### **Recent New Life Current Needs Program Graduates** Meat of all variety Prayer • Laundry Detergent Socks / Underwear • Coffee Blankets • Canned Foods 33 gallon Trash Bags • Financial Support Current Need **2012 Memorials** donations can be dropped of By sending a memorial gift to the at Eureka Res-Eureka Rescue Mission, you can reccue Mission ognize a life you wish to honor. Mail Caleb Johnson graduated located at **110** your gift to: Eureka Rescue Mission, on September 26, 2012 P.O. Box 76, Eureka, CA 95502. 2nd Street. Т • Betty Dockins • John G. French Bob Wilcox Minerva French • Henry Tonini Dale & Mary Corbisier Maurice & Shirley Corbisier Maren Phillis Velma Childs Titus • Robert Craddock • Lois Renner Nancy Kirtley Dennis Miranda • Grace Bergman Eileen Amos Steve Renner • Richard Quitrell • Nathan N. Lewis Michael Christian gradu-Donald Quitrell Nathan Lewis ated on November 7, 2012 • Michika Barns • Ruby McLeod Dorothy Davis Robert Will • Lucile Tunzini • Annette Paine Adams Eileen Amos Eileen Amos • Sister Eileen O'Hanlou • Agnes & Herb Wall Sr. Jack Mannix Robert Durfee • Vernon V. Young • Harold Webster Janice Yerton Robert Westberg • Leo Bessette • Timothy R. Hoffman Ruth Morris Leo Bessette • Blanche Blankenship Jean Turner Eileen Amos Jeff Westman • Polly Franklin • Doug Carter Linda Miller Susan Lindblom Michael Monahan gradu-Mildred LaDow • Myrtle Crowll ated on November 14, 2012 • Fred Phillis Maren Phillis Lynn Crosthwait • Joan P. Henderson Donations of your gently Willis Hadley William Henderson Eileen Amos used items for the Thrift • Nita Whitaker • Rich Losa William Hagood Store can be taken to 1031 Maren Phllis Broadway or you can call • Robert Lee Cox Jr. 707 443-2523 to arrange for Eileen Amos a pickup.



Serving Our Community Since 1967



Once again the holidays were a complete success at the Mission. An outpouring of joy and love warmed the hearts of all who sat down for a full traditional meal; overall we served 650 meals! We were blessed by exceptional weather and were met with smiling men, women, and children who came through our doors. Along with the meal, there was live music filling the room with cheer. We had a total of 85 volunteers taking part in setting up, serving, and cleaning tables. Free clothing, warm hats, gloves and hygiene kits were also provided for all who attended. During the holiday season the Mission was able to distribute 125 turkey and ham filled food boxes to families in need. We truly are blessed to live in such a giving community and if it weren't for all of the individuals and businesses who donate to the Eureka Rescue Mission, this would not be possible. Thank you so much!

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On December 20th, the students from Redwood Christian School brought gifts and song to the Eureka Rescue Mission. We are blessed and encouraged each year by their faithfulness to come and share the holidays with us. This is just one example of our community reaching out to include those who have fallen on hard times in our area. The participation from organizations and individuals play a vital role in creating a hopeful and family-like atmosphere for all who pass through our doors.



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### **Bikers & Boy Scouts**

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Once again, the United Bikers of Northern California organized their 37th annual charitable motorcycle event to benefit children in our community. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> the UBNC Toy Run brought motorcyclists together for a very worthy purpose: the joy of a child receiving a gift at Christmas. The members rode their motorcycles from Arcata to the Eureka Moose Lodge Family Center. Strapped to bikes were lots and lots of brand new children's toys. Gleaming bikes sport their riders which range from all-season diehards to weekend enthusiasts. For this day, they are one sister/brotherhood of riders thinking of the smiles their toys will bring to children's faces. All the toys generated from the event were donated to the Eureka Rescue Mission for distribution to needy kids in our community. Hundreds of toys were handed to members of the McKinleyville Boy Scout Troop 99 who then placed them under the fully decorated tree. After handing off toys, the riders made their way into the dining hall to enjoy a spaghetti lunch prepared and served by the Eureka Rescue Mission's New Life Program members. At the end of all the festivities the Boy Scouts bagged the gifts



and then loaded them into a Mission vehicle to be transported to our Family Shelter for sorting. This Christmas, over 200 children received a bag of new toys to open for Christmas. We would like to thank all of the bikers from UBNC as well as McKinleyville Boy Scout Troop 99 for all of their care and hard work which blessed so

many children this season.





# Christmas, Kids, and Toys

We hold a toy give-away each year in order to bless the children of our community whose families are not able to afford Christmas presents. This year, with all the wonderful donations from the United Bikers Association, along with so many different churches and individuals in our community giving toys, we were able to give gift bags to two hundred and thirty one children. What a blessing to know that there were so many kids with happy little faces on Christmas morning. In addition to the toy drive, churches and individuals came

together and donated gifts and treats to the women and children in our shelter. One of the little children asked "Is it Christmas every day here at the Mission?". The gifts and love just kept pouring in. Our children and women a-

like received the Lord's love through everything they were given this Christmas season. We are so blessed to live in a community filled with giving people that truly care about

the women and children we





From the Desk of the Executive Director

I always love hearing of how people have been blessed by the Eureka Rescue Mission. The other day I received a thank you note from one of our donors which I would like to share with you in part.

### Hello.

Thanking you once again for saving our daughters life. I know the resemblance to your own daughter was uncanny, but you took her in from those dangerous streets and literally saved her from a life of hell. For this we will be eternally grateful to you and your Women's Shelter Staff. I pray that God will continue to bless you in your endeavor to support so many helpless people.

I can remember looking into that young girl's face and all I could see was my own daughter. Her facial features were so similar that it immediately broke my heart. I knew that she was not in a good place and desperately needed help, so we wrapped her up in a blanket and sat her next to the heater in my office with a warm meal. I made a phone call to our Family Shelter Director to inform her of the situation which prompted her to house this young lady until we could contact her family. In a matter of days her parents arrived from out of state to take her home. Some things in life hit home more than others, and this was one of those moments. Stories like this are common-place at the Mission. It is such a blessing to serve God and be a part of something that lasts eternally.

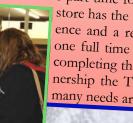
The Eureka Rescue Mission is always busy extending a helping hand to all who enter its doors, as well as being a vital part of our community. Your contribution to meet the needs faced each day by the Mission gives me great encouragement. Without your support the work could not continue with the many services provided by staff and volunteers.

Thank you for caring.

# The Thrift Store & Our Community

The Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store has a unique and special relationship with the Humboldt County community. Our community generously donates the items which are sold in the store, and in turn, the profits from the sale of donated goods are used to support the Rescue Mission in providing for the needs of the less fortunate right here in Humboldt County. The Thrift Store also works with many programs and organizations in the county that benefit both the store and the community. One such organization is the Humboldt Community Access and Resource Center (HCAR), which is an organization that connects people with developmental disabilities with the community. Once a week an HCAR staff member will bring a group of three or four to our Free Store to sort clothing and arrange them on racks. The Free Store is open to the community Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 4:30 and is located on the Broadway Street side of our Thrift Store building. We also provide the Humboldt Foster

Parents Association foster families children's clothing at no charge when referred to us by the organization. We provide them with an assortment of clothing items for foster children coming into their homes who do not have what they need. We also partner with the County of Humboldt Employment Training Division which offers on-the-job training to qualifying individuals. Several candidates have worked at the thrift store part time for six month periods and after the six months the store has the option to hire the trainee. The trainee gets experience and a resume as well as wages. Currently, the store has one full time employee that has been with us two years since completing the program. These are a few examples of the partnership the Thrift Store and our community share. Together, many needs are met every day and lives changed.











Bryan Hall, Sr



**#3** CHANGED LIVES WINTER 2012