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provides a good meal at  
the Little Rock Compassion Center  
for someone who is hungry.

A few dollars more provides a bed and help  
to make a new start.

Your gifts give hope to people facing very hard times.  
Please consider making a gift today to provide food,  
shelter, education and spiritual support.

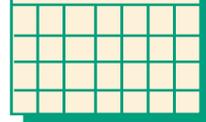
For 10 years people in need have found help for today  
and hope for tomorrow at the Little Rock  
Compassion Center. Support has come generously  
from friends like you who care. Thank you.

“He who is kind to the poor lends  
to the Lord, and He will reward  
him for what he has done.”

*Proverbs 19:17*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2009



May 10th –

Mothers Day



May 18th –

Annual Missions Banquet

June 22nd –

Fathers Day

July 4th –

Picnic



August 15th –

Back to School Give-A-Way

August 22nd –

Annual Homeless  
Birthday Party



November 26th –

Thanksgiving Meal

December 19th –

Toy Give-A-Way

December 25th –

Christmas Dinner



## 9TH ANNUAL MISSIONS BANQUET

May 18th, 7:00 p.m. • Sherwood Forest • 1111 W. Maryland, Sherwood, AR 72170



with guest speaker

**STEVE BURGER**

Former Executive Director and  
Past President of the  
Association of Gospel Rescue Missions

and entertainment by

**THE CRUSADERS  
QUARTET**

Award winning Southern  
Gospel Quartet



To RSVP, or to host a table, contact Rosemary Holloway  
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## *From Homeless to Happily Married*

Dan and Susan were delighted that they had found each other. With joy they said their "I do's" and gently kissed. It was a scene you might see at many weddings. But the couple at this wedding had a more unusual beginning.

Before coming to the Compassion Center, they were homeless and wandering on separate paths. They both found hardships and hurt in their lives, but now they are together in a safe place. They have found love for each other and healing through Jesus Christ.

Susanne had a rough life growing up. She was abused as a child and learned early on to work hard. She married when she was very young to another abusive man who did not support her or her family.

God led her to Arkansas and she came to us looking for a place to stay and something to do to keep her busy. Immediately she went to work helping sort clothes and later on helping in the Women's Center.

Staying and working at Compassion Center gave Susanne unexpected blessings. She began to see how hurts from her past burdened her.

In time she learned to put aside that baggage and move on. Healing came, along with life-skills to manage her resources more effectively.

Dan, a former Baptist minister, made poor choices that cost him his ministry, his family and his self esteem. With only the clothes on his back, he came to the door of the Compassion Center one rainy night to begin his recovery.

Dan went through our Christian 12-Step Recovery Program and decided to stay on and work with us. Now, three years later, Dan has his ministers license back and is now the Program Director and also works in dispatch.

On February 21st this year, Dan Smith and Susan Legg were married. She was attracted to Dan's kindness and thoughtfulness. He was amazed to find he was extremely lonely and didn't even realize it.

Together they continue ministering to the needy and follow God's plan for their lives. They look forward to growing closer to the Lord together. ❖

*There is victory through God's healing power and great blessing when we choose to follow Him.*



FROM THE  
*Pastor's Pen*

*Rev. William Holloway*  
Founder-Director



Our goal at the Compassion Center is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless and generally care, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the physical and spiritual needs of those whom we sometimes refer to as the least of God's children.

These needs are always with us, in good times or bad. But obviously the needs are greater when times are bad. We are presently, as a nation, in what some call an economic melt-down. Banks have failed; housing prices are disintegrating; the value of stocks are falling; companies are downsizing; jobs are being lost. We are presently facing a greater need for the services of the mission than ever before.

With these economic pressures some of our partner ministries have experienced a let down in giving. There are greater needs but fewer resources.

Thanks to the generosity of God's people, we have been able to care for the increased needs of those around us without staff cutbacks or having to reduce our services. Indeed, we have shared some of our supplies with other food pantries in the community who have not been able to keep up with the demand. We do not know what the future holds. We have no assurance that we will avoid the kind of hardship seen in many parts of the world. But we trust God and we rely on the faithfulness of God's people to help us continue ministering to the least, the last and the lost.

*William*

## People Served in 2008



Meals:	163,000
Beds:	54,000
Graduates from 12-Step Program:	20
Children helped:	225 children received school supplies
	315 children received toys



Hospitals refer their patients to the Little Rock Compassion Center when they have nowhere to recover after their hospital stay. The care he receives here will not only help him stay safe while he heals physically, but will also help him mend spiritually. He will be prepared to reenter the work force when he recovers.

## Helping Families and Children in Our Community



Emergency shelter for families and women and children are available, offering a safe place to stay at night.

## Come Visit Our Thrift Store

Would you want to help the homeless while recycling your good used household items and clothing? We rely on donated goods to fill our store shelves. You may call us at 501-296-9114 to schedule our truck to pick up your items or you bring in donations any time during store hours.

Income from the store supports the Mission's programs to provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless and restoration of hope for those in need.



## Opportunities to Help!

Your donations of time, talent, food, thrift store items, or financial donations would be graciously received! Your contributions can significantly impact the lives of those in need.

### TIME AND TALENTS NEEDED TO:

- Serve meals
- Teach Bible study
- Sort clothing
- Hold drives for clothing, food, and toys



### NEEDS LIST:

- Bar soap
- Single sheets
- Single blankets
- Bath towels
- Shaving cream
- Disposable razors
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Laundry soap
- Non-perishable food items



You can find a donation form at [www.lrcompassioncenter.org/contact.php](http://www.lrcompassioncenter.org/contact.php), or contact us at:

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