

Toys for the Kids

For many years the United Bikers of Northern California, (UBNC) have faithfully chosen the Eureka Rescue Mission Women's and Children's Shelter to be the recipient of Christmas toys generated from their annual Toy Run. With the blessing of these toys, we were able to serve hundreds upon hundreds of children to make sure they had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Without the UBNC supporting our community and doing the annual toy run, we most certainly would not be able to serve as many families with children. It was a bit different this year, UBNC Vice President John, and secretary Dylan, personally came down to the Women's and Children's Shelter to help hand out the bags of toys to the grateful parents. Dylan also took time to assemble the kid's bicycles that were still in boxes. It was amazing to be working alongside the people that have been so involved for so many years who are making such an impact in our community. Next year there are plans for them to become even more involved in the process! Out of 200 toy applications, a total of 191 applications were given out. Out of the 191 applications, 164 families turned them back in to the facility to be processed totaling 400 children who woke up on Christmas morning with multiple gifts for each one to open. Praise



Jesus for His marvelous works. Thank you to the United Bikers and everyone else who donated toys for the kids to open this Christmas. God bless you all and may many blessings rain down upon you in 2019.

2018 Memorials

In Loving Memory

George Gillianwater

Howard Frazee
Judith D. Bonds
Marie Giampaolo
Gloria Sanchez

Jane Renner

Jerry Renner
Nancy J. Kirtley

Lana Angelel

Larry Angelel

John G. French

Minerva French

Roy Samms

Mary L. Samms

David Jones

Pam Gosselin

Joanne Nelson

Mary Hardy
Lori Booth-Houle

Lillian Pasquini

Lynn McKenna

Jacque Kesinger

Darryle and Sherrill Story

Audrey Sweet

Frank and Judith Weber

Brenda Basler

Ruby Siedell

Elizabeth I. Woods

Kyle Matyshock

Jean Hayward

Art Chase

Emily Luis

Ralph Hafar

Clara Scilacci

Joyce Schirmann

Alice Souza

Amber Zeller

Lillian Pasquini

Marie Boynton

Jim Bugbee

Floyd Bettiga

Christine Matsen

Opal McAlister

Muriel Dinsmore

Joyce Jacobson

Anonymous

Eureka Rescue Mission

Rebuilding Broken Lives... One Life at a Time

CHANGED LIVES

Serving Our Community Since 1967

Holidays With Our Guests

The holidays at the Eureka Rescue Mission were a complete success once again! Hundreds of men, women and children came to enjoy a delicious hot traditional meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, vegetables and desert. We had a total of 93 volunteers between Christmas and Thanksgiving! For Thanksgiving we served 252 meals and gave out 96 Holiday food boxes, for Christmas we served 284 meals and gave out 85 food boxes! For Thanksgiving the weather was beautiful and on Christmas Eve (the day we served Christmas meal) it poured down rain, however from noon until around 2:30 pm there was a break in the rain which was such a blessing because that is exactly how long our meal lasted. When we finished serving, the weather changed and it started pouring rain again. We would like to thank all who contributed food and finances for our holiday meals. Humboldt Area Foundation included us in their Holiday giving program again this year and countless private donors dropped in turkeys, canned foods, finances and deserts. We have such a giving community and we most certainly couldn't do all of this without you. Blessings to you all and we pray that you have a wonderful New Year! Thank you again.



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The Outpouring of Love



Megean Murphy

Megean Murphy was born in Chico, California in 1990. Her mom was severely addicted to drugs and alcohol and was unable to properly care for and provide for her daily needs. Megean never knew her father which also brought about a lot of confusion and feelings of resentment and pain. During the first 12 years of Megean's childhood, she lived with her mom and was then sent to live with her grandma. It was extremely tough for her to get past the void of not having a family. When Megean was just a child she always dreamt of being a loving momma that could give her babies love like she never had, yet always craved. Her dream job was to grow up and be a teacher. Megean graduated high school over a year early with a high school diploma and is a very hardworking young lady with experience in the food and beverage industry, telecommunications and care giving through In Home Support Services. Megean first experimented with marijuana at the age of 13 years old due to curiosity and lack of adult supervision. She had no guidance or direction to protect her from the dangers that she would encounter as she got older. Six years later she experimented with alcohol and by the age of 24, she was addicted to methamphetamines. For the next 3 years her life spiraled completely out of control. At 27 years old Megean got pregnant and immediately stopped using drugs and alcohol to ensure a safe and healthy baby. At 5 months pregnant, Megean found herself homeless for the first time in her life. She had been living in Oregon, moved to Arcata and slept on the streets for the remainder of her pregnancy. Megean gave birth to a healthy baby girl on her 28th birthday. She and her beautiful daughter share the same birthday! After being released from the hospital, Megean stayed in motels with her daughter and the father of the baby. After many months of an unhealthy relationship and bad choices, she decided to put her trust in God and take a step in faith. On 9/27/2018 she came to the Women's and Children's Shelter and said that she believed that God showed her to the front door of the facility. Since coming to the Mission, her life has completely changed; she is no longer holding onto false beliefs and she sees God's love shining through the staff and all who donate to the ministry. Megean said, "I don't feel like I'm wandering in the darkness any longer and that God has led me here to start my new journey with Him. He has opened the door and started a new chapter in my wonderful life with my beautiful daughter." She also said to our donors, "God bless you all, I can now see how much God has blessed me because of you. Thank you so much."

Renah Wall



Renah Samoline Wall, pronounced *Renee*, was born at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael, CA on August 23, 1982. She was raised by hard working parents that supported her financially but unfortunately drug use and violence brought her parents to a divorce. Renah started using drugs at the age of thirteen and her mother fought very hard to keep her from a drug life including moving to Moab UT, with her soon to be step-dad. Her step dad helped her stay away from drugs by being a very positive role model whom she was able to depend on as a father figure. He provided structure and stability in both her and her mothers' life. When her family moved back to Sacramento, unfortunately Renah got back into drugs which resulted in legal troubles. Her mother and step-dad divorced. This caused even more heartache for her. Renah's drug use had a negative impact on her health which nearly ended in death. God had other plans for her; she was hospitalized on August 17, 2018 and started her sobriety shortly after. Renah came to Eureka on November 5th 2018 for an early intake into The Eureka Rescue Mission Women's and Children's Shelter and immediately started growing in Christ. She also enrolled into outpatient treatment and counseling. Since arriving she has willingly worked hard towards resolving all of her legal matters, is on the right track to reinstating her license and has been able to resolve her financial debts. As of 1/3/2019 Renah's legal matters have been dismissed! Also her health is the best it has been in many years. Renah said, "God has brought me here to the Mission because He saw my struggles and prepared for me a place of healing. I feel loved, respected, safe, appreciated and blessed." She also is able to see her children on a regular basis. Renah shows her appreciation by volunteering to do extra tasks around the facility and coming alongside our new guests to make them feel welcomed and accepted. Renah said to our donors, "I am grateful beyond words. No words can explain how truly blessed I feel, thank you so much."

Gary Wester



Gary Wester left Del Norte County and came to Humboldt on 9/12/18. He had been living homeless on the streets of Arcata with severe hip and back problems. Gary heard about the Eureka Rescue Mission and made the short journey from Arcata to Eureka to inquire about services and ultimately decided to stay with us. While here he expressed an interest about God and made the decision to develop and build a relationship with Him. Gary found housing after a couple months of staying with us and moved out of the Mission on 11/5/18. His new housing just happens to be only two blocks away from a church! Gary said that he has already visited the church and believes it is going to be a great fit! He will also be having his much needed hip surgery soon and shortly after will be scheduling surgery for his back. Gary has a goal of returning to work some day but currently is just taking life one day at a time. Gary asked that we keep him in prayer. Stories like this are what the Eureka Rescue Mission is all about, a hand up in time of need. Gary is very happy with the services that he received at the Men's Shelter, has made many new friends and plans to come back to visit and help out whenever possible. Gary said, "This place has been a real blessing to me and I am so very thankful for the help and support of the Eureka Rescue Mission."



Richard Orsborn

Richard Orsborn came to us in March of 2018. He was actually found by one of our program members lying unresponsive on the sidewalk by the CO-OP. Emergency medical was called and when he was released from the hospital he came to the Mission. Richard hadn't even heard of the Eureka Rescue Mission and was so thankful for a safe and warm place to stay, get back on his feet, save his money and search for permanent housing. Richard is a veteran who suffers with PTSD and severe lower back pain. In spite of his problems, he has been very active in helping out other guests who suffer from physical disabilities. Richard went above and beyond to make life a little bit more comfortable for his fellow man. Recently he secured a room at one of the clean and sober living facilities in the area and moved out of the Mission. Richard said, "I am so thankful and grateful for the Mission and all it does for people in the same circumstance that I was in." He also informed us that he is in the process of buying and fixing up a sailboat with the plan to sail up the coast to Seattle and visit family. Please remember Richard in your prayers!



Dave and Brandon

Brandon Stinson and Dave Bollig, graduates of our New Life Discipleship Program, secured permanent housing! Brandon works for us as a house manager at the Men's Shelter and Dave works at our thrift store. Both of them lived at the Mission after graduating and saved their money for several months. On 12/14/18 they moved into a two bedroom apartment that overlooks Humboldt Bay! Brandon came to us from North Carolina leaving his hometown with hope of finding a new beginning. Brandon suffered from a very abusive childhood which ultimately had taken its toll causing him to want to leave everything behind. He hoped to find gainful employment somewhere on his journey but nothing worked out at all. When he arrived in Eureka, he found himself involved with drug users which brought him to the realization that he was again entering the vicious cycle that he was trying to get away from. Brandon realized that he needed to make a change, a real change. Brandon came to the Eureka Rescue Mission, inquired about our yearlong program and made the commitment to enter on 3/15/17. Brandon did not believe in Jesus but one of the teachers said something in one of the classes that pierced his hardened heart. Brandon realized his need to repent and receive Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Now he is a committed Christ loving man of God who wants to continue to give back and help others in their walk with Christ. Brandon said, "I am so grateful for the Eureka Rescue Mission, it has provided a safe place for me to establish a firm foundation in Christ to build upon. I am so blessed." Dave Bollig has been a resident of Eureka for over 25 years. He found himself living a life that was filled with poor choices which led to more poor choices until his life was completely out of control. Dave realized that a change needed to be made, so with the guidance from his Mom and a couple of real friends he reached out to the Eureka Rescue Mission and found out about the New Life Discipleship Program. Dave entered the program on 5/18/17, gave his heart to Jesus Christ and has since experienced what it means to be a new creation in Christ. He has faithfully been a model employee at our thrift store and has also been recognized as "employee of the month" for December! We are blessed to see Dave and Brandon take the next step in life by securing their own housing.



Keavin Cameron

Keavin Cameron has been with us since June 2017 after the death of his wife. Keavin was finally able to secure permanent housing and moved out of the Mission on October 15th 2018. Keavin has had many struggles, especially with the loss of his wife it has been extremely hard for him to cope without her. Keavin is a very loving and caring person and at any given time he can be found at the Mission loving on the guys and the guests, passing out hugs to anyone that is willing to receive one. Keavin has been very proactive in seeking the help he needs by taking advantage of counseling and faithfully attending church. He also attends Prime Timers at Faith Center. Keavin said, "I cannot in any real words express the love and gratitude that I have for the Eureka Rescue Mission. I am really thankful for the preachers and teachers that come and share the Word of God before dinner. With the Lords help I will continue to keep moving forward and gaining ground on the issues I am still struggling with." Keavin asked that we share his favorite scripture with you, 1 Peter 4:12-13 *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

