



Eyesores No More



After painting our Men's and Women's Shelters we were left with two rusting storage containers in our parking lot. They were truly not appealing to the eyes

and actually took away from the appearance of the freshly painted buildings. We received a call from a gentleman named Charles, who wanted to incorporate the Mission in his church group project. We were greatly blessed when the Family Fellowship from Arcata First Baptist Church volunteered their time to paint our two storage containers. The project was headed up by Charles McCann who brought men and women from the Family Fellowship Group to volunteer. They prepped both containers and finished with the same color as our Family Shelter. Thank you Arcata First Baptist Church!



Taming The Wild

The Eureka Rescue Mission has been in partnership with Eureka Main Street for the past 7 years by volunteering to cleanup Old Town from 2nd and Commercial Streets

to Waterfront Drive past the Samoa Bridge. Recently we have been working on First Street between A and C Streets to eliminate overgrown areas which have been neglected due to budget cuts by the City. Members of the New Life Program head to the streets weekly with weed eaters and trash bags cleaning up and maintaining streetscapes. It is a great opportunity to stay involved toward the common goal of taking pride in our community. Our men appreciate the sense of accomplishment after the job is done. Hard work through the day makes for a good sleep through the night. We are blessed to have the opportunity to demonstrate our continual care for the community.

Young Voices Join The Chorus

During the month of June, we were blessed to have two youth groups come sing songs, greet the guests, and help out with our dinner. The First United Methodist Church from Dalton, Georgia, brought their youth musicians and choir. The youth performed a variety of Christian songs much to the delight of all our guests.

Later in the month, McKinleyville New Heart Community Church youth also came to sing and serve. The group created a wonderful mood which brought a welcomed breath of fresh air to our guests.



First United Methodist Church Youth Group



McKinleyville New Heart Community Youth Group

We must give both of these groups a thumbs up when it comes to their heartfelt dedication to minister at our facility. They served with smiles and had genuine compassion for those who were in attendance and treated our guests as royalty.

Eureka Rescue Mission Changed Lives

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2012 Celebrating Our Independence



The Eureka Rescue Mission held its 3rd annual 4th of July celebration in our Family Shelter playground area. Greeters were stationed at our front entrance to welcome the public as they arrived, and to give them information about what was happening at the Mission: free entertainment, hot dogs, sodas and chips were made available to all who attended. The weather was warm and the atmosphere was festive due to live music provided by Mike Dupuy, Joe and Sara Borgeson and Mike Stanley. Children, and some adults, played on the new playground equipment, while others just relaxed in the sunshine and enjoyed the music.

At the Mission we love times that we can stop and have a day of celebration with our guests, staff, volunteers and community. Sadly, the homeless can only 'look forward' to another day of searching for enough to eat and a safe place to lay their head at night, but here at the Eureka Rescue Mission we give them something more to



look forward to. As the holidays can be particularly challenging for those struggling with homelessness and addiction, we provide a place of warmth and welcome. Opportunities like these help us to show others love and compassion which they might not otherwise experience. Overall we had a great time of food, fun, relaxation, fellowship and joy.

Women and Children's Shelter - Homeless Guest Services
New Life Discipleship Program - Thrift Store
Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time

Christine's Journey

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Hello, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Christine Elliott. I came to the Eureka Rescue Mission on October 13, 2006 and had been fighting this move the whole way. I'll never forget, I had my son Daniel five days before arriving at the Mission, and had to leave him at the hospital. I wanted to go back where I was, but God had other plans for me. I had always known the Lord and had Him in my life but through the years had fallen away. Thank you to my Grandma Betty and my mom for never giving up on me.



Coming to the Mission was just what I needed to get the strength, courage and support I needed in order to get Daniel back and take care of my legal obligations. For ten months I worked extremely hard by doing all that was asked of me by the courts. I did this for my son Daniel and to correct my past mistakes. Ten months came and it was time to move on but I didn't want to leave because I loved being at the Mission. The love and comfort I received was more than I could have ever imagined. In September of 2003, I was asked to help out by volunteering at the Family Shelter and soon after, I was hired to work at the same place which had helped me rebuild my life. I am still working here today and could not think of serving anywhere else. The Eureka Rescue Mission is and always will be a big part of our lives and I want to say thank you for the support and love that flows from all of the staff and directors. They are always there when you need them and for that I am grateful. I thank God for everything He has given me.

Matthew 7:7-8

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened"

Dinner Auction Success!

On June 2nd the Eureka Rescue Mission held its first annual fundraising dinner auction at Eureka's First Covenant Church. Approximately 140 people attended the event which started at 5pm and lasted until 8:30 pm. In between the silent bidding rounds, Dolores Shorle from our Family Shelter and Mike Monahan from the New Life Program, shared testimonies of how the Eureka Rescue Mission has made a positive impact in each of their lives.



At the end of the night we raised a grand total of \$17,000. All of the items for bid were donated by local businesses and individuals in our community and auctioned off by Paul McGinty. One hundred percent of the funds generated will go toward a much needed construction/remodeling project to help improve services for our guests. We are so blessed by our giving community and would like to say thank you to all who participated in this event.

Used Goods Are New Chances



Bright, Clean, and Blessing Our Community

Our Staff at the Thrift Store

Recently, our thrift store manager received the following letter. It was a good reminder to us, and will hopefully help inform you about an often forgotten ministry at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Please remember the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store when you have gently used items to donate such as clothing, furniture, household items, knick knacks, children's toys, and jewelry.

"I would like to thank you for a few things that would not have happened were it not for your kindness and generosity. At the end of April I came into the Rescue Mission Thrift Store with my former Vocational Counselor at Employment Training Division. You gave me a complete outfit and a new pair of shoes to wear for job interviews. And again, one month later, you provided me with three outfits for the job you helped me get.

I am recently homeless and would rather as few people know this as possible. Given the difficulties in keeping the few articles of clothing I have clean, it was becoming exceedingly challenging to keep this secret. Finding employment is hard enough without having to wear ratty and, in most cases, unwashed clothing. Because of you my chances at impressing a potential employer were dramatically increased.

I'm sure you see examples in the results of your kindness every day. At the very least you and the people of the Mission Thrift Store help to keep others warm. This, in itself, makes it easier for someone to smile. I have always been a fan of thrift stores, the price is always right and I always find something I can use, but never in my life have I been more appreciative of one.

I am now employed at a wonderful non-profit organization that works closely with influential members of the community and have been hired on at a local restaurant as well. It is an absolute fact this would have never happened without you.

Thank you. You and the Rescue Mission Thrift Store are a beautiful and important presence in the community and have helped me tremendously. Your gift has allowed me to be presentable, and because of which, I am now gainfully employed and have regained my confidence. So I thank you for the swag as well."

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