hygiene.

## Pray!



We are still working to fund Mary's Village. Please join us in prayer that God will provide. We have started a Go Fund Me page titled "SB - Make a Difference Long Term" and we ask you to share this with others who may not know of Mary's Mercy Center and the work we do.

Oh, God who said in Proverbs 29:18 that "my people perish for lack of vision";

You have given us a vision of a home for homeless men called Mary's Village. Now grant us Almighty God the completion and realization of this vision. Your Son searched in vain for room in the Inn So we 'ask' You for Mary's village. We 'seek' this home for homeless men and we pray for these men who 'knock', that You will provide a home for them. We make our Prayer through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, who made a home for your Son.

Amen



## *Farewell & Happy Retirement*

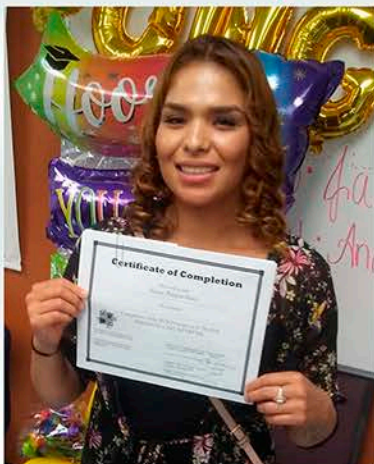
Sr. Betty McGovern is leaving Veronica's Home of Mercy. Sr. Betty has been a vital member of our staff for almost a decade. Through the years she has helped moms attain their GED. More than teaching core subjects, Sr. Betty has been a spiritual advisor and role model. While the staff and residents will greatly miss her Sr. Betty is wished a wonderful retirement in her beloved Ireland.



*Thank You!*

We sincerely thank the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. They hosted an event at our Veronica's Home of Mercy. In addition to serving cake and ice cream to our families, they donated kitchen items (plates, bowls, silverware), children's clothing, and two vacuum cleaners. Their kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

## *Congratulations! Keep up the good work!*



Congratulations Nancy for working hard and completing your classes at IBHS

Congratulations Julissa, and Legend! You did it -graduated from preschool and are now ready for First Grade when the new school year starts.



# Mary's Mercy Center

PO Box 7563  
San Bernardino, CA 92411

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

July 2018 • Volume 260



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



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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Did You KNOW



In May 2018 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children pro-vided the following services;

Meals served: **6,649** (*includes lunches for parolees*)

Food Bags: **613 bags over 4 Wednesdays**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **429**

Hygiene kits: **391 plus 169 shaving kits**

Hair cuts: **22**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **126 of which 114 were for extreme emergencies, including 53 jackets and 90 shoes**

Children's Program: **36 families' needs were met. In addition to diapers and formula, we were able to help these families with 2 cribs, 2 car seats, a walker, and 160 pounds of clothes and baby blankets**

**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

