



LIGHTHOUSE RESCUE MISSION

'SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS IN OUR COMMUNITY'

THE LATEST FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE....

My name is Annette and I have been a resident of the Lighthouse for the past month. Before I came to the lighthouse I was suffering from severe depression. I was denied entry to one shelter because of my depression. I called the lighthouse not even sure if I was going to get in because of my condition but the Lord opened the door for me to come in. The first few days here were a struggle for me, and I know probably on the staff also. After a few days it was decided that I needed to be seen by a doctor so that I could try to get a handle on my situation. I was admitted to the hospital in order to be treated for my depression. I was finally released from the hospital feeling 100% better; I was now able to cope with my life, my children and this homeless situation. As I continued to get myself back on track, myself esteem began to rise, my children were returned to me, I found a new strength in myself. I was more confident and able to do the things that I feared before coming to the Lighthouse. I have learned to be patient with my girls. I recently found a house through the Redevelopment Agency and we will be moving into our place soon. All these things have been accomplished by the grace of GOD, through the volunteers that come in and teach about the love of Christ, prayers and dedication of the Lighthouse Rescue Mission which I am very thankful for their support and guidance. Words cannot describe how truly blessed I feel.

Sincerely,

Annette M.

Upcoming Events:

Remember.....Christmas is coming, We are always looking for people to come decorate, prepare a meal or sing Christmas Carols with our ladies and children. Contact the office if this is a way God may be asking you to serve.

THE BOARD:

Alan Adler
Tulare First Baptist Church

Kevin Blain
Keller Williams Realty

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Ray Van Beek
Tulare Community Church

Rhonda Wilbur
Tulare First Baptist Church

Dan Xavier
Walter Mortensen Insurance

Annette



Letter from the ladies upon departure of the Lighthouse.....

It was a positive experience for me. I was able to renew my faith and meet a lot of nice people. I was impressed by the ladies struggles for housing and work with their children.—Roberta G.

It was positive environment that help me a lot when I was in direr need. -Michele G.

My stay was very positive; I was very blessed by living at the Lighthouse. Really enjoyed the prayers but most of all learned a little more about the Lord. -Devesha L

It was positive. It just wasn't good with my schedule.-Jaclyn C.

Our stay at the Lighthouse has been a positive one. The staff offered support during a stressful period in my life. I was able to return to good spirits and health. I feel very blessed to have been a guest. - Deidre C.

My stay at the shelter was or felt very short, but it is a positive situation when you have nowhere to go or no one to turn to for help, especially when you are homeless,. I love the fact that volunteers came in to show us different things. -Irma A.

Christ centered programs were very positive for me and my children but with my health issues I think it's best I moved out and began renting, I am seriously wanting to be Christ center. -Destiny R.

GUEST'S SAVINGS PLAN A SUCCESS

Since implementing our "75% Saving Requirement" we have seen a dramatic change in the ability of our women to finding permanent housing upon leaving our shelter. Seeing them proud of themselves to leave here better than when they came is powerful.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS TO BE INVOLVED....



Zoo Day @ Galaxy Theater



Youth Day Visalia Fresno Diocese



Project Homeless Connect Tulare Armory

DONATIONS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE IN MEMORY OF:

- Linda Long-Weeks
- Carolyn Belton
- Dave Rasmussen
- Joseph Leal
- Amber Nelson
- Frank Soares
- Adriano Nunes
- Armand Martin
- David Nunes

USE YOUR TALENTS

The Women's Auxiliary has been enforced since November 2008 and has been very active by promoting and providing the needs for the shelter.

Meetings are generally held every other month on the 2nd Saturday at the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m.

*AUXILIARY WOMEN & COMMITTEES:

Birthday Parties.....Michelle Faria
Coins for Caring.....Pam Beck
Marsha Watte &
Kay Dokkin
Crafts.....Connie & Stephanie Toste
Beauty Treatments.....Sherry Taylor
House Needs/Supplies.Pam Beck
Fundraiser.....Mary Dlugonski
Computer Lab.....Kay Dokkin
Gardening.....Sandra Gist Langiano
Newsletter.....Irma Briseno
Chairman.....Roni Wilbur
Shopping & Cooking.....Pam Beck
Thank You's.....Collette Lorenzo
New Member.....Terri Kasbergen
New Member.....Dee Pierce

We look forward to the participation and all of the support that all of our members provide the women and children at the Shelter.

We are always looking for new members to join the Auxiliary. If you have a passion to help women & children of the shelter please contact: Roni Wilbur @ 559-686-8486 or Collette Lorenzo @ 559-686-0333

*MEMORIAL MOMENTS:

- Passing of Founding Director Linda Long-Weeks
- July 4th Picnic at the First Baptist Church
- Zoo Day at Galaxy Theater
- Children to St. Aloysius to pick vegetables
- Successful Luncheon Fundraiser
- Children's Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church
- Harvest Festival at First Baptist Church
- Starting Celebrate Recovery
- Starting in house Parenting Class by NCADD

- Youth Day with Fresno Diocese
- Project Homeless Connect
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

*FUTURE PLANS:

- Follow where the Lord would lead the Board of Directors, staff and community.
- Drive thru Chicken Dinner in 2012



*Coins for Caring
Cherry Ave School
Mr. Caudle's 6th Grade*



*Sundale 7th Grade
Leadership Class*



*Kids @ Shelter
Craft Day*

Since January 2011 we have provided over 2350 beds for displaced women and children. But even providing one bed for a person in need is a success.
What a blessing to provide this service to those in need.

THANK YOU'S

- *All Volunteers and Bible Study Leaders
- *Sundale 7th Grade Leadership
- *Methodist Church for Birthday Parties
- *Grissom & Wallace Communications
- *Michelle Faria for Birthday Party Gifts
- *Pam Beck-Supplies and grocery shopping

- *Giotto's Alarm Tech
- *California Turf Equipment
- *The Experience Gardener
- *Rotary Weekly Meeting Lunch
- *Kae Nixon and Linus Club

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD....



Ray Van Beek
President of
Board of Directors



Irma Brisenio
Shelter Director

The Lighthouse Rescue Mission’s Board would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Director Irma Brisenio to the Lighthouse Rescue Mission. This was effective September 1, 2011. The Board is both pleased and confident that we have the right person to lead the Shelter into the future. Irma conveyed in her resume the passion that she has for the work at the shelter, and for the Women and Children who find themselves in need of the services at the Lighthouse Rescue Mission. After the Board reviewed the resumes, that were submitted, the vote was unanimous to promote Irma to Director.

Irma has brought continuity to the position. She had worked with Linda, both at the Lighthouse Rescue Mission, and Visalia Rescue Mission. We are confident that Irma will leave her own imprint on the Shelter and continue to help the Shelter grow, into the future.

Sincerely;

Raymond Van Beek

Lighthouse Rescue Mission Board, President

ABOUT THE SHELTER....

We are a faith based shelter under the Tulare Association of Churches. We have a Board of Directors with three local pastors serving on the board in addition to local businessmen and women and concerned community minded citizens.

We offer temporary housing for single women and women with children. We have in-house recovery classes, parenting and anger management classes and fill in the rest of the nights with Bible studies conducted by women from local churches.

We are a facility comprised of apartments which help provide a home-like atmosphere. Women become family with one another and form life-long bonds.

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER WITH LIGHTHOUSE RESCUE MISSION, TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ to help the needy in our communities.
Please note, we are a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501© (3) organization. Contributions may be tax deductible.

I would like to learn about volunteer opportunities

Please cut along dotted line and mail to LightHouse Rescue Mission P.O. Box 1453, Tulare, CA 93274

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