Mercy Seekers

"... Go and find out the meaning of mercy." Mt. 9:11

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

I was reading a psalm recently where it spoke about a person with all this wealth and goods, and it said when he dies he does not know where all this will go! Also the banks today give very little interest so your treasure basically is frozen. What are you to do? Listen to the word of the Lord: "It is better to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35); "Where your treasure is there also your heart will be" (Mt 6:21); "God loves a cheerful giver." (2Cor 9:7); "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Mt 6:20); "As long as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). So be wise and follow God's way. Mercy means that you give and as Shakespeare says: "Mercy is twice blessed. It blesseth him who gives and him that takes" ('The Merchant of Venice'). Mercy is three-fold. It ties directly to Almighty God, the Seat of Mercy. It is a work of Je-sus in us. It anoints the giver and makes life easier for the receiver.

October is the month of Mary for whom we are named. Mary it was who brought God's Mercy, Jesus Christ, to us. Be a special child of Mary and Mary's Mercy Center and ponder in your heart how you can be the Mercy of God to others this month

-Fr. Mike

"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" - that is my best description of Monica White who did see God on September 11th, when she passed from this life. Monica was with us from the beginning at Mary's Table. When we started serving the poor in the streets of San Bernardino, Monica was there. She was a former school teacher in the Fontana area and as such she brought a great gift of organization. She was a member of the prayer team in St Nicholas, Fontana. She and her late husband, Bill, were founding members of the Board of Directors of Mary's Mercy Center. She was a blessed presence to us. She blessed us. We will be offering a memorial mass for her here at Mary's Mercy Center at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

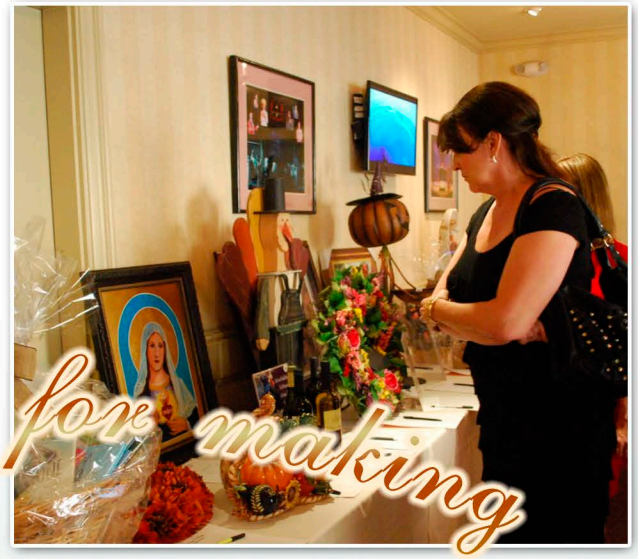
The California Trucking Association donated a wide assortment of items, from hamburgers & hotdogs, and buns to paper goods. We are blessed by organizationslike this who keep our poor and needy in mind when deciding what and where to donate.

California Trucking Association

We drive for a living. Safety is our priority.

Recognition may not be their motivation but it is well deserved. Fr. Michael Barry, Marsha Olguin and Debora Olguin were honored with the 2015 Legacy of Exemplary Service Award alongside of Bishop Gerald Barnes, Eloise Gonzales Reyes and posthumously Christina Millan. The award was given by Liberia del Pueblo, an organization dedicated to helping immigrants. Mary's Mercy Center does not discriminate on any grounds - hunger knows no boundaries.

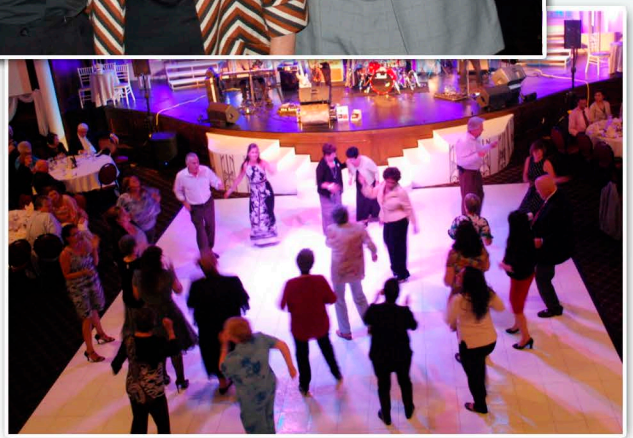
School is back in session. Setting off the start of the new school year was Picture Day. All the children looked so very cute. As you can tell these three young ladies were dressed to the nines, they even had their nails painted. It is a joy to see this positive attitude and excitement about school.
The moms have been doing their part too. Keeping up with their programs and joining in parent awareness and skills events. For example, the moms of VHM participated in the Family Reading Rally, an event hosted by the San Bernardino Superintendant of Schools and Cal State University San Bernardino's School of Education. They picked up pointers on how to motivate their children to read and the kids received free books.



Thank you for making our Gala a success!

Angel of Mercy Award

recipients
Ed & Carol McKeown



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Did You KNOW ?

In August 2015 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children pro-vided the following services;

Meals served: **6,558 (includes lunches for parolees)**

Food Bags: **818 over 3 Wednesdays**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **322**

Hygiene kits: **52**

Hair Cuts: **28**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **53 of which 16 were extreme emergencies.**

Children's Program: **46 families' needs were met. Thanks to the donation of gently used items we were also able to help 60 pounds of baby clothes, 10 baby bottles, 2 baby dressers and 1 changing table.**

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

Thank You

A great BIG thank you to all who supported our Gala Fundraiser - through your prayers, donations, and purchases of dinner tickets, raffle tickets and participation. The evening was a success! This would not have been possible with out the efforts and dedication of the fundraiser committee. We appreciate their steadfast support. We are pleased to congratulate this year's raffle winners -

1st Prize - Yvonne Carr

2nd Prize - Susan Karalun

3rd Prize - Phil Ham

4th Prize - Craig Wilson