

# 2019 Memorials

In Loving Memory

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# Eureka Rescue Mission

Rebuilding Broken Lives... One Life at a Time

# CHANGED LIVES

*Serving Our Community Since 1967*

## The End is Near

Renovation of our Men's Shelter is nearly complete! Like many renovation projects of old buildings, unforeseen costs arise during the process. After removing the old sheetrock inside the rear of the shelter to build the new staircase we found that the structural integrity of the back wall was seriously compromised by rot. This was an unexpected cost that caused us to reevaluate our next steps toward repair. The cost for the repair of the rear wall of the shelter totaled \$9,205.65. After the wall was reinforced we were faced with the cost of residing to prevent any future damage to the new interior from the up and coming inclement weather. Thankfully, Coast Central Credit Union's Community Investment Program granted us over \$13,000 to completely reside the back wall making it water tight! Currently we only have one more small area of the West side of the building to repair. New windows will be installed along with new siding and we will be finished! We would like to thank all of our community supporters during this project. We feel the renovations will serve the needs of the Mission far into the future. Thank you so very much!



## St. Joseph Hospital



**St. Joseph Hospital**  
 member of the St. Joseph Hoag Health alliance

Once again we would like to thank St. Joseph Health - Humboldt County annual Care for the Poor grant committee for awarding sufficient funding for our part time Chaplain position. Grant recipients are chosen by the Community Benefits Committee of St. Joseph and Redwood Memorial Hospitals. Our Chaplain spends his time exclusively to ministering to our program members and overnight guests. We are blessed by St. Joseph Health for their support and look forward to further ministering to those who need it most.

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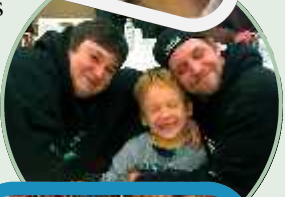




# Endless Blessings

## Holiday Meals

Well the Holidays at the Eureka Rescue Mission were a complete success once again! We served an overall total of about 500 meals and many of those who attended were families that are not homeless. We had around 100 volunteers between Thanksgiving and Christmas serving our guests heaping plates of turkey and all of the fixings of a traditional meal. We were also able to provide 151 holiday food boxes to families in our community. During the Holidays it can be a bitter-sweet time for many of our guests. For some it brings back pleasurable memories and for others it brings back memories of pain and heartache. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of genuine love and acceptance, full of joy and happiness. Depression is a difficult barrier to overcome and many of our guests suffer immensely from depression. Hope comes through knowing Jesus Christ and we do our best to faithfully share His love to all that come through our doors for services, especially during the holiday season. We want to convey our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have supported this great ministry of the Eureka Rescue Mission. Your prayers and financial support enables us to keep doing what we do best, help change lives one life at a time. We would also like to thank the Rotary Club of Eureka along with Safeway for donating 100 turkeys and Pacific Towing and AAA for donating 400 lbs of turkey! Blessings to you all and we pray that you have a very prosperous and Happy New Year!



## Toy Give Away



During the holiday season there is a lot of hustle and bustle around the Women and Children's Shelter. Directly after Thanksgiving, the annual toy drive applications were prepared and made available for families in the community. For two weeks we collected and processed those applications with the end goal of serving underprivileged children and struggling families throughout the County. The majority of donated toys come from the United Bikers of Northern California Toy Run. This year we made some improvements to our overall system of distribution. For several years our routine was collecting completed toy applications from parents and then our staff selected toys, filling bags according to the ages of children on each application. This year we utilized our large cafeteria at the Men's Shelter and sorted all of the toys placing them on tables lined up across the room. Members of the United Bikers chaperoned parents so they could personally shop for their own children. This made it more personal and parents were able to select gifts that their kids would thoroughly enjoy. Each child received one large gift or two small gifts in addition to a stuffed animal, stocking stuffer, gloves and a book or a board game. The amount of volunteers that showed up to help was absolutely a blessing. It was wonderful to watch the joy and happiness that this simple act of service brought to so many different families in need and was definitely a huge success. Next year we are anticipating this event to grow beyond what it has been in the past.

## Change you helped provide in 2019

The statistics below are from our Men's Shelter as well as our Women and Children's Shelter for the year of 2019. We offer many additional services, beyond what is listed below.

We Lodged <b>47,471</b> people in our various services	We Served <b>137,768</b> meals in our facilities
We Provided <b>49,387</b> showers to those in need	We Provided <b>31,472</b> pieces of clothing to those in need
Over <b>250</b> individuals went from homelessness to housing	

## Women's Shelter Christmas

Christmas morning at the Women and Children's Shelter and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..... Early on Christmas morning, our Women's Director showed up a little before 7 am to greet United Biker of Northern California Santa (Ken Tinkam) to gather up all the little children and women to meet around the tree in our chapel area for prayer. We thanked God for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and for His many blessings, allowing everyone to be together on this day to celebrate. The families gathered around the tree to give their children gifts and a local pastor handed out gifts of matching fuzzy pajamas and colorful fuzzy socks to each of our ladies. Our Women's Director, Kristen Freeman said, "This was by far the happiest and most joyful Christmas that I have witnessed here at the Mission in the 4 years that I have been here." Straight faces quickly turned into smiles when Santa arrived, and silence turned into laughter and friendly chatter. The kids were blessed beyond measure and the abundance of gifts donated by local churches and organizations gave each child in our shelter a very joyful and meaningful Christmas. Later that morning and throughout the day the whole shelter smelled delightful as the women gathered in the kitchen and cooked a Christmas meal together. There was such peace and unity and the love of God was evident. Kristen said, "I would have to say for me personally, the most memorable thing that happened this Christmas was when one of our guests who has a phobia of being touched, actually gave me a hug. That in itself was the best gift ever. Through Christ, and Him alone, I know He has helped me build a bond and a level of trust with this individual. Receiving a hug from her is something I will cherish for a lifetime." We would like to thank everyone that supports this ministry. You are so appreciated and all that you do has a lasting effect on all of the women and children who come through our doors. Thank you so much, may God bless you all!



## Kalas' Story

In past editions of our newsletter we introduced you to Renah Wall and her family. Debbie is Renah's aunt and Katherine and the children are Renah's cousins. After talking with Renah they took a leap of faith and relocated to Eureka for a new beginning. Since coming to the Eureka Rescue Mission, Katherine was able to secure gainful employment and God opened a door for the Kalas family to secure permanent housing in a three bedroom, two-bathroom home in Eureka. The home has a fenced yard for the family dog, and the perfect amount of indoor space for the family. Thankfully for the Women and Children's Shelter rule of each person being required to save 75% of their income, they were able to save enough money to make all of this happen. After retrieving their belongings from storage in Sacramento, they moved into their new home and spent the holidays together! Katherine said, "The Mission has been a lifesaver for us, we would not be anywhere close to where we are today without the Eureka Rescue Mission and everyone that supports it. Thank you for the hand up!" Katherine and her family visit and volunteer at the shelter on a regular basis, showing their appreciation and gratitude for the help they received. In addition to this awesome story of homeless to housing, Renah Wall is now employed as a part time house manager at our Women and Children's Shelter!

## Krystal and Zane



In 2016 Krystal came to the Women and Children's Shelter afraid and out of options, she had been homeless and on the streets of San Francisco for seven long years due to addiction and poor life choices. Broken and feeling defeated after losing her fiancée to suicide, she relocated here with her six month old son Zane. Her life was completely unmanageable and she knew she needed a change or things were going to get even worse. Over the next year, Krystal and Zane stayed at the Mission two separate times for a total of four months. Working hard toward finding housing for herself and her son, Krystal kept running into the same problem, she couldn't find anyone who was willing to give a single mom with a checkered past and no renter's history, a chance. After much prayer, Krystal decided to inquire about renting a room from a homeowner for herself and her son. Right before Christmas, Krystal was offered a safe and secure roommate living situation by a local homeowner at an affordable price. The offer was extended for as long as she needed in order to build renters history and eventually secure stable and permanent housing on her own. Krystal and her son lived in this rented room for a total of 10 months. In October of 2017 Krystal applied for an apartment in Arcata and was accepted as a tenant! She and her son have been in their own two-bedroom apartment in Arcata for over two years now. Krystal wanted to relay this to you, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The Lord and the Mission saved me and my son, more than once."