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NEWSLETTER

Serving Yavapai County Since 1989

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The Heart of Giving

This is a special issue of our newsletter, inside you will find our ministry described through the words of those lives you have touched. As you read them, understand that it is through the grace of God and your faithful giving that we have been able to bless our neighbors in need.

Last week a woman came in the doors of Old Town Mission. She had in her arms a dozen beautiful hand-sewn tote bags filled with clothing, personal care items and even a toy for children of different ages. She did not give her name as she wanted to donate them anonymously. I was so struck by her kindness and humility and her not wanting any recognition for her gifts, that it started me thinking about all of the contributions we receive that are given by unknown donors. Whether it is the nice lady who once a month brings a bag of groceries and a \$50 bill, rings the bell and is back in her car before we can acknowledge the gift or the \$20 bill in the unmarked envelope sent through the mail. I became aware that over my 12 years as CEO of Old Town Mission, we have never thanked the anonymous donor. 1 Samuel 16:7 says that *"man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord, looks at the heart"*. So it is from our hearts that we wish to say thank you to all of those who for many reasons give quietly. Each and every donation makes a difference. We are an organization that has chosen not to receive government funding so we rely totally on the generosity of you our donor.

We are in exciting times as we move forward to expand our services with the hopes of meeting some of the unmet needs of senior citizens and those that are struggling with unemployment. Please pray for us as we begin to develop and gather the resources necessary to have an even greater impact on the lives of those we serve.



Staff member Teresa Dickson helps August Wilcox with her special "Goodie Bag"

In God's Grace,

Thanks to your generous support, the Mission has provided the following services thus far in 2010
Day Resource Center Services - 1954 Lunch Counts - 1215 Bibles - 230
These are our local neighbors that have benefitted from your caring!

2 Corinthians 9:11-13 12 "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

Thank You To Our Volunteers

Old Town Mission had the opportunity to honor its volunteers at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night Jan. 28th. Approximately 90 volunteers attended this very special event at which they were honored for their dedication and for their hours of service. We have an outstanding team of volunteers from all over the Valley that now number over 300! They give their time and talents both regularly and at our annual events. In the year 2009 our volunteers gave over 25,000 hours of service to support the ongoing services to those in need at Old Town Mission.

Manny Lugo was awarded the gold heart for his over 1000 hours this year preparing and serving lunches on Tuesdays. "I love helping at the Mission, it is like a family there. Everyone pitches in and works hard to get the job done, I feel like I belong and I am making a difference", he said. Karen Bowmen also received the Gold Heart for endless committed hours to the clothing department at the Thrift Store! There are so many at both facilities that are the heartbeat of all we do.

It was a wonderful event, filled with some humor and some very special moments. It is important for us to stop and thank you our volunteers. Although you don't serve for the recognition and many of you are uncomfortable receiving it, it is important for you to know you are appreciated and loved!

Mission Thrift Store News

Mission Thrift Store announces the very popular **"Fill A Bag for \$5"** clothing sale is now on EVERYDAY!
Help us spread the word and tell your friends!

Time for some early Spring Cleaning! Most of us have those "items" in the garage that we just don't know what to do with. Some perhaps we don't even know are in there! You can help the Mission Thrift Store during a quiet donation season and we can help you clear the clutter! Please feel free to call to ask any questions or to schedule the pick-up of larger items.

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Clients Needs

**Canned Tuna or Chicken,
Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter,
Toothpaste, Deodorant**

Our Clients Share

"In the past I was a volunteer and was able to feed and help many who were going through a tough time. Now with the economic downturn and lack of work it is my turn to be in need. The Mission has helped me and blessed me in my time of need. May God Bless the Mission".

"Thank you for feeding me with food and God's Word. Thank you" --Debra

"My hours have been cut a lot and the Mission has helped me and my family more than the words can come."

"All of you are very awesome! You've helped me with glasses and when I am hungry, you always have food for me. I just want to say "God Bless" all the people at the mission for being so loving & helpful". --Renee

"The Mission has been a tremendous help to us, not only for food but for encouragement for the future. The Lord uses people and organizations mightily as He has used the Mission to help so many during this trying time".

"I am thankful to the Mission because they have literally fed us, clothed and prayed with us and for us when we had nothing! For that I am grateful. Most importantly, they welcome us every day without judgment". --Family of 5

"The Old Town Mission has helped me when I am in need. The Word of God is everywhere, so Thank you!". --Sara

I thank Old town Mission because I had felt like I had hit rock bottom,
But God's love through them, lifted me". --James

"The Mission has helped me through very hard times. I am grateful for all of their help". --Ethel

"I am very thankful for Old Town Mission. I know God is working here.
I can feel the Lord in all the staff - this gives me hope.

"Thank you from our hearts to your big hearts".

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

I am thankful for Old town Mission because they helped me with backpacks and shoes for our kids that I could not buy. Thank you for caring so much".



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Thank you and God bless you!



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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.