

## MISSION SERVICES

### Shelter

24 hrs./day

1050 W. Amador

Las Cruces, NM. 88005

- Men's Dorms
- Women's Dorms
- Volunteer Dorms
- Three hot meals served daily

### Chapel

Up to 11 Hispanic and English chapel services weekly

### Clothing Room

1416 S. Solano

Mon/Wed/Fri - 9-11 AM

- Free Clothing
- Blankets & Jackets Needed

### Thrift Store

Temporary NEW location:

2100 Missouri Ave.

Mon.-Sat. - 10AM-5pm

- Clothing
- Household Goods
- Furniture

## MISSION NEEDS

Volunteers, A Passenger Van, Solar Project Funding, Underwear, Socks, Hygiene Items for all ages, Diapers, Baby Wipes

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Dr. Brian Ormand
- Gilbert Bishop
- Elsie Bonfantini
- Ulli Dunn
- Dr. Norm Harrison
- Julie Cadena
- Dr. Larry Tunnell
- Steve Sears
- Benito Dutcher
- Miguel Torres

## Daily Volunteers Needed to Sort Donations

Wear comfortable clothing & bring a friend, there is much work to be done!  
Please call to schedule a time.

## MISSION PARTNERS

The Mission is now affiliated with four worthy organizations. Their logos are below.

They include the Evangelical

Council for Fiscal Accountability, the Combined Federal Campaign, the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, and the community Foundation of Southern New Mexico



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*I was hungry, you gave me food... I was a stranger, and you made me your guest...  
I needed clothes, and you provided them. Matthew 25:35,36*

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## My Testimony

My name is Cecilia Garcia, and this is the story of where I am today and how I got here. I am a single mother who was married for 18 years when things fell apart. I had one daughter with me, Yazmin, at the time of the divorce. When everything was settled, I was left with debts that my husband had accrued over time. A year later I met someone else and things seemed to be going well, but I lost my job in a podiatrist's office. Things just started to get worse! First, I lost the car that I was buying then I lost my land, trailer, all my belongings, my kid's pictures and all my important papers.



I went to stay with one of my daughters at her place. Unfortunately, she was evicted and we were all out on the street. My oldest daughter let us come to her home, but we left after one week in order to keep her from having any problems. Another apartment opened up for all of us and we there for seven months before being evicted again. During all of this I got myself into some trouble knowing it was wrong, but not caring about what could happen. I do regret what I did because it was wrong, and I would not choose to do it again. I would choose to lose everything else rather than be in the situation.

My relationship with this man was still ongoing with him telling me a lot of things and me believing all of it. I was even doing what he told me to do. He told me not to talk to my kids because they were taking advantage of me. In reality, he was the one who was taking advantage of me. He did not care about me, he only cared about what he could get out of me. He became more and more controlling, called me all kinds of names, and said I was with other men. He even went to the point of telling me what I could and could not do. I had gotten a job at Wendy's, working ten to eleven hours a day and then went straight home.

In January, 2018, Yasmin and I came to the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission, and we have been here since then. I was finally able to see through the lies of this man that I had thought loved me. At that point, I was tired of everything that he was doing to me and my life, and I walked away from the relationship. Thanks to mission for everything they have to help those of us in need. They want to help us get back on our feet. I'm doing better for my daughter and myself. I know that good things are coming my way it's just a matter of being patient. I've already been blessed with a job I enjoy, and I'm able to help others that are in need.

## Healing The Wounded Heart

In this group, we'll be talking about the wounds of our hearts.

Each lesson is interactive, and you may feel uncomfortable emotions at times- perhaps anger, sadness, anxiety, irritability, or tenseness.

This is normal. It's part of the healing process, because we can't heal until we feel.



## Money and Me University



This is a class to help our residents learn how to take care of their money in the proper way.

They will learn how to budget, how to pay off past debts, how to save for the future, and how to give so that others can have the same opportunities that they are now receiving.

## Resident Cookout

In order to thank our residents for helping with many changes around the mission, we took them to a mountain area that would accommodate fifty people.

During the day they were treated to hamburgers and hot dogs.

They also were able to play board games, hike, or just relax for an enjoyable time in a cool place.



## Cleaning and Conversion

This house which is on our campus has long been used as a residence facility. We are in the process of cleaning, doing some repair, and remodel and converting this area into offices and class space for program use.

We have been office poor for many years because we only have a limited number of buildings that can be used for offices.

This will not only allow us to increase our staff, it will also work as an area that can be used by volunteers for classes, for one-on-one case work, or by residents for on-line work on their classes (this will be done with someone who can monitor what they are doing).

We intend to have three offices and one class area along with a kitchen and two bathrooms. This conversion will enable us to be much more organized and effective in helping the residents gain the ability to develop work skills and knowledge that will one day allow them to get jobs and move into their own place or into transitional housing that we may be able to provide for them.

Thank you for the help that all of you provide to us as we work to help the homeless find spiritual, physical, and emotional support for their future lives.



## LCGRM CLOTHING ROOM Back to School Clothing Drive

Always Accepting Donations! Volunteers Needed!

Annual Back to School Clothing Drive Benefiting School Age Children in Las Cruces. Volunteers are needed especially during the month of July to sort donations and during distribution dates..

**Requested Donations:** School clothes, socks, underwear & shoes for boys and girls ages Elementary (Youth) thru High School (Adult Sizes)

**Donations Accepted** at LCGRM Clothing Room 1416 S. Solano Mon/Wed/Fri 9a-11am.

**Check and Cash Donations** should be designated Back To School and mailed to P.O. Box 386, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

**Make an appointment for your children** in July Mon/Wed/Fri between 9-11am.

**Distribution** will be held July 29th, 30th & 31st and August 1st and 2nd.

Contact Wylene 575-642-9619

## More Exciting News to Come!

Watch for more and new exciting news to come in the next few issues of the newsletter.

Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Instagram.   @LCGRMINC

## LCGRM THRIFT STORE

**Love, Laughter and Happily Ever After**

June is a month of weddings and we have a display of nice picture frames and wedding accessories!

### Summer Blowout Sale!

- Men & Women Swimsuits
- Clothing 10 pieces for \$10 Mix and Match
- Shoes Buy a Pair Get a Pair Free
- Households 50% Off



## Energy Production (Jan-June 2019)

Energy Produced: **55.66 Mwh\***

Carbon Offset: **84.9 tons**

Offset Equivalent: **988 Trees**

This energy report shows how our system performed and how much we contributed to offsetting the global carbon footprint.



\*Mwh = Mega Watt Hour. One Mwh is equal to 1,000,000 watts of electricity used continuously for one hour

## Solar Fundraising UPDATE

This investment will yield significant savings going forward, permitting us to dedicate more resources to improve services for the homeless, saving the mission as much as \$3,000 in electricity costs every month. This is a worthy effort. Please consider helping.

Please identify your separate contribution as going toward the Solar Energy Project.

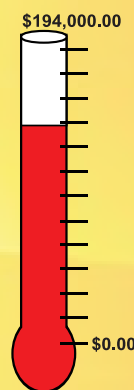
**Target: \$194,000.00**

**Raised: \$140,745.00**

**Remaining: \$53,255.00**

As of Jun 18th, 2019

Accepting donations on our website [www.LCGRM.org](http://www.LCGRM.org)



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