

# Experience the 2014 Holidays!

The holiday season is **always** an exciting time here at the Mission, and this past Thanksgiving and Christmas were no exception. There is a lot of activity that keeps everyone busy and on their toes. For our holiday meals, our cook spends the days before the meal preparing the food and the men on the New Life Discipleship Program are busy decorating and preparing the Shelter for the extra activities, a lot like many of us at home prepare for the holidays. The Shelter is here to be a family for those who don't have anyone else, for whatever reason. This past holiday season, with the help of our financial supporters, food donations from local businesses and churches, 96 volunteers from our community served over 600 holiday meals to men, women and children at the Mission. In addition we gave out over 100 food boxes to thankful families in need. The Mission's holiday meal is so much more than filling a physical need. It's an experience of warm smiles and hugs from people who genuinely care about a person's mental, emotional and spiritual need as well as physical. It's a time to leave the worries of the world at the door along with the cold air and warm both body and heart with the fellowship of the folks at the Eureka Rescue Mission. The staff at our Women and Children's Shelter is kept just as busy during the holidays by taking on the task of filling requests for toys from kids in our community. We provide parents with an application that provides us with the sex, age and toys their children requested. This year, we received applications for 287 children in our community! The United Bikers of Northern California brought in a truck load of toys for us that provided the majority of the gifts we needed to fill our toy applications for all the little boys and some of the little girls, but we were still in need of some gifts specifically for girls. Toys for Tots helped us by allowing us to come and pick up some of the girl gifts that were needed. We also had many different individuals call into the Shelter to see what they could do to help out. As we told them we were in need of Christmas gifts for girls, we started receiving toys such as baby dolls, arts and crafts, and princesses. Praise God we were able to fill every application, not just with random toys but toys that the kids asked for on their wish list. In addition, different clubs, churches and individuals took time out of their busy Christmas schedule to join us at the Shelter sharing gifts, treats, and the Love of Christ. The ministry that happens here at the Mission is so much more than a warm bed and a hot meal, it is the culmination of so many individuals' time, prayers, thoughtfulness, and finances that result in hope for so many in our community. Thank your for being a part of this ministry.



# Real Change In 2014!



WE HAVE

# 125

**BEDS AT OUR FACILITIES, AND SLEEP AN EXTRA 35 PEOPLE ON MATS AND COTS DURING COLD WINTER NIGHTS.**

Each day we operate **6 full-time services including, but not limited to:**

- Temporary Lodging
  - Bed Rest Services
  - New Life Program
  - Food Services
  - Clothing Services
  - Shower Services
- and consists of 4 different ministries:**
- Men's Shelter
  - Women and Children's Shelter
  - Thrift Store
  - Executive Office

YOU HELPED

Lodge  
**31,387**  
people in our various services

Serve  
**75,849**  
meals in our facilities

Volunteer  
**1,500**  
hours of time throughout the ministry

Provide  
**31,529**  
showers to those in need

Provide  
**117,907**  
pieces of clothing to those in need

Over  
**180**  
individuals go from homelessness to housing

## 2014 MEMORIALS

**Denise Jennings**  
Joyce Evans

**Steven Frye**  
Rings Pharmacy

**Paul Frankie**  
Maren Phillis

**Pamela Casacca**  
Nancy J. Kirtley

**Juanita Renner**  
**Deanna McCormack**

**Lance Madsen**  
**Larry Holgren**

**Mary Trutalli**  
**Vi Bryant Remley**

**Bob Murphy**  
**Frank Bryant**

**Lee Bellonni**  
Anonymous

**Janet Barnum Downing**  
Marilynn Bartlett

**Leon Berliner**  
**Dick Nash**

**Jeannette Pasquini**  
**Jim Maffia**

**De De Batini**  
Darrel McKenna

**Natalie Hall**  
Linda Lyons

**Jon Larson**  
John Morris  
Edward G Russ

**Mark D Roach**  
Kenton Chapman

**Bill Thomas**  
Margaret Werren

**Delyn Banfill**  
James O'Neill

**Daren Borges**  
Susan Gibson

**Mark Bolten**  
James W Bass

**Jack & Evelyn Moore**  
Richard Hunt

**Douglas Shore**  
Janice Yerton

**Ed Hill**  
Douglas B Fisher  
Velma Childs Titus  
Johnnye E Clark  
James O'Neill  
Gerald Hritz

**George J Werner**  
Steven Werner

**John G French**  
Minerva French

By sending a memorial gift to the Eureka Rescue Mission, you can recognize a life you wish to honor.  
Mail your gift to: Eureka Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 76, Eureka, CA 95502

# From the Desk of the Director

Dear Faithful Partner,

In the Gospel of Luke 14:13-14 it says, But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. You will be blessed because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.

What an awesome scripture to describe what we do at the Eureka Rescue Mission 365 days per year, especially during our holiday feasts. Our holiday meals were a time of true fellowship and dining. It blessed my heart to be able to shake the hand of each guest that came through our door and greet them with a kind word and smile. Each person has a story and sometimes those stories are very heartbreaking. We are able to give hope to the hopeless by providing kind and loving words in a peaceful atmosphere where they feel safe and secure. We served over 600 meals for Christmas and Thanksgiving and distributed over 100 holiday food boxes to families in our community.

2014 was an exceptional year in that we saw phenomenal results from the hard work of our staff members who supported our guests in taking the next step from being homeless into more stable housing. We had the privilege of assisting over 180 men, women and children from emergency shelter into housing! It is such a blessing to see the looks on our friends' faces when they come and share that they have finally found a home. To all of our donors and faithful volunteers who join our staff in this great mission field - I say, THANK YOU for helping us make a huge difference in the lives of those we serve. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and my prayer is that you will have a prosperous and Spirit filled 2015! Thank you for all that you continue do for this ministry, without you we could not do what we do best, reach the least and the lost with the love of our great God.

May God richly bless you,

Bryan Hall Sr.  
Executive Director



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**Please Note:**

Be sure to use the enclosed card and envelope to respond. In addition, fill out the back side if you would like to change your mailing preferences.

## Recent New Life Graduates!



SHAWNEE HOFELDT  
10/1/2014



WYATT IVEY  
10/22/2014



JONATHAN NASH  
1/7/2015



NATHAN SCHIPPER  
1/14/2015

The New Life Discipleship Program is a year long residential, faith based, Christian discipleship program that consists of education and Bible based life restoration classes. The Program is free of charge. If a man is interested in joining the program he may request an interview in person at the Men's Shelter or by contacting our main office and requesting an interview.

The men's program currently works with 28 men at a time. For more information about the program please visit our website at [www.eurekarescuemission.org](http://www.eurekarescuemission.org) and click on 'Men's New Life Discipleship Program' under the 'Services' link.



# Changed Lives

## From Hopeless to Hopeful

When opportunities arise for providing people with an alternative to their current situation that is less than optimal, the Eureka Rescue Mission reaches out. Recently, on Friday, January 30, our Executive Director, Bryan Hall Sr., and Family Shelter Director, Lisa Skidmore, visited the occupants at the Blue Heron Lodge on Broadway in Eureka. In light of the closure on February 4th, there were several tenants who were displaced and looking for housing. Along with Adult Services, Eureka Police Department officers, EPD's homeless liaison Pamlyn Millsap, city officials and county workers, Bryan and Lisa were able to screen and evaluate several tenants for services at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Each person was very willing and anxious to hear about the options which were available to them. Other outreach opportunities like this in the past have included reaching out to the people camping behind the Bayshore Mall and Del Norte Street Pier. We have witnessed many people who have come from living in encampments to our shelters, find gainful employment and move into permanent housing. Available and affordable housing for those who are on fixed incomes in our community is hard to find. The Eureka Rescue Mission offers clean and safe, temporary emergency shelter for men,

women and children who find themselves in these life changing circumstances. We are able to give hope in what seem to be hopeless situations. Working together with local service providers has proven to be an effective way to create a plan to meet every need of each person affected. We live in a community filled with people who genuinely care for those less fortunate and together we can continue to make a difference in the lives of many.

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Camps Behind Bayshore Mall



Blue Heron Lodge (Picture Provided by Google Maps)

