



January, 2010

# NEWSLETTER

*Serving Yavapai County Since 1989*

## "Nothing endures but change" Heraclitus

I would like to take the opportunity to look back with you on the closing year here at Old Town Mission. 2009 was a year of great challenge, great growth and great accomplishment. The challenge was clear: a weak economy, exponential growth in the numbers of people needing our services and donations much harder to come by. Our task was daunting and we believed God was calling us to meet these challenges with growth.

With boldness and faith the Old Town Mission Board moved forward with the creation of the Mission Thrift Store. We set out on a journey to not only provide a financial bridge, but to expand our services to handle the increased number of clients seeking our help. I am proud to say that it has done just this. The Thrift Store has helped tremendously to not only keep "the lights on" but to also keep all our services flowing. Because of this innovative and entrepreneurial approach, we have not had to turn one person away that had a need for our services. This is because of the incredible generous response that you all have provided to help us meet these needs and bridge the gap by donating food, volunteering time or digging deep to assist with financial resources. I can honestly say I have seen the best come out in people. Because of the generosity and support of you our donors and volunteers we have helped thousands of people facing hard times.

The accomplishments for this year are that we were able to meet over 40,477 requests for services.



We also had the honor of being voted "Best Volunteer Organization" and "Best Thrift Store" for 2009 in the Verde Independents' Readers Choice Awards. 2010 looks like it will have its own challenges as well, but I would ask you not to be discouraged in this time when bad news seems to be all we hear. Why you may ask? Because God loves us, and He says in His word: *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"*. **Philippians 4:4-7**

May God bless you and grant you His peace in this year ahead.

Thank you for all of your support,

Thanks to your generous support, the Mission has provided the following services thus far in 2009.

**Day Resource Center Services - 24,444**

**Lunch Counts - 16,033**

These are our local neighbors that have benefitted from your caring!

**TOTAL SERVICE REQUESTS FOR 2009 - 40,477**



*Christmas gifts collected and prepared and wrapped for area children.*

## THANK YOU!

So many individuals, church groups and businesses generously gave their time, food, toys and finances to care for those less fortunate this year during the holidays, there are just too many to name! May God bless you all abundantly for your faithfulness. This year during the holidays we together have touched and impacted over 5000 lives, the lives of our neighbors in need.

*Romans 1:8 "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world."*

## THRIFT STORE

Mission Thrift Store was voted "Best Thrift Store" in this year's Verde Independent Readers Poll although only open a few months! What a wonderful affirmation of this bold and proactive step to deal with our current economic stress. We do invite you all to visit and shop and find wonderful one of a kind treasures. Our staff and volunteers work diligently to offer a friendly, clean and professional shopping experience. If perhaps you have some items you would like to donate, you can bring them by the store any day Monday-Saturday. We also are happy to pick up your larger items and furniture.

**Call the store at 928 634-1644 to schedule.**

*Thank you for your  
continued support*



*Bryan Detwiler and Virgil Coombs of Coombs Countertops Inc. pulls the winning ticket in which they and plumber Mike Midkiff raffled off a custom countertop and sink valued at over \$1300 during this year's Chocolate Walk in Old Town Cottonwood. All proceeds were donated to the Old Town Mission.*

## Volunteering

Old Town Mission was also voted “Best Place to Volunteer”. What a privilege it is to work together in joy, to bring joy to those in need. We would like to show our appreciation to all of those who give of themselves to make Old Town Mission the significant place of hope that it is. Please join us Thursday January 28th from 5-7 pm as we celebrate your gifts and begin 2010 together.



*Our thanks to the wonderful volunteers from Unisource*

*Psalm 18:18 "They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support."*



*Larry Green donates 100 Turkeys to Old Town Mission Turkey Drive. In photo - Felix Anzar Jr. and Bryan Detwiler.*

## Note from a Client

*"As a consumer of mission services, I have benefited in many ways from the exceptional advances at the Mission recently. This is one of my 5 things to daily be thankful for. And I wish to express to all, my gratitude and admiration for your hard work and for all of the caring and helpful volunteers."*

## Volunteer Quote

*"I felt today like I was here for someone in need, God gave me this place to serve for a reason, every day I feel blessed to be here, thank God for all the Mission does, I wish there were more missions like ours out there."*



**116 E. Pinal Street  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326**

Online donations are greatly appreciated to keep the work of the Mission going strong. If you would like to support vital Mission Programs by making a Tax Deductible contribution, please return to the Home Page and select the "Donate" link on the left. Then select our "Online Donation" option to donate through our secure site. Or, choose to "Donate by Mail" which provides a "Printable Donation Form" that you may include in the envelope with your contribution.

Thank you and God bless you!



***Neighbors Serving Neighbors Since 1989***

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### **Office/Donation Hours:**

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## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

***The Old Town Mission is a Christian Outreach Ministry which exists to share the love of God by serving people in their spiritual, physical and vocational needs.***