**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

**One in 45 Children in the USA Homeless**

The National Center on Family Homelessness released their annual report titled America’s Youngest Outcast. In their report, they noted that one in 45 children in the United States are homeless – 1.6 million children were living on the street, homeless shelters or motels, or doubled up with other families last year. California ranked 46 out of 50 worst states in child homelessness.

The report went on to detail the negative impact homelessness has on our children and their families.

When we hear such negative statistics, we have one of two options. We can bury our heads in the sand and thank God it is not our family, or we can personally get involved and start becoming part of the solution.

One of our top priorities this year is establishing a after-school mentoring program for homeless children as well as building our emergency family shelter, thus providing the first step towards helping families rebuild their lives.

There is no “silver bullet” and the task is not easy, but together we can and are making a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families.

Thank you for your support in 2011 and continued support in 2012. Together WE CAN…

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**John E. White House of Hope Prepares to Open**

Program Gives Men Opportunity to Rebuild Their Lives

This past year, a generous donor named Joyce gave the Mission a $100,000 gift for the purpose of helping men, who had fallen on hard times, rebuild their lives. The gift was given in honor of her son, John E. White, who died a premature death by electrocution.

The beautiful 4-bedroom house will house 10 men. Each of the, formerly homeless men in the program, must be drug free and will be tested weekly. The Mission will provide each client food, shelter, clothing, showers, case management, spiritual guidance, transportation, job training, life-skill training and all other resources to help each individual regain his dignity, purpose and HOPE!

When asked why she would give such a generous gift to the Mission Joyce responded, “I have seen first-hand how important it is for children to have dad around. Anything I can do to help men restore their lives so they can be the fathers they need to be for their children is money well invested.”

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our entire budget to operate the John E. White House of Hope for one year is $49,000. This breaks down to $ 4083.00 per month or $134.00 per day to provide 10 men everything they need to rebuild and restore their lives.($13.42 per man per day)

As we start the New Year, please consider how you can help us fund this vital outreach. We cannot do it without you. I would prayerfully ask you to consider funding one week of support for these 10 men ($134.00) …maybe you can fund an entire month ($4,083.00). If resources are tight, possibly you can fund two days for one man ($26.84). The goal is not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

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**John E. White House of Hope**

**Kitchen**

**Living Room**

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**Please detach and mail. Thank you**

YES  Ken I want to help men Regain, Rebuild and Restore their lives through the John E. White House of Hope. Enclosed is my gift support.

Please correct your name and address below if necessary.

☐ $4,083.00 to support 10 men for one month
☐ $134.00 to support 10 men for one day
☐ $67.00 to support 5 men for one day
☐ $26.60 to support 2 men for one day
☐ $_____ to support where needed

To use your credit card or give online, please see other side. Please make checks payable to Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission or HVRM. All gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.
WOW…What a Year it was in 2011!
Mission Expand Services and Programs

TOP EVENTS OF 2011

HOT MEALS
Knowing that a changed life often starts with a Hot Nutritious meal, the Mission has now served over 53,000 meals in the past two years. In 2011 we added meal locations on Saturday and Sundays.

SHOWER PROGRAM
The Mission launched its shower program! The homeless can now receive a hot shower and clean clothes!

GIFTED STAFF
Jonathan Leeper joined the Mission as Director of Community Relations/Volunteer Coordinator and at the end of the year Rowan Vansleve joined the team as General Manager.

THRIFT STORE
The Mission opened a nearly 9,000 sqft Thrift Store in Sun Valley. Donations are given to the homeless, free of charge, as part of our clothing voucher program. Excess inventory is sold to fund existing and new programs.

SHELTER
The Mission started providing shelter and a modified program for men staying at our new 22,000 sq ft facility.

THANKSGIVING DINNER
In 2011, the Mission provided two Thanksgiving Feasts. The first one was held the day before Thanksgiving in Van Nuys and the second one was on Thanksgiving Day in Sun Valley. Nearly 1,500 meals were served between the two days with the assistance of 350 volunteers!

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
In 2011, the Mission took over the campus at Sun Valley Middle School giving away nearly 5,000 toys and serving 4,000 meals to children and families in need. It was an unprecedented event!

BATHROOMS
Lennar Homes, national home builder, is donating their efforts to remodel two complete bathrooms, with shower, in the Missions courtyard. The new facilities will allow the Mission to expand the shower program and provide restroom facilities for homeless guests.

HOUSE OF HOPE
The John E. White House of Hope closed escrow in December. The home will allow men to rebuild, restore and renew their lives.

LOOKING AHEAD…
With 2011 behind us…in 2012, the Mission plans to start an afterschool mentoring program for homeless children, computer learning center, Tuesday evening community meal program, Safe Harbor program where homeless families living in the cars can sleep safely and securely, provide emergency shelter in Missions courtyard, and build an emergency family shelter with no less than 100 beds.

DON’T DISCARD….DONATE!
Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission NEEDS and WANTS Your Donations!!!
Your donations are helping a person in need receive a second chance. Proceeds will help fund existing and new programs to care for the homeless.

- Men and Boys’/Women and Girls’ gently used clothing of all sizes
- All electronics and tv
- Small Furniture (under 60lbs)
- Baby Items
- Stoves
- Jewelry
- All miscellaneous Household Items

• Thrift Store Location: 8165 N. San Fernando Rd, Sun Valley, CA 91352
  (one block west of the 5 Freeway, corner of Sunland Blvd and San Fernando Rd)

Call 818-392-0020 for your donation pick up TODAY!
(we use our online pick up form from our website)

THANK YOU for supporting Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission.

How to send your gift…
- BY CHECK made payable to Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission or HVRM
- BY CREDIT CARD (please fill out the information below)

Name on Card: ___________________________ Exp. Date: ____________
Card #: ___________________________ CVV: ____________
Phone#: ___________________________ Amount: $ ________
Signature: ___________________________

- Volunteer or donate ONLINE at www.hopeofthevalley.org or by PHONE: 818-392-0020
- Contact me, I’d like to know more about the mission
My email: ___________________________