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The Old Town Mission is a 501c3 nonprofit Christian Charity serving the low-income and homeless population of the Sedona/Verde Valley communities of Northern Arizona. Your tax-deductable donations are very much appreciated and can be mailed or made online.

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NEWSLETTER

Serving Yavapai County Since 1989

Lev 19:32 " Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.

Many of you have noticed that the Old Town Mission has been growing and changing. To help you understand, let me give you some context. Our organization has had to grow to meet the exponential growth of people needing our services in our local area. We now are responding on average to over 3300 requests for services monthly and are working diligently to create additional resources so we can continue to provide services with excellence and proficiency. What this means for our organization is that we are called upon to be extremely resourceful and creative in finding new resources and avenues of revenue. The task is great, but Old Town Mission is blessed with faithful donors and volunteers and a bright and gifted staff - whom together, God is using to serve and to impact the community for His glory.

We are in a rural community that is experiencing its own set of hard times, one of the hardest hit segments of our community is the senior population. As we look at the national numbers on poverty, Arizona's poverty has increased twice as fast as the national average, 28% of whom are senior citizens. For us here in the Mission that number is even higher. Approximately 37% of those whom we serve are senior citizens. People like Christine. Christine was widowed suddenly and during this time of mourning some unscrupulous people preyed on her vulnerability and took advantage of her financially. Now, left with only her limited income, she struggles alone to survive. Christine often expresses that she

didn't know how she could make it without the caring support and necessities she has received at Old Town Mission. Just today an elderly woman came in great need of a blanket. We had only one to offer her, an electric blanket. Tears started rolling down her cheeks and she looked at Glenn, a volunteer and said "I have been wanting an electric blanket, because I get so cold". We step out boldly to expand our services to better serve clients like these. Next month we will begin a monthly food and support program for the elderly. Your prayers for this program would be appreciated.

We are grateful to new and expanded relationships with Fry's, Wal-Mart, Orion Bread Company, New Frontiers, Oroweat, Safeway and St. Mary's Food Bank for providing us with increased produce, bread, meat, dairy and other staples. We also want to thank everyone who shops at the Mission Thrift Store and donates usable items. This fundraising opportunity has made it possible for us to continue to expand with the triple blessing of creating revenue, blessing the community with affordable goods and creating desperately needed jobs. We will continue to do our very best to find new creative ways to bring hope to those who are struggling.



In obedience,

Thanks to your generous support, the Mission has provided the following services thus far in 2010:
Day Resource Center Services - 4296 Lunch Counts - 3490 Bibles - 420
These are our local neighbors that have benefitted from your caring!



Neighbors Serving Neighbors Since 1989

Mission Board of Directors

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Office/Donation Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Old Town Mission is a Christian Outreach Ministry, which exists to share the love of God through the development and implementation of programs, services and businesses that address the spiritual, physical and vocational needs of clients and the community with excellence and grace.

Our Clients Share

"If it wasn't for the Mission, there were times I wouldn't have anything to eat. "

"I have gotten clothes because I lost a lot of weight and needed new clothing".

"I am thankful for the Mission because of the smiles and helpful people".

"The Mission gives dignity and a sense of self to many who would otherwise not have it. The staff do not judge by how we look or where we have been. They provide kindness and a sense of hope. The feeling someone cares".



Steve (volunteer) assists a new client with eggs.

Psa 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Mission Thrift Store News

Mission Thrift Store is a great place to shop and our prices are the lowest! Come visit us soon. Your donations are always welcomed.

What our shoppers say:

"We were on our way to Jerome and had to stop with our friends at our favorite store"



"I love shopping at your store because I know it (proceeds) all stays in our valley!"

"I love the cool stuff you have here!"

"Your store is so clean and friendly."

**We are located at:
1400 State Route 89A, Cottonwood.**

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to schedule a delivery

Services at Old Town Mission

Old Town Mission offers a variety of services to families and individuals in the Verde Valley to offer aid and support to neighbors. We thought it would be helpful to provide an overview of current services. The Day Resource Center offers bulk food, clothing, hygiene supplies, job postings and daily lunch meals. Bi-monthly services include showers, haircuts, the Mission Vision Clinic, which serves uninsured and underinsured individuals with vision care and glasses and Legal Clinics, held in Sedona and Cottonwood offering consultation on a variety of legal matters.

Annual Mission programs include Mission Back to School Program offering support to low-income students in area schools, Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives and meals.



1Pe 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Client's Needs

Jello
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter
Single Serving Juices
Toothpaste
Diapers - Size 3

"You know you're getting older when you choose cereal for the fiber and not the toy"

-- Author, Unknown