

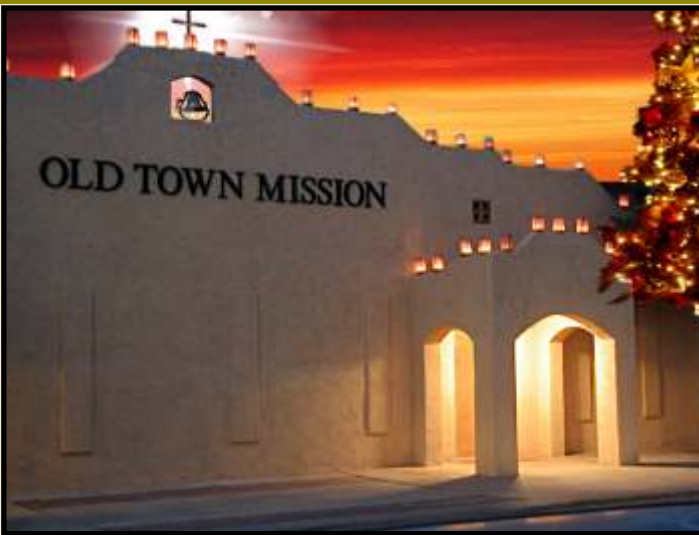


December, 2009

NEWSLETTER

Serving Yavapai County Since 1989

1 John 1:5 "this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you; God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all."



Good News of Great Joy

Luke 2:9-11 "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Just as a bright light coming from a star heralded the arrival of our savior Jesus Christ, Old Town Mission desires to faithfully be a light in our community. By serving those that are less fortunate, we hope that, through word and deed, we are a beacon of hope to those who are suffering. This is at the core of all we do and as scripture declares in Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on

its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

We are in the awesome position of having hundreds of people come through our doors each day, be it the mission or the thrift store. We are committed to reflecting the light of our Lord upon each and every one with grace and excellence. This is reflected through our commitment to share the Good News and in the excellence in which we perform our services. One man writes "*due to military service disabilities that took its toll, I lost my ability to work and everything else. I found comfort and nourishment at the Mission. I am on my feet and all is well, but I never will forget the caring, the food, and the ability to get clean and feel better. I am truly grateful for your caring and sharing. Sincerely, JJ*"

Light never shines brighter than in the darkness. It is because of your continued support and help; we have been able to shine brightly in these dark times.

Merry Christmas,

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

Day Resource Center Services - 20,174

Lunch Counts - 14,333

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



We Need You!

Gwen Waite volunteers at the Mission Thrift Store. Make service in our community a part of your life this upcoming year. Please call the Mission 928 634-7869 or visit the website to learn about all volunteer opportunities.

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to the Verde Baptist Church for hosting "A Celebration of Hope". A special afternoon of music and fellowship where we were so blessed by the incredible donations of food and funds.

Old Town Mission Clients Share...

"I am very thankful for Old Town Mission, I know God is working here. I can see the Lord in all the staff. This gives me hope and my faith in Christ has increased. May the Lord continue to bless Old Town Mission. "

"I had back surgery and asked Old Town Mission for their prayers. I had great success with the surgery and am able to walk fine. Thank you all for your prayers!"

Christmas Calendar...

Christmas Toy Drive Dec. 1-15

Christmas Toy Wrapping Dec. 14-18

Christmas Ham & Toy Give-Away Dec 19th

Christmas Dinner at the Mission Dec. 24th

Call Marianne for Volunteer information!



Christmas Light Spectacular

Much more than just a Christmas light display, this is a performance with over 300 circuits of lights computer controlled and choreographed to music of the holiday season. This is not just a drive by display of lights but rather a complete performance. The lights dance as the songs play, it's a real treat for young and old! This very special performance is created and offered by Dave and Lillian Kessel at 555 S. Gloria Lane in MelGlo Estates in Cornville. Graciously, all donations benefit the Old Town Mission. There are two nightly shows at 6 and 7pm through the month of December and seating provided. There will be a special show for Old Town Mission staff, volunteers and supporters on Thursday December 3rd at 6 pm. Please join us and tell your friends!

The Loving Bowls Project

The Ceramic Department of the Sedona Arts Center is resurrecting the "Loving Bowls" project that has been dormant for a number of years. This is a project patterned after the nationwide "Empty Bowls" events. This event will benefit 3 well-deserving, Verde Valley non-profit organizations: the Sedona Arts Centers Scholarship Fund, the Meals on Wheels program at the Community Center and the "Old Town Mission" in Cottonwood.



The Loving Bowls event will take place at the Sedona Arts Center on December 4 and 5, 2009, with an opening reception Friday evening of the 4th from 5-8 p.m. With every bowl that is sold (\$10 per bowl), we will give the purchaser the opportunity to have it filled with piping hot chili along with a side of cornbread. The remaining bowls, not sold, will be for sale on Sat. the 5th from 10a.m.-4p.m. We will also be creating "Celebrity Bowls" with some of the areas finest Painters and Sculptor--to be auctioned off in a silent auction on Friday, Dec. 4th.

Client Needs:

- Blankets
- Coats - Adult
- Family Sized Shampoo & Toothpaste



Simplified Arizona Tax Credit

The Mission is funded entirely by the faithful donations of the community and proceeds from the Mission Thrift Store. The Charitable Tax Credit is a significant way for residents to contribute with dollars already owed to the State. This credit is now as simple as the School Tax Credit and donors may stack their credits against their taxes due, utilizing both. The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit allows you to *receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit* on your Arizona state income tax when you give to Old Town Mission. Donors may take the credit for up to \$400 if you file a joint return, and \$200 for those filing a single tax return. This means your dollars can benefit the working poor, whom Old Town Mission serves. *It costs you nothing!* A tax credit reduces your final tax liability. It comes right off the top of your state tax bill, lowering the amount of money you will pay. So although your charitable contributions increase, your tax liability is decreased by the same amount. Donations must be mailed to Old Town Mission and postmarked by December 31, 2009 to qualify. We are very excited about the opportunity this presents for more people to invest locally in the lives of our neighbors.



**Deck the Halls For Less at the
Mission Thrift Store!**

**Call 634-1644 for
donation Pick up**



**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!



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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.