



St. Mary's INTERFAITH Community Services



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St. Raphael's DENTAL CLINIC Kara Brewer Family CLOTHING & HYGIENE CENTER HEAD START

JUNE 2011

SUMMER

Joseph Barron is, as the Irish would say, “a horse of a man.” He is 6’4” and weighs 300lbs. We first met Joseph about two years ago when he came to St. Mary’s Interfaith Community Services Medical Clinic with a badly injured arm. He had been mugged by two much smaller men but they had used a nail-studded 2x4 board on him. He was robbed of his brief case containing his important papers and all of his money from his just cashed scholarship check.

He was in recovery at San Joaquin County General Hospital for three weeks in order to save his arm. He had come to Stockton to pick up a thread in his life that had been broken ten years before. He had heard of the quality of San Joaquin Delta College and had obtained a scholarship to attend.

Ten years prior he had been enrolled at Pasadena City College in their nursing program and was working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory as a high-tech maintenance supervisor. With a family of six children, he needed income from both nursing and the lab.

Life for Joseph was busy with the needs of a large family in addition to work and school and he was not aware of how his wife, Arlene, managed her time. Friends told him that they had seen Arlene with other men. Confronting her, she admitted to him that she had been unhappy in their marriage and had tried other relationships. Joseph sued for divorce.

The divorce took everything. The family was divided, the house was sold and twenty years of what Joseph thought was a good family life, fell apart.

Deeply depressed, he quit his job at Jet Propulsion and dropped out of nursing school. At first his friends and

relatives tried to help but he slowly came to depend on alcohol. He stated, “That’s when I became homeless. Down and out. I was lonely; broken with bad feelings and with the loss of family and of achieving something in life.”

His street companions were murderers, drug dealers, robbers, strange women, harlots and a world of darkness. It was suddenly from “middle class” to the streets. He visited his mother and she convinced him to try a church rehabilitation program in Fremont, CA. He agreed, and after two years of struggling with his grief and alcoholism, he succeeded in overcoming his habit.

After his hospital stay, Joseph had to hold off on attending San Joaquin Delta College. He came to St. Mary’s Interfaith and started to volunteer. He stayed at the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless and joined in the life of the unemployed homeless. In conversation with the other homeless men, they often remarked: “Hey man you don’t fit” or “you don’t talk bad” or “you’re a narc”.

Joseph is now finishing his first year at San Joaquin Delta College. In the fall semester he carried sixteen units and finished with a B average. He says of his life now, “On a bright and Sunday morning, God Almighty sent his Son Jesus into my life. Things are good now and I am on track. School is a way out of homelessness. People at San Joaquin Delta and St. Mary’s Interfaith have been good to me.”

Edward Figueroa
CEO

David Brewer
Director of Client Relations

Our Mission

To Serve the needs of poor men, women and children through nurturing self reliance for a hopeful future by offering food, clothing, medical and dental care, educational programs and general assistance.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

"FILL THE BACKPACK" DRIVE

Schools may be out for the summer but we know that the bell for the new school year will be ringing very soon. Our community's children will be headed back to the classroom and St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services is working hard to ensure they have all the essentials needed to succeed in their education. We hope you will join us in our effort to:

FILL 1,000 BACKPACKS!

Help us to fill backpacks with all the school supplies needed to make learning fun and easy for all our kids. Our goal is 1,000 filled backpacks for our kids by August 1! Your donation will help fill a backpack for a K-12 student in your community.



Help support the FILL THE BACKPACK DRIVE!

Bring in the following items for K-12 students.

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| Backpacks | 1" 3 Ring Binders | Color Pencils |
| Crayons | Dry Erase Boards (Small) | Erasers |
| Glue sticks | Highlighters | Markers (Reg./Dry Erase) |
| Notebooks | Paper | Pencils |
| Pencil Bag/Boxes | Pencil Sharpeners | Pens |
| Dictionary (Small) | Pocket Folders | Rulers |
| Scientific Calculators | Scissors | Socks |
| Student Planners | Subject Dividers | Uniforms |
| Underwear | White Out | |



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7:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.



Prefer to send a monetary donation for the Fill the Backpack Drive?

Simply send your gift to:

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545 W. Sonora St., Stockton, CA 95203

Please write **Backpack Drive** in the memo line of your check or money order.

Unique Ways to Volunteer

Looking for a distinctive way to volunteer? Here are some different, but very needed ways, you can support the staff and clients of St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services. **1. EYE GLASSES DRIVE!** Our Virgil Gianelli, M.D.



MEDICAL CLINIC offers eye exams and new prescription eye glasses for the uninsured men, women, and children we serve but we are in need of the actual frames! Volunteer to collect used eye glasses and/or new reading glasses from your local store. Because life looks better with glasses!

2. CHEF FOR A DAY! Are you a local restaurant chef? Know someone who is? How about bringing your newest recipes to our kitchen to serve at lunchtime! Promote your restaurant and your cooking talent through the power of philanthropy!



3. HOST A BOOK PARTY!



How about having a book party? Invite friends to bring over books they would like to swap. You take some of theirs, they take some of yours, and the rest get donated to St. Mary's Interfaith Client Library! Everybody gets something new to read! *For more information about volunteering,*

please contact Sylvia Rodriguez, Community Service Coordinator, at 209-467-0703.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! We were proud to be able to have some of our volunteers speak on behalf of the work they do for our clients. Bruce Mitchell (pictured) gave a moving testimonial highlighting the ways St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services offered him the resources and support he needed to move from homelessness to being an empowered and self-sufficient member of our community. Bruce now coordinates on-site AA meetings to support the sobriety of our current clients. Thank you again and we hope to see you all next year!



Edward Figueroa, CEO of St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services and Bruce Mitchell, former client and coordinator of on-site AA meetings.

Understanding Charitable Giving

This is a first in a series of articles designed to give a better understanding to the varied and important ways to give to a non-profit organization.

Today, let's talk about an Immediate or Outright gift. An outright gift is the most common of the basic giving types because it is the easiest and most convenient way for most people to give and for the organization to receive. These types of gifts consist of cash, securities (such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds), and personal property. An outright gift also provides an organization, like St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services, the most flexibility to access and utilize your gift quickly and towards its most pressing immediate needs. Check out our next Fall Newsletter where we will talk about Planned or Deferred gifts, what they are, how to donate them, and what they can mean for an organization.

Needs List

Underwear

ALL SIZES
Men-Women-Children

Winter Clothing

ALL SIZES
Men-Women-Children
New or Gently Used
Jackets-Gloves-Hats
Sweat pants/shirts
etc.

Clothing

ALL SIZES
Men-Women-Children
New or Gently Used
Socks, pants, shirts

Shoes

ALL SIZES
Men-Women-Children
New or Gently Used

Blankets

New or Gently Used

Diapers

Newborn to Size 6

Instant Formula

Regular-Soy-Organic

Feminine Hygiene Items

Backpacks

New or Gently Used

Ground Beef or Chicken

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St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services supported our county's homeless and working poor individuals and families, **January–April 2011**, by providing the following services. **(Comparison for the same time frame of 2010 also included.)**

Our **Medical Clinic** received **4,880** visits by the men, women, and children of St. Mary's Interfaith. (28% increase from 2010)

Our **Dental Clinic** received **637** visits by the men, women, and children of St. Mary's Interfaith. (43% decrease from 2010)

133,626 meals were served to individuals and families by our **Kitchen and Dining Room Program**. (3% decrease from 2010)

30,106 women and children received services and clothing at our **Clothing and Hygiene Center**. (2% increase from 2010)

11,170 men received services and clothing at our **Clothing and Hygiene Center**. (4% decrease from 2010)

Our **Social Services** program provided resources and support to **4,296** homeless and working poor individuals. (19% decrease from 2010)

Community individuals and groups volunteered **24,600** hours towards the mission of St. Mary's Interfaith. (14% decrease from 2010)