

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

Mission Boutique

1022 Missouri Ave.

Mon.-Fri.: 11am-7pm

Sat.: 10am-2pm *Subject to Change

- Clothing
- Household Goods
- Furniture

MISSION NEEDS

Volunteers, 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

Thanksgiving & Christmas Meals on Wheels

Volunteers Needed

To Stage & Deliver Meals

Call 575-523-7727 to volunteer.

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, Cross+Walk to Life, and the community Foundation of Southern New Mexico



CROSS+WALK
TO LIFE

Christian Job Corps de Las Cruces



Combined Federal Campaign



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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Look at LCGRM

As this day begins, I lean back in my office chair and think about all of the blessings we have received during the past year. We have seen lives changed, buildings changed and re-purposed due to last year's fire, and we are continuing to change and enhance our programs.

I would like to work in reverse order in talking about the three areas mentioned above. The first item is to clarify the identity of the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission (LCGRM). There has been a common misconception concerning an affiliation between LCGRM and the Community of Hope which is located across the street from our location.

We are an independent nonprofit organization, 501c(3), which does not receive any tax dollars for our budget income. LCGRM is a faith based entity which was established in 1972. The Community of Hope came along after the turn of the century, occupying land which is owned by the City of Las Cruces.

The only connection between our two organizations is that we work with the homeless, and we will occasionally work jointly on a service project. The best example of this was during the migrant influx in which both of us helped. The two shelters have different rules and provide different services.

After that rather lengthy clarification, let me talk about the changes in our program. We are now presenting our program to the homeless in a different manner. In our explanation, we are telling them that the overall scope of the program is to equip them for a productive return to society in which they will have a home and job for themselves. This combines many life skill classes and training as well as Bible classes and training on financial skills (budget).

Gone are the days of the entitlement attitude, and the "flop house" mentality. Another good change is the fact that we don't want drugs or alcohol to interfere with the progress of many of the people who want to make their lives better. We do random drug and alcohol testing with severe consequences when they test positive.

The thrift store (still at 2100 Missouri) has undergone a transformation and a name change. It is now called the Mission Boutique which carries better clothing and accessories. The prices are good and the open, well-designed presentation is very appealing to the eye.

The building on Solano is about ready to open (it may be by the time this gets to your mail box). Please drop by 1420 S. Solano for a cup of coffee and experience the Mission Cleaning Supply. We are excited about this new business venture which will help us and our community.

In an effort to show how these many changes have made an impact on people's lives, I have asked some of them to write a short blurb about their experience on the back of this newsletter.

My Experience : Tom

He told us he would come around from time to time and stay for about three days so that he wouldn't get caught up in drugs or things that would come back at him.

My Experience : Donna

"The LCGRM saved my life. I came here in July of 2019 with no family, and nowhere to call home.

Now I have stability, employment, friends, and a future I can be proud of. I'm eternally grateful.

My Experience : Amanda

To encapsulate her long response; she has been here for over 2 years and has seen many changes in the program.

These include areas such as spiritual, financial literacy, and mental awareness. She attributes much of the change in the programs to the Director and his wife.

My Experience : Ron

In the new program, strongly due to some new leadership, residents are being given more opportunity to have a new way of life.

No drugs, alcohol and bad language along with the totally faith based look at changing lives has fostered a way to help the city while the homeless are helping themselves to better their lives.

My Experience : Larry

He says he hasn't been here long enough to know what it used to be like.

The safety has improved greatly but there is still room for improvement.

Opportunities are there for anyone that wants to change their lives.

Donations Needed

Our donations have been good this year, but the expenses have been even higher. Please consider an extra or higher donation at the end of the year.

A gift on "Giving Tuesday" in November or the entire month of December would be greatly appreciated and would really help us. Please help us help the homeless.



November 1-30, Denver Mattress is going to donate to Citygate Network \$15 from every mattress sale up to a \$150,000 cap.

With the exception of an administrative fee, the donations will then be evenly distributed in December among the participating missions.

Thank you for shopping at Denver Mattress! We appreciate you Denver Mattress!



Energy Production (Jan-Oct 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.

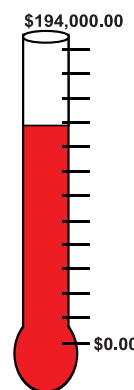
Target: \$194,000.00

Raised: \$140,785.00

Remaining: \$53,215.00

As of Oct 18th, 2019

Accepting donations on our website www.LCGRM.org



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DAY LABORERS
ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MISSION.
SHORT NOTICE OK.
Call 523-7727 anytime.**