

## Recent New Life Program Graduates



Richard Kelly graduated on November 30, 2011



Dave Anderson graduated on January 11, 2012



Keith Kerl graduated on January 25, 2012



Vaughn Jones graduated on February 8, 2012

### Eureka Rescue Mission 2011 Year to Date Statistics

Meals Served	93,923
Nights Lodging	30,465
Showers	32,817
Clothing Items	176,445
Hygiene Items	25,526
Responses	19

Donations of your gently used items for the **Thrift Store** can be taken to **1031 Broadway** or you can call **707 443-2523** to arrange for a pickup

### 2011 Memorials

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.

- **Lyn Altov**  
Eileen Amos
- **Ursula Birkmaier**  
Ruth Morris
- **Martha Black**  
Johnnie Avila
- **Oliver Bruner**  
Johnnie Avila
- **Randy Chandler**  
Maren Phillis
- **Robert Copeland**  
Zarrow Family
- **Chris Corbin**  
Rena Christensen  
Susanne Cook
- **Hans "Kit" Corbin**  
Thomas Long
- **Bettie Coultas**  
Robert Durfee
- **Charles Dillard**  
David Graw
- **Joe Dutra**  
Johnnie Avila
- **Jim Ely**  
David Graw
- **Orvamae Emmerson**  
Eileen Amos
- **John G French**  
Minerva French
- **Dick Hackett**  
Maren Phillis
- **Joan Henderson**  
William Henderson
- **Gib Hunter**  
Eileen Amos
- **James "JJ" January**  
Janeen Monon
- **Laura Jones**  
St. Joseph's Cardiac
- **Nathan Lewis**  
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- **Jack McKellar**  
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- **Vida Melendy**  
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Rick Hrdina  
Gary Griffin
- **Fawn Morris**  
Eileen Amos
- **Thomas W Nelson**  
Jane Nelson
- **Sister Eileen O'Hanlou**  
Jack Mannix
- **Wes Olsen**  
Marilyn  
O'Donnell-Olsen
- **Dale Paseman**  
Mildred LaDow
- **Mark D Roach**  
Kenton Chapman
- **Leroy Samms**  
Mary Samms
- **Larry Smith**  
Laurence Smith Jr.
- **Paul Springer**  
Johnnie Avila
- **Herb Wall Jr**  
Robert Durfee
- **Ray Wall**  
Robert Durfee
- **Harold Webster**  
Ruby Brown  
BJ Eyeeler  
Tony Farlan  
Stephen Harrow  
Arlene Hartin  
Jane Nelson  
John Sherman  
Ronald Smith  
Lura Winzler
- Humboldt Livewires
- **George Werner**  
Steven Werner
- **Marge Williams**  
James O'Neill

# Eureka Rescue Mission Changed Lives

Serving Our Community Since 1967

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## 2011 Christmas Ministries At The Mission



What a great community we live in! The outpouring of help, whether it is financial, donations such as food, clothing, and blankets, volunteer hours, or prayer, the Eureka Rescue Mission could not serve those less fortunate in Humboldt County without the help of individuals and local businesses. During this holiday season, we saw amazing provisions made for the Mission. There were canned food drives organized by the Eureka Nazarene Church, Humboldt Back & Neck Pain Center, and Alicia Wilber Fortuna High Project to help us stock our pantry which supplied holiday food boxes for needy families. New blankets and homemade hats and scarves were donated by individuals to be used for the giveaways after our holiday meals and throughout the winter season. Financial donations by local clubs, such as the Emblem Club, help us maintain the daily services at the Mission as the demand increases. We also received turkeys donated by PG&E employees to cook up for our Christmas meal at the Mission. Not to be forgotten, the volunteers who helped serve our holiday meals. You can see how the Mission is blessed by the outpouring of assistance it receives, but we also see how those who give are blessed. There is nothing more satisfying than being able to help others. The joy one gets from helping to provide food, shelter, warm clothing and love to others is unexplainable. The opportunities are endless. We want to share a few more blessings the Mission received with you.



The Mission was blessed to have the children of the Redwood Christian School come and visit us. On December 16th, the children greeted us with happy smiles and bags of donations which included assorted clothing and a variety of canned goods. They all took their positions on our podium with proud parents looking on. The children's voices echoed throughout the chapel as men and women of the Mission sat back and listened. The kids sang Christmas carols and their love for Jesus was present on each one of their faces. It was a great time for all and it was definitely clear why Jesus loves the little children!

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



## Good Eats, Courtesy of PG&E

On Saturday, December 10th, PG&E held its 4th annual meal for men on the program, the family shelter, and the guests at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Their vehicles arrived early transporting the BBQ grills, meats, and all the fixings. 79lbs of tri tip were grilled over the coals as PG&E employees prepared the extras inside. They set up the kitchen and served a hearty plate consisting of BBQ tri-tip, baked potato, vegetable, ice cream, and soda. The guests were surprised as they had no idea that the BBQ was being prepared for them. Guests were overheard talking, "This isn't Christmas, but it sure feels like it!" These fine folks served 100 meals that day for lunch! PG&E employees generously provided for all of this from their own finances and volunteered their time as well. We are all very thankful and blessed by them.



## Hearty Thanksgiving & Christmas Meals

Holidays can be lonely for those who have been estranged by families, but this season everyone had a place to fill their stomachs and warm their hearts. This year we served over 600 men, women and children a holiday meal! For Thanksgiving and Christmas everyone was warmly welcomed as our door opened at 12 noon and the first group was welcomed inside our dining hall. On the plate was turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert, soda, and hot coffee. The atmosphere was cheerful and festive as we had live music on the podium throughout our meal. For both holidays combined, there was a total of 74 volunteers participating in all capacities of assistance such as filling plates with food, wiping tables and personally serving our guests plates. This was their opportunity to demonstrate love to those who would otherwise not have wholesome fellowship at such important times of the year. After eating a meal, all of our guests were offered clothing, gloves, hats, and jackets which were provided by generous donors in our community. We also provided holiday food boxes for families in our community throughout the season. We would like to thank all of you who have donated funds, food, time and prayers. Without you, this ministry would not be possible. Those whom we serve are forever grateful for all that you provide.



## CHANGED LIVES

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## Bikers & Boy Scouts

The United Bikers of Northern California organized their 36th annual charitable motorcycle event to benefit the children of our community. On December 4th, the bikers rode their motorcycles from Arcata to the Eureka Moose Lodge Family Center where they each brought new toys for children who would otherwise not have any gifts for Christmas. Hundreds of toys were handed to members of the McKinleyville Boy Scouts Troop 99 who then placed them under the fully decorated tree. After handing off the toys, the riders made their way into the dining hall to enjoy a spaghetti lunch prepared by a member of the Eureka Rescue Mission's New Life Program. At the end, the Boy Scouts bagged the toys and then loaded them into the Mission truck to be transported to our Family Shelter for sorting. This Christmas, a total of 213 children were blessed to receive a bag of new toys for Christmas. We would like to thank all of the bikers from UBNC as well as the McKinleyville Boy Scout Troop 99 for all of their care and hard work which blessed so many children this season.



## Testimonies in the Classroom

At McKinleyville High School there is a group of students that gather together at lunchtime to pray and fellowship in Christ. On Tuesday, December 30th, we were asked to talk to the students and felt blessed to do so. Mike Stanley played one of his Christian songs, and gave details about the Eureka Rescue Mission, and Bryan Hall gave his testimony and exhorted the students to just love Jesus. We brought our youngest program member, Caleb Johnson, to share his testimony. Caleb is a graduate of McKinleyville High and he spoke to the kids about his experiences, strength and hope in the Lord. Caleb was able to relate to the students having been a student with the same teachers. At the end of the hour, one of the girls lead us all in prayer to be dependent on the Lord in all our ways. It was an hour filled with joy. High schools these days are so different from times past. Styles have changed, peer pressure is more powerful than ever, but where there is Jesus there is hope for our young adults. Sprinkled in amongst the masses are good, God fearing Christian kids, and if one looks deep beneath the surface, you will find an ever inspiring Christian club gathering together to talk about God and His love for all.

