



# RESCUE REPORT

Changing Lives in Solano County...

...for a Brighter Tomorrow


## A Message from Ron Marlette

Dear Donor Name,  
 This country and this Mission were both founded by individuals working together to accomplish great things. Mission SOLANO and the American people have also responded in the same way to the toughest times this country has faced in decades: we've rolled up our sleeves and worked together to solve problems and get the job done!

We've been blessed with people who've donated food. Our staff have tightened their belts and done more with less. Volunteers have given their time and donors have made sure we have money to help those struggling to survive.

Working together we've not only helped people change their lives, but we've honored the two greatest commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." And "Love your neighbor as yourself."

The tough times aren't behind us yet, but together I know we can continue to do great things!



Ron Marlette  
 Executive Director

## "The Mission Was My Last Chance"

Barbara has been coming to the Mission since we opened in 1998 when her daughters were very young and her husband was in prison. Barbara explains, "At first, I wouldn't go because I had very young children. But nothing would stop Raymond (our Program Director) from encouraging me. He really wanted to keep the kids and me off the streets and keep me from losing them to Social Services."

Even though Barbara and her children did receive help from the Mission, her addiction to drugs and alcohol eventually resulted in losing custody of them for two years. "I wouldn't listen to anybody. I just had to do it my own way." Over the next few years, Barbara continued to choose drugs and alcohol over her family.

Barbara was arrested Christmas Eve of 2006 for possession of drugs. Released the following day, she promised her kids that life would be different.

"They didn't believe me. I had really never given them any reason to. I had made promises before and they always came crashing down," Barbara remembers. This time, Barbara kept her promise.

*"The people at the Mission said, 'Come back when you're serious about recovery.'"*

"I didn't want to go back to Mission SOLANO because of my past history there, but my seventeen-year-old daughter said, 'I'm going there and you can come with me

or not.'" Today the Mission is like Barbara's family. "I really needed to change and the Mission gave me the chance to do it. I found help for my family today, and hope in Jesus Christ for my tomorrows. The Mission has been supportive in everything I've tried to do, from reuniting with my husband to getting the house we live in today!"



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**Ron – I'll continue to help the Mission to do great things!**  
 Enclosed is my gift to feed, shelter and care for Solano County's neediest people.

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- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

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## Welcome to the Mission!



Our newest employee, Brian Evans, comes to us at a critical time in our history. He is a CPA, and is going to be managing our operations and finances. His official title is Chief Operations Officer. We welcome Brian and his family to Mission SOLANO.

## It's Your Mission

As summer approaches many of us get excited about the slower pace. Well, the pace is just starting to pick up around here! We have a summertime full of events and activities that fit just about everybody's interests! We have opportunities to golf, shop, drive a bus, wash cars or volunteer! Please visit our website and see how you can get your family involved this summer. Mission SOLANO loves the partnership we have with our community. Let's continue to grow together. It's your Mission!



Visit our website at [www.MissionSolano.org](http://www.MissionSolano.org) for all the happenings. Check out the Events link and discover what YOUR Mission has for you!

## Strokes for Relief

On May 18 Mission SOLANO hosted its Annual Charity Golf & Tennis Tournament at Green Valley Country Club. We hosted over 140 golfers and tennis players who swung away to help the Mission relieve homelessness in Solano County.

After the tournament we enjoyed dinner, a silent auction and an awards

ceremony that included a prize for the longest drive and a hole-in-one.

Special thanks goes to our volunteers who helped check in golfers and tennis players, hole and team sponsors, donors and prize sponsors for making this event even more rewarding and exciting. Thank you so much for helping make this event such a success! Please



read the next issue of Rescue Report for a complete list of event sponsors.

**For more information please visit our website at [www.MissionSolano.org](http://www.MissionSolano.org).**

## Keep the Dream Alive – Matt's Playground

In March, the new playground at the Community Outreach Center was officially dedicated. We now have a colorful, safe place for our guests and their children

to play. A Special Thank You to the many volunteers who gave their time, talents and treasures to erect this playground. Come by the COC at 740 Travis Blvd. and check it out!



## Send HOPE Back to School

Just in time for the new school year, Mission SOLANO will be distributing brand new backpacks full of school supplies for needy children. Thanks to local groups, businesses, churches and individuals, backpacks and supplies are collected, sorted and assembled by gender and age. They will then be distributed at our annual Send HOPE Back to School backpack giveaway and in local schools.

These backpacks help give the tools students need to succeed. We need

donations of backpacks, markers, rulers, colored pencils, pencils, pens, crayons, erasers, ruled paper, glue sticks, index



cards, highlighters, calculators and folders. We are hoping to be able to fill and distribute 1,000 backpacks full of school

supplies this year.

This is a fantastic event for children, adults and groups to get involved as they work together to provide an incredible blessing for needy kids. To "stuff" some backpacks and find out about the event day happenings, visit our website at [www.MissionSolano.org](http://www.MissionSolano.org) and click on the Backpack Giveaway link.

**For more information please contact Donna Quintero at [donna@missionsolano.org](mailto:donna@missionsolano.org) or call her at (707) 399-3801.**

## "Never Underestimate the Power of One!"



If we think only of our individual strengths or limitations, the task can sometimes seem impossible. "What can one person do?" we ask. The answer here at Mission SOLANO is, "Plenty." Volunteering to serve a meal or answer a phone frees staff for other jobs. Donating food, clothing and bedding saves money.

With over 12,867 meals a month to prepare and serve, 6,040 nights of shelter to provide and hundreds of hours of care, gifts are always

welcome, especially during difficult times like these when only 1 out of every 13 donors makes a gift!

One hour of your time, one shirt or jacket, one bag of groceries, one gift – each is vital to the success of this ministry and our ability to truly make a difference in the lives of people in need. If you can, help us continue to make a difference by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope or giving online at [www.MissionSolano.org](http://www.MissionSolano.org).