

MISSION SERVICES:

Shelter 24 hrs/day; 365 days/year

1050 W. Amador
Las Cruces, NM 88005

- Men's Dorms
- Women's Dorms
- Family rooms
- 3 Hot Meals served daily

**NEW!!! Clothing BARN -
Not open to general public....
(see news on back of newsletter!)**

***Mission Cleaning Supplies—
Chemicals & equipment for all forms of
household or building/commercial cleaning**

***Rock of Ages Thrift Store**
*Both are located at 1420 S. Solano
Hours : Mon—Fri 9am—5pm
Sat hrs: 10am—3pm (Thrift Store ONLY)

Mission Needs:
Volunteers, donations, underwear, socks, and hygiene items for all ages. Diapers, baby wipes, kids school clothes, shirts, pants, shorts and shoes. Blankets, coats, and sleeping bags are always welcomed and are still needed as we are in the Winter months. Please consider perusing your closets/drawers for extra clothing, bedding, and items not being used or needed. We would appreciate the donations!!

PROPERTY Donations Accepted at:
Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission
1050 W. Amador Ave
Every Day 8am—5pm
You will be greeted at the gate.

Monetary donations can be made online at:
<https://www.lcgrm.org/donations/>

Or mailed to:
Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission
P.O. Box 386
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Thank you and God bless.

Partners/Affiliated Organizations:

- ◆ Evangelical Council for Financial Accountabilities
- ◆ CityGate Network (Assoc of Homeless Shelters)
- ◆ CrossTown, Inc. (coalition to meet needs)
- ◆ Churches throughout Dona Ana County
- ◆ Medical, legal, and Social Service entities

LC-GRM Board of Directors:

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Las Cruces GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION Since 1972

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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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Special Days - Henry Young

We recently finished the month of February in which we had Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. March offers us a full month for Women's History along with St. Patrick's Day and Easter Sunday. The only day to remember in April (unless you have a birthday) is Tax Day.

Why did I start an article for the newsletter with the previous paragraph? It is because I want everyone to see that there are many special days in all our lives. We have people at the mission who have been on the street for long periods of time, and they are happy that they can sleep in a bed without having to keep one eye open. They can get up the next day, eat three hot meals, do some work, have free time, shower and go back to bed that night. Each day can be different because they may do different work or go to an appointment. We are even starting new classes that will help them with different aspects of their lives.

It is the responsibility of the Mission staff to work on ways to improve the structure of our program to help our guests if or when they leave us. We are always trying to improve for the benefit of everyone here.

We have a large diversity of personal needs which makes it hard to structure a program for everyone. We do some one-on-one evaluation to develop individual plans for breaking the chronic homeless cycle. Thanks for your support each month.



Picture (to the left) of a Crew from French Brothers construction who generously donated clothing to us. We are so grateful to those in the community that want to support our efforts to feed, house, and cloth those who are without homes. Thank you..... **French Brothers Homes!!**

You are invited to a Mission Ambassadors luncheon!!

This is for those who are interested in the work that the mission does so that more of our community will be informed about what we do for the homeless in our city.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:45am - 1pm at La Posta In Mesilla to talk about the happenings at the Mission...

First timers are always free!!!

Please join us and bring a friend!! Unless you are a first timer, please bring a \$15 contribution to defray the cost of lunch. MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

**March date — 12th
April date — 9th**

The Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission is proud and thrilled to announce that after large efforts, great collaborations and partnership with Crosstown, we have produced a location for : **THE CLOTHING BARN**

First, a look back at this ministry. The Gospel Rescue Mission had a clothing room. It was operated by a beautiful and diligent woman, Wylene Saunders and her very dedicated team. This clothing room served the public by being open three times a week. They were able to resource clothing to approximately 70+ people/week. Sadly, a recent increase in costs made operation of the clothing room prohibitive for the Mission, and it had to be closed. However, the board saw fit to keep the ministry functioning. The clothing was transitioned to a small apartment and partnerships were born. Over these past months we have distributed clothing to 12 non-profits, 6 churches and 2 schools. On average we have

been able to resource 50 people/week. The NEW "Clothing Barn" will be operated solely in a volunteer capacity so that the mission will not have an added expense. The clothing will be distributed for free. Having this barn will allow us to expand the partnerships to all non-profits, schools, and churches as we connect, as well as social media connections for access to the clothing. No, it is still not yet accessible to the public. However, it is our hope that Wylene can still have a clothing room in town to serve the public directly. This connection can help the room operate in a more sustainable way. For example, the off-season clothing can be stored at the barn until needed without

having to use space in the public room. Also, clothing that is not being selected can be cycled to have items more likely to be selected. **How did this barn come about??** Glad you asked. The old apple barn belongs to the Jaquess family. They have generously allowed us to store and distribute clothing from this location. The name Jaquess may ring a bell for some. Jerry Jaquess, together with Bill Wheeler, Frances Burke, and George Stafford began the Gospel Rescue Mission in 1972. It is an honor to circle back with the family to serve the community in this capacity. (Below is a plaque seen at LCGRM).



We would like to say **Thank you** to;

- ◆ The Board of Directors for keeping the vision
- ◆ Wylene & friends for holding out hope
- ◆ The Crosstown team for working so hard...pushing through scrubbing, sorting, and still smiling as we serve our beloved community. Because of these efforts we are coming back stronger and serving even more than before. This truly is a Romans 8:28 moment. God made this sad event even better in the come back !!!

Progress pictures



We received a totally unexpected donation in December. **Bombas** generously donated several boxes of socks to the Mission. What a blessing, not only to the

guests at the Mission, but to others. Those outside the Mission with limited resources are blessed by this donation. Thank you **Bombas** for truly doing what you advertise: **a pair of socks donated for every pair purchased.**

PLEASE- Keep the donations coming...

What happens to the donations? Well, nothing is wasted or thrown away!

1. Donations are sorted for the Rock of Ages Thrift Store. FYI: the moneys from the sales go to the operations of the Mission itself.
2. Donations that are ripped and/or stained go to a company in AZ. All items are repurposed. ie: braided rags or rugs
3. The rest of the clothing will be distributed throughout the community, for FREE!!!!

Kindness - *selfless, compassionate, and merciful; its greatest power revealed in practice to our enemies and amongst the least of these.*

Love your neighbor; show **kindness** to EVERYONE. For a perfect emblem of Biblical kindness, we need look no further than Jesus!
Isaiah 54:8 In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting **kindness** I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.