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
(Temporarily Closed for Move)

1760 W. Hadley
Mon/Wed/Fri - 9-11 AM

- Free Clothing
- Blankets & Jackets Needed

Mission Boutique
(Temporarily Closed due to covid)

1420 S. Solano
Mon.-Fri.: 9am-5pm
Sat.: 10am-2pm

- Clothing
- Household Goods
- Furniture

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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As soon as restrictions are lifted limited intakes for residents and volunteers will be lifted

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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The Mission During COVID 19

Rather than tell you about a featured resident at this time, I would like to give you a glimpse of life at the mission during the COVID 19 situation.

When things first started most people didn't pay much attention to the virus, but when it first showed up in the United States things changed rapidly. That was when we began setting up protocol for all eventualities. In evaluating each of our residents, we knew that we had many in the high risk group and that we needed to make some fast decisions to enact safeguards.

Here is a summary of the steps taken in the next three days: 1) everyone was told that we would be closing the campus (no resident could leave the campus and be allowed to come back), 2) a temporary fence and gate were put up in a day and a half, 3) new intakes were halted on the third day, 4) by the end of the first week, we purchased some board games and yard games for activities after work and on Friday, 5) the general public (all homeless not living at the mission) was and is still being fed at the gate three times a day.

We have had very few complaints from outside and none from our residents. In trying to mitigate the possibility of infection from the outside, the staff has been diligent to take residents to appointments and to pick up prescriptions. I have also picked up necessary items at the stores so that only one person would be off of campus at any time. During all these events, the entire nation (world) was dealing with stores closing, layoffs, social distancing, and general unrest about the immediate outcome of events. We are still sheltering-in-place at LCGRM, but the general attitude of the residents has been fantastic. They are happy and gracious.

The most important problem for us has been the overall decline in monetary giving. I am well aware of how difficult it has been for everyone economically; therefore, if you are hurting financially pray for us and give this newsletter to someone who may be able to help us. New donors are always appreciated and we would love to have them as monthly givers. Our average need comes out to $50,000./mt. I don't want to layoff any of my hard working staff due to lack of funding. For those who are able to do more, I am asking you to pray about what God would have you do to perpetuate the work of the mission. Thank you for all that you have done for us, and we will be praying for all of our gracious donors.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Henry Young.

On behalf of the Gospel Rescue Mission, we thank you for your help, prayers, and support in our time of need.

NO CLOTHING DONATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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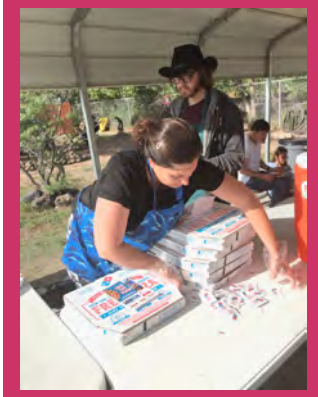
As the shelter is currently sheltering in place, the residents have made several improvements including a horseshoe pit, several new seating areas and done some needed maintenance on the memorial garden.



Dominos treated the mission to a pizza dinner. Every Friday while w're sheltered in place we try to do sunbathing fun, bbq, horse shoes, volleyball ba ketball etc

On the bench are pastor Marry and Jason

Covid-19 and Las Cruces Homeless
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission, with guidance from the DAC Office of Emergency Mgmt. and our National Assoc. of Shelters, is working to implement recommended procedures to keep people healthy while continuing to provide needed food and shelter to this vulnerable population.

These changes include:
1) more controlled intake process with some health screening.
2) restrictions on off-campus activity of shelter guests.
3) providing sack lunches at the campus boundary to general public 3 times daily (breakfast/lunch/dinner).
4) switching to individual plates delivered to tables for shelter residents.

The Gospel Rescue Mission is the only indoor shelter in southern New Mexico for adults and women with children (separate dorm).

Supply Donations

At this time we need more bread and lunch meat for sack lunches, otherwise our basic food supply needs are being met through ongoing donations from Sam's, Wal-Mart, and Roadrunner Food Bank. The volume of food that goes in/out keeps our driver and kitchen staff very busy.

We are in need of the following supplies for the above reasons.

- **Paper filtration masks (N95, or others)**
- **Hand Sanitizer (60% alcohol)**
- **Disposable germ-killing wipes**
- **Latex gloves (Nitrile), in sizes large or XL, but other sizes OK**
- **Toilet paper**
- **Extra-large paper serving plates and plasticware**
- **Bread and lunch meat**
- **Paper lunch sacks**
- **Laundry soap, bar soap**
- **Trash bags**

If you have any of these items to donate you can drop off at the Mission's front gate. Please Stay in your vehicle, someone will greet you.

Financial Donations

As a faith-based non-profit we DO NOT receive tax dollars to operate, so our survival depends upon monetary donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and other groups. During this time of COVID-19 and the associated economic challenges we have extra expenses for supplies to distribute food, to protect our staff and residents, to retrofit possible quarantine rooms/areas, and for additional staff hours due to decrease in volunteer help.

If you would like to donate:
Send checks, cash, or set up a Bill Pay transaction to: ***Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission, P.O. BOX 386, Las Cruces, NM 88004.***
To donate by credit card or other click the **DONATE** button at **http://www.lcgrm.org/donations/**

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