

# SOUP/ *for your* SOUL

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER  
2010

TRUE LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH YOU!

'Tis the Season  
to be hopeful  
for many of  
Milwaukee's  
homeless—  
**THANK YOU!**



# Our biggest thanks to you this Holiday season!



**Rev. Patrick H. Vanderburgh**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Especially at Christmas, every bit of kindness means so very much to men, women and children who struggle every day.

For me, Thanksgiving and Christmas are full of people—spending time with friends and family...all crowded together around the table. Conversation's loud... the laughter louder. We share a holiday feast made of favorite family recipes and then we unwrap presents.

Many of the people who spend the holidays here at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission are not connected with their families. So we become like family to them. That's why we make every effort to create extra special days for those who come for a meal and shelter.

If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting our facilities during the holidays, you might be surprised! What you'd see and hear is a state of happy commotion where conversation is loud... laughter is louder...and there's more than enough cheer to go around!

Your faithful and generous gifts fill these days—and every day of the year—with good food, safe shelter and much-needed resources for our guests to make it through the day.

Two of the people celebrating this year are Brent (p.3) and Tami (p.8). They both share their journeys in this issue of *Soup for Your Soul*. Their transformations have come about through God's grace, their work and your gifts.

Brent and Tami are just two examples of how God uses your gifts at MRM. Thank you for your generosity and the many blessings you've provided to so many in 2010.

Thanking God for you,

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**I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.**

—EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

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# A Con Man to Christ's Man

"I praise God for the Christ-exalting example that the donors have embedded into my life," says Brent, a member of our *Life Skills* program.

The old Brent would never had said that. Not by a long shot. But that's before he, in his own words, "saw how wretched I really am."

His father introduced him to marijuana at age 12. Then, on his own, Brent progressed to using cocaine, heroin and crystal meth. To support his use of drugs, he manipulated others as best he could, taking advantage of those closest to him and always, always looking out for number one.

## It's No Joke...It's Jesus

The middle of last year (and not for the first time) Brent called his family for help. His family dropped him off in front of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission on July 9, 2009. "I thought it was a joke," he says. "I didn't realize it was a Christian place—much less a homeless shelter!"

Brent jumped into the program and followed "the rules." But he wasn't buying it. Not completely...he needed a heart change. After a few months, he slipped back into some old habits and was asked to leave the program. Just before leaving (which wasn't actually as easy as he had thought), Pastor Scott gave him one more chance.

Brent accepted the opportunity and, as Pastor Scott says, "It was like a light went on. We saw God's grace immediately."

## One Continual Redemptive Story

The new Brent began attending classes, arriving on time and fully participating in the discussions. He's studying the Bible. And, more than that, he's incorporating what he learns.

He says, "Now I realize that faith is more than just saying 'I believe' or praying at the altar call...it's more than a list of things to do or not do. Faith is one continual redemptive story."

Today, he's looking forward to moving on to *FOCUS*, the next and final phase of the men's program. For a time,



...be transformed by the  
renewing of your mind.

—Romans 12:2, NIV

Brent wondered what he was going to do when he left the program. Now he feels the question God is asking him is, "What do you have to do right around you?"

He continues, "More and more I thank God for the grace He has shown me."

When asked what the gifts of donors mean to him and to so many others at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Brent thoughtfully replied, "The fact that [donors] give because Christ has given them what they need shows me that Christ is a far greater treasure than all worldly treasures."

With Brent we say, "Thank you."

# So many ways to give...so m

## HOLIDAY Wish List

*Some of our most urgent needs are listed here. If you can help, please drop off your donation Monday–Saturday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., at our Kilbourn Ave. entrance. Thank you!*

### Christmas Needs

- New toys for children—from babies to teens
- Watches and jewelry
- Perfumes
- Lotions
- Soaps and loofahs
- Women's robes and slippers
- Gift cards
- Wrapping paper—enough to wrap hundreds of gifts!

### Clothing

- Socks and insulated gloves (men, women and children)
- Hats and scarves (men, women and children)
- Underwear (all sizes, especially children's sizes 2–6, men's & women's large sizes)
- Men's belts

### Kitchen Needs

- Juice
- Fruit
- Snack items

### Personal & Baby Care

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Pull-ups
- Baby wipes
- Spill-proof sippy cups, baby bottles
- Pain relievers, cough/cold/flu medications with no alcohol content (infant, child and adult strengths)
- Hand lotion
- Deodorant
- Vaseline

Every year a growing number of compassionate people in the community bless men, women and children who are, for the moment, calling the Milwaukee Rescue Mission home. Thanks to all for filling Christmas with good memories for those who come with nothing.



These halls fill with laughter, squeals of delight and good cheer thanks to the outpouring of generosity from volunteers, generous donors and new friends to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

## NEW TOYS NEEDED NOW

### Spread Christmas Joy to Children in Need!

Bring new, unwrapped gifts—\$10 minimum value, please—for hundreds of children (infants through teens) in time for Christmas Day! Please drop off your toys and gift items to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (8 a.m.–8 p.m., Mon.–Sat.) by December 13.

*Thank you!*

830 N. 19th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Call **(414) 935-0241** for more information.



# any ways to inspire hope!



“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

—Acts 20:35, NIV



Gifts provided by friends like you light up the faces of guests of all ages. Thank you for making Christmas special!

Bring smiles...  
touch hearts...  
give gifts...  
offer hope!

## **MRM's 2010 Christmas Gift Catalog**

You're not finished shopping until you look at our 2010 Christmas Gift Catalog online at [www.milmission.org/catalog](http://www.milmission.org/catalog). Make the season more memorable by giving food, shelter and other resources—whatever is most urgent—to men, women and children in need.

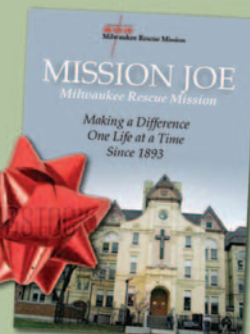
**Visit [www.milmission.org/catalog](http://www.milmission.org/catalog)**



## **Need a gift idea?**

Share our special coffee blend from Stone Creek Coffee with family and friends this holiday season. Give one-pound bags to teachers, the mailman or anyone else on your gift list and benefit the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

One-pound bags (\$10) are sold in our visitor's lobby, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. To have your coffee shipped, visit [www.milmission.org](http://www.milmission.org) and click on the “Mission Joe” icon to purchase a one-pound bag for our online price of \$12 per pound.



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# Thank You, Little Caesars®, for **Serving Up Love!**

On August 18, Little Caesars® Love Kitchen® rolled onto the Milwaukee Rescue Mission grounds, opened its mobile ovens and served piping hot pizza to 600 guests.

As hearty servings of slices were distributed freely, equally hearty thanks were heard from young and old alike.

Little Caesars® Love Kitchen® is a big-rig pizza kitchen on wheels—literally pizza to go!—that travels across the continental United States and Canada, meeting the needs of the hungry, the homeless and disaster victims.

Former presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush awarded The President’s Volunteer Action Award citation to Little Caesars for its volunteers’ contributions to the Little Caesars Love Kitchen. Local franchises donate food and staff for each Love Kitchen serving. The Little Caesars Love Kitchen has fed more than two million people in 48 states and four Canadian provinces.

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission is privileged to be included in this gesture of kindness. Thank you, Little Caesars, for caring!



## MRM's 5th Annual 18 Holes for the Homeless is a Great Success!

On September 20th, 120 golfers came out to raise more than \$40,000 for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Thank you to all who gave time and money to benefit homeless men, and women with children who receive food, shelter and other care at MRM.



Foursomes enjoyed a full day of golfing, lunch, appetizers and good will. This year's event was held at the beautiful Blue Mound Golf and Country Club in Wauwatosa. Congratulations to Eric Peter who took home the coveted MRM “Masters” jacket. Start practicing now and next year it could be yours!



Special thanks to our Event Sponsors and Food & Beverage Sponsors!

- Robert W. Baird
- JAX
- Husco International
- 7 Mile Fair
- Charlie & Cathy Walter

# memorial & in honor of gifts

## In memory of:

(gifts received from July 16, 2010, through September 15, 2010)

*Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones. A memorial gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a special way to offer hope to the hurting in the name of a friend or family member.*

**Bonita Marie ("Bonnie") Ahner**  
Donna Graebel

**Pastor G. Kenneth Andeen**  
Kathi Campbell

**Robert Bachleitner, dad**  
Roy & Janet McKnight

**Steven Bartley**  
The Lighthouse Clinic

**Paul E. Blank**  
James Bender

**Marlene Blasier**  
Christina & Ken Freda

**Kenneth Boissonnault, Sr.**  
Kenneth Boissonnault, Jr.

**Jan Borzykowski**  
Jody Medinger

**Robert J. Burbach**  
Balaraman & Lilian Kalyanaraman

**Jane Cenek**  
Camilia Cenek

**David Chyla, husband**  
Margaret Chyla

**Gretchen DeGarmo**  
Ann M. Hahn

**Robert Al Dotson, son**  
Nancy Vose

**Edward Freuden, father**  
The Freuden Family

**Jesse Ryan Gamache, grandson**  
Margaret Chyla

**Howard Gnewikow**  
Sharon Dehli

**Paul Grabczyk**  
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**Erin Gutknecht**  
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**Lee Hardesty**  
Roger & Sonja Hull

**Karin Hedman**  
Beverly Borkenhagen  
Creekside Books  
Victor Hedman (husband)  
Lars & Jody Hedman

**Donald Jennings**  
Denise Carrillo

**John**  
Joyce Johnstone

**Willard Juers**  
Marilyn Harthun  
Tana House  
Michael & Michelle Miller  
Grace Lilly Myers  
Rodney & Susan Myers  
Donald & Sally Parker  
William & Joyce Pokel  
Donald & Elaine Steinpreis  
David & Marilyn Walters  
Steven & Jean Wesolowski

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Joann Katzban

**Lowell Kendall, father**  
Steven & Wendy Lewensohn

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Ronald & Gloria Konkel

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Sarina Balistreri

**Jan Lauerman**  
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**Virginia ("Ginny") Petranech**  
William Petranech  
Carol Ziarniak

**Michael Quicker**  
Carol Meighen

**Barry Reinheimer, son**  
Byron Reinheimer

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Joe & Lisa Cordeiro

**Rick J. Ross**  
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**David Sapinsley**  
Karen Barnes  
Sheryl Dimberg  
Kim Geigler  
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Dawn Safran

**Tilman Severson**  
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**Melva E. Sorenson**  
Debbie Cailin  
Thomas J. Ward

**Aram Suris**  
Jane Schubilske

**Marie Webber**  
Joel Trowbridge

**Evelyn M. Weinberger, mother**  
Larry & Barb Weinberger

**Bob Zehner**  
Dorothy Schmidt

**Duane Zillner**  
Fredrick & Rosemarie Zillner

**Martha Bruss' 70th Birthday**  
James & DeDe Forester

**Bethany & John Schlueter**  
Judith Behnke  
Michael & Mary Campbell

**Joel S. Lee**  
Pauline Adams

**Ron's Birthday**  
Joyce Johnstone

**Jeanette Wawrzonkowski**  
Suzan Zacharski

**The God of Second  
(and More) Chances**  
Timothy & Jennifer Reusch

**A Very Special Friend**  
Keith McLean

**"Happy Birthday, Mom!"**  
Marjorie Palleon

**Lincoln Stanley's 1st Birthday**  
Mark & Denyse Stanley

**Kimberly Maley**  
Laura Jane Maley

**Special Friends**  
Keith McLean

**Grandson Casey Bradt's  
12th Birthday**  
Jack & Carolyn Bradt

**Kayleigh Neu**  
Alisha Neu

**Their 60th Wedding Anniversary**  
Donald & Donna Mundt

## In honor of:

(gifts received from July 16, 2010, through September 15, 2010)

*A gift to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is a great way both to provide hope and to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion!*

**Roy Gilley's 90th Birthday**  
Arlene & Stan Kasprzak  
Donna Hurd & Dennis Roeber

If you would like to give a gift in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in honor of a special occasion, please mail your gift and the name of the person(s) being remembered or honored to:

**Milwaukee Rescue Mission**  
**830 N. 19th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233**  
Or donate online at [www.milmission.org](http://www.milmission.org)

We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card. Please be sure to include their address.

The names published above represent gifts to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission greater than or equal to \$25.



# Yearning for a **Place,** **Purpose** and **Love**

God is patient. He works out His purpose in His own time. Because sometimes—oftentimes—we don't get it "right" the first go round.

That's the case for Tami. She first came to Joy House, our family shelter, in 2006. And now she's back. This time she's getting it right.

At age 27, this mother of four has experienced more than her share of chaos, loss, violence and fear. Part of her story reads like a movie—abduction, beatings,

she reflects. "And I had never been anyplace where you talk so much about God. I liked it!"

The love and support she felt motivated Tami to get to work on her anger and on other areas which needed attention. She attended parenting classes, and what she calls, "Jesus" classes. "I learned stuff I didn't understand before. Jesus loves me no matter what. Even when I'm depressed, He'll be right there."

With their physical needs met, Tami has been able to start saving money for a home for her family. Now living with her son in our Fresh Start program, she's on track to graduate from college in February, 2011. ("I can't wait to finish college!")

With the holidays approaching, Tami anticipates a new way of celebrating. "I can't wait to spend Thanksgiving with people who care for me and love me."

What gift does she appreciate most this holiday season? The opportunity to stay at Joy House. Speaking for others like her—mothers with children without a place to call home—Tami says, "If it wasn't for the people who give, [we'd] still be on the streets...our kids wouldn't have clothes. All of us are thankful for those who send money."

**"I can't wait to spend Thanksgiving with people who care for me and love me." –Tami**

hostage, escape. The heart of her story reveals a soul yearning for a place, purpose and love.

Prior to coming to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Tami lived house-to-house, finding shelter with friends or family or anyone who had a space for her to lay her head. She sometimes lived on the street. Finally it got to be too much. "I was tired of never having my own home, of depending on others who didn't care."

Tami arrived mid-2010 with her two-year-old son, Jerry and with some deep anger issues. "I wasn't talking to anyone,"

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