



RESCUE REPORT

Changing Lives in Solano County...

...for a Brighter Tomorrow

2009 Calendar

A gift to thank you for all you do!

Without the donations, volunteers and the prayers of friends and neighbors, this ministry would not exist. To thank you for all you do, we would like to send you a very special 2009 calendar. We hope the beautiful photos will remind you of the powerful presence of God in our lives, and how you have helped bring His healing power to those in need.



To receive your **FREE 2009 Mission calendar**, please check the special box on your reply card and mail it today.

Inside

- A Message from Ron.....**2**
- Four Ways You Can Help.....**2**
- Keeping Families Together.....**3**

“People Here Really Care!”

Victims of the economic “crunch,” Sharon and Greg lost their home in Rio Vista. “The prices just skyrocketed. They raised our rent from \$1,200 to \$1,600 in 3 months.” Then Greg lost his job. With no place to live and three daughters under 10 to feed and care for, the family was desperate.

They moved in with Sharon’s mother for three months, but

because she lives in an adult community which does not allow children, they were forced to leave. The couple came to Fairfield because there was a possibility of a job for Greg and a better chance to find affordable housing.

They stayed in a hotel until their money ran out and then started looking in the phone book.

“That’s where we found Mission SOLANO! We were a pretty pathetic sight at first, coming in with three kids, all of them dirty, and all our stuff in a shopping cart.”

“We got our lives back together.”

“There are a lot of nice people here. They really care. And they are willing to take in families.” Greg and Sharon helped with chores around the Mission while their girls attended school. “It’s no problem volunteering. I don’t mind giving back to the people that provided so much for us!”

With Mission staff helping them get back on their feet, the family found an apartment, and Sharon now has a job at a children’s clothing store where she soon hopes to be promoted.



Double Your Tax Advantages

Stock gifts reap great rewards with minimal effort. If your stocks have depreciated in value you can make a substantial gift for a small expenditure. Tax laws allow you to deduct the entire market value of your stock held long-term, including any capital appreciation from your federal income, and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation.



If you are unable to make a gift of stock, you can still help us by establishing a life income gift that pays you income for life. Frequently, the income from the gift is more than what the stock provides through dividends. A gift of stock requires minimal effort and provides great rewards. To learn more about this and other giving opportunities, please contact Ron Marlette at (707) 422-1011.

A Message from Ron Marlette



Even in bad times, we give thanks!

This year Mission SOLANO will serve over 144,000 meals. The year before it was 96,000. Next year we think that figure will jump to more than 154,000 meals, and we'll distribute several tons of food at our Food Pantry with and through the help of our local community.

But it's not just the increased need for food that has me worried. This situation is symptomatic of what's happening everywhere around our country, Fairfield, and Solano County. People have lost jobs and homes. Everyone is suffering as prices continue to rise.

And, yes, gifts to the Mission are down. But even if people cannot give as much or as often as before, **we are blessed with donors who remember the poor and reach out to help those who are more needy than themselves!**

So today we give thanks for you. For your time. For your prayers. For your gifts. And for your commitment to stand with us in providing the basic necessities of life to the less fortunate of Solano County.

Ron Marlette
Executive Director

Four Ways You Can Help This Holiday

It takes a lot of help and a lot of hands to care for everyone who comes to the Mission during the Thanksgiving season. Here are four ways you can be one of our Holiday Helpers:

Donate food & clothing – Canned goods

like soup, stew and juice are appreciated. Clothing like jackets, sweatshirts, new underwear, socks, shoes, hats and gloves are in short supply. Blankets are always welcome.

Volunteer – Bring your family, friends, co-workers or church group

and spend an hour or two helping out at the Mission. Contact Donna Quintero at (707) 422-1011 for more information.

Provide simple gifts – Homeless children dream of dolls, trucks, books and games. Adults are thrilled to receive soap, shampoo,

Keeping Families Together!

Arianna has lived in Vacaville all her life. But when she was involved in a bus accident and ended up with back problems, she and her 15-year-old son Nathaniel found themselves homeless. Being homeless is hard on anyone, but especially children.

Nathaniel has had the opportunity to live with an aunt and uncle, but he'd rather stay with his mother. "He'd rather be homeless than separated," she says. Arianna comes to the Mission every day to eat and often gets food from our bi-weekly food pantry, and Nathaniel attends school at nearby Charles L. Sullivan Middle School.

Because of continuing problems with her back injury, Arianna is having

trouble working. But she believes the services and care she and her son are able to get at Mission SOLANO will sustain them until she can get back on her feet.

"If it wasn't for the Mission I don't know where we would have gone. They help out with everything here: showers, clothes. They've given me everything. They're really good people.

Arianna also receives health care at the Mission's medical clinic, where the staff has helped her get medical coverage.

"They help with everything here. If it wasn't for Mission SOLANO, I don't know what I'd do!"



Intact families like Sharon and Greg's make up nearly 40% of the families seeking help at Mission SOLANO. Nearly half of those we help have been homeless for less than a year. While the reasons they became homeless are as varied as the people we serve, most have been affected by the slow economy, the housing crunch and high prices. With your help, Mission SOLANO is able to keep families like these together!

Thanks for Sending HOPE Back to School!

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we were able to provide backpacks full of school supplies to over 800 children! You have made the start of another school year a time of excitement and new beginnings for these needy children.



Holiday Season

hairbrushes, combs, shaving lotion and lip balm.

Give a gift – Every dollar is put to work immediately to help where it's needed most.

We hope you'll be a Holiday Helper. Start a food or clothing drive today. Call the Mission

to volunteer or use the enclosed envelope to make a gift. You can also give online at

www.MissionSolano.org.



We Want to Stay in Touch



Here at Mission SOLANO we want to keep in touch with our donors on a regular basis. That's why we have included a special section on the back of your detached remit for you to include your phone number and e-mail address. We are so thankful for all you do for us, and we want to keep you informed and to thank you for your generous gifts.

When you send your gift, please be sure to include your phone number and e-mail address on the back of the remit so that we can stay in touch with you. You can also write in a prayer request and we will pray for you.

Bridge to Life Center Progress Report

If you've recently driven on Beck Avenue in Fairfield, you've probably noticed that the Bridge to Life Center is starting to take shape!

Mission SOLANO has been working with city and county officials to keep things growing! We will soon have an on-site Visitor Center where you can come down and see our progress and see our plans for future growth on the site.

The first building to open will be the Women's & Children Center; next



the Family Shelter and the Dining Room. There we will be able to feed up to 174

with the first phase of our Rays of Hope campaign! To learn more about the Bridge



people and house more than 100 individuals and families.

Please continue to support us with your gifts and prayers as we proceed

to Life Center or to make a donation, please visit our website at www.MissionSolano.org or call (707) 422-1011.

Mission SOLANO Medical Center

Mission SOLANO and Solano County have been working together to provide healthcare for the homeless and needy. We have opened an on-site medical center that serves over 25 people each week. We are blessed to have the volunteer services of a

doctor and a team of nurses who offer their time each week. This is a vital service for needy individuals and families who have nowhere else to go. Thank you for supporting Mission SOLANO in providing this valuable service!



Here's my gift to help Mission SOLANO get ready for Thanksgiving:

- \$17.90 for 10 meals and care
- \$26.85 for 15 meals and care
- \$53.70 for 30 meals and care
- \$_____ to help as much as possible
- Send my 2009 Mission Calendar

- Bill my credit card

- VISA MC AMEX DISC

CREDIT CARD # _____

EXP. DATE _____

PHONE # _____

Donate online at www.MissionSolano.org, or call 707-422-1011.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Mission SOLANO
P.O. Box 8
Fairfield, CA 94533-0084





Here's my gift to help Mission *SOLANO* get ready for Thanksgiving:

- \$XX.XX for X meals and care
- \$XX.XX for X meals and care
- \$XX.XX for X meals and care
- \$_____ to help as much as possible
- Send my 2009 Mission Calendar

- Bill my credit card
 - VISA MC AMEX DISC

CREDIT CARD #

EXP. DATE

PHONE #

- Please see additional information on back of remit

Donate online at www.MissionSolano.org, or call 707-422-1011.

Donor Name

Donor Address

Donor City, State Zip



Mission *SOLANO*

P.O. Box 8

Fairfield, CA 94533-0084



Thank you for your continued support!

- Please send me information about your monthly giving club.
- Please tell me how I can make a gift to the Mission through my will, a bequest or a planned giving program.
- Phone Number _____
- Send E-mail updates to _____@_____

Prayer Request _____

The Mission does not sell or rent donors' names or addresses.

All donations are fully tax-deductible.
Your gifts are used to care for people in need all year long!