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Covid-19 Update!



MIAMI RESCUE MISSION
& BROWARD OUTREACH CENTERS

Serving the Homeless since 1922

August 2020

We Continue Serving People in Great Need During this Pandemic

Dear Caring Place Friend,

We are certainly living in very strange times. So much has happened in the past few months that it is sometimes hard to cope with everyday life. Our centers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and are taking precautions every day to ensure the safety of our men, women, and children experiencing homelessness, our staff, visitors and volunteers. We are so thankful for the generosity and compassion of our supporters in South Florida. We have increased cleaning routines and made sanitizing stations freely available. We have purchased special disinfecting machines which are used throughout the day.

Here is what we are doing to help protect our residents and our community:

- Increasing our cleaning frequency throughout the day
- Heightening protocol on all sanitation efforts
- Educating our employees on preventative measures provided by the CDC
- Ensuring that all standard operating procedures are being strictly upheld

We are helping our homeless population practice social distancing and by having people “shelter in place,” which means we are housing all of our residents for 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These efforts have increased the costs of ministry operations significantly.

We are serving more meals, giving out more supplies, using more paper goods, increasing the load on our utilities, and finding more ways to occupy our guests. Our Miami Center for Men continues to provide boxed meals for the unsheltered homeless. We need your financial help as we approach the fall and holiday seasons.

We are working tirelessly to combat the spread and impact of the coronavirus in the groups we serve — the poorest of the poor. We are also helping those who are alone — not because they are self-isolating, but because they have few friends or relatives...no one to inquire about their well-being and take action if needed.

Please send in your best gift today and help others during these very challenging times or donate online at www.caringplace.org/virus.

We are praying for you and your loved ones, please continue to pray for the men, women, and children in our centers, our staff, volunteers, our country, and for each other.

All God's best to you! Stay safe and healthy,

Rev. Ronald Brummitt,
President



Visit www.caringplace.org/virus to make an online gift!

Ways to Help during Covid-19:

- Start a drive to collect much needed items
- Use your social media to raise awareness about homelessness @no1ishomeless
- When you shop Amazon — simply follow these steps:
 1. Ensure you are logged into your Amazon Prime account
 2. Go to smile.Amazon.com and click “get started”
 3. Select “pick your own charitable organization” and type in “miami rescue mission”

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact us at:

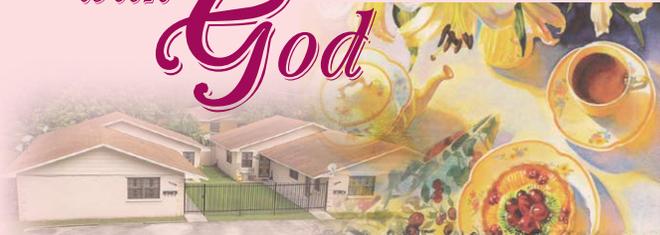
Miami: 305-571-2227 • Broward: 954-620-4017

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!!!

Leticia sponsored meals to give back to the community!

Big shout out to **Leticia Johnson** who decided to celebrate her birthday by **buying 200 meals** from Pollo Tropical for our **Center for Men in Hollywood**. She wanted to celebrate her day by giving to those that need some hope. Because of her compassion, everybody had a nutritious “birthday” meal. **Thank you Leticia for your compassion!**

Tea Time with God



All proceeds go to **SAFE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING** for women and children coming out of domestic violence and homelessness.

Girlfriends 4 Girlfriends Second Annual Women's Conference



September 12th

Saturday
Conference by ZOOM

From 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

ZOOM link will be provided by email or text

Call for tickets **305-571-2206**

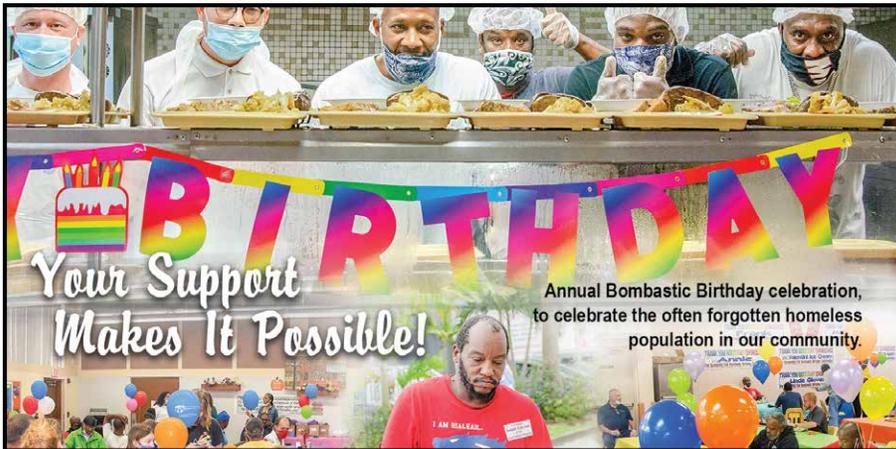
or go to website:

www.caringplace.org/G4G

• by ZOOM:
Connect at 9:50 AM
(link will be provided by email or text)

Ticket Price
\$35

- ♦ \$10.00 ticket.
- ♦ \$25 G4G donations (tax deductible)

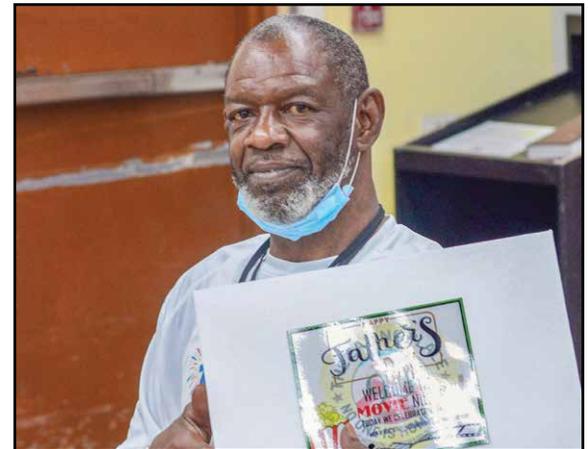


Bombastic Birthday Celebration

With an abundance of caution and practicing social distancing, our centers in Miami and Broward showered our residents and homeless guests with a special birthday meal accompanied by cupcakes and ice cream in June. From the birthday decorations, to the special gifts and handmade birthday cards, everyone felt the love of our community.

Alan, a program resident said, *"I have been homeless for months and today made me feel really special."*

Special thanks to the following sponsors: Maria Ulivi, State Farm, Greisy Cabanas Agency, Valentini Icen Cream, Linda Glover, Frank, and Annie.



Father's Day Celebration

Over 100 homeless men in our centers in Miami and Broward attended a special celebration prepared for them including a movie, pizza, chicken wings, and special gifts for Father's Day.

Pastor Joey from Fresh Church, **Pastor Dave** from Forward Fellowship, and Commissioner **Esteban Bovo, Jr.** of District 13 reminded the dads how important their role is in their children's lives. Special thanks to **Chick-fil-A** at Pembroke Lakes Mall for providing delicious food.



New Beds Donated

The **"Goodfellas"** Men's Ministry from **Metro Life Church**, with **Pastors Alessi's** blessing, took on the challenge to collect funds to provide 60 new mattresses for our Miami Center for Men. During this pandemic, the new beds are super appreciated by our residents. It was quite a project and the men pitched in to remove the old tattered mattresses in exchange for the new - just like they are doing with their lives - exchanging their past for a new future. *Thank you "Goodfellas" and Metro Life Church!*



Volunteer Spotlight: James Safilian

This month we recognize the amazing work of our Volunteer/ Ambassador **James Safilian**. For the last 6 years, James has generously given of his time by working closely with his Church, **Boca Raton Community Church**, to collect much needed clothes for our residents. James says, "I call on my friends to ask for their support. I can't do what I do without them." We are so thankful for James and his friends.



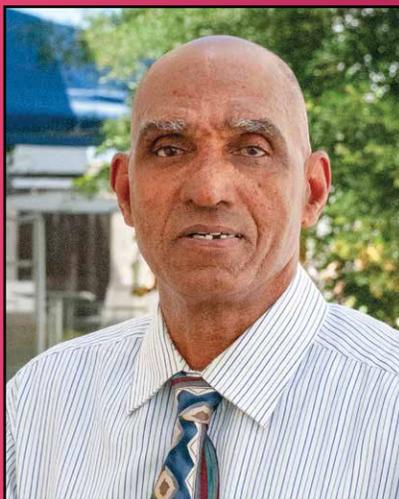
10,000 Masks are Donated!

Luke Elegant (pictured on the right) and his brother **Hudson** (pictured on the left side) have been volunteering at the Mission since they were small children. Luke partnered with his college friends to bless our community. He works as a sales agent at **Clinical Supplies USA**, where they supply personal protection equipment (PPE). Through conversations with the agency, Luke managed to set up a donation for 10,000 masks to be used for the homeless and needy. What a super blessing during this pandemic. *Thank You!*



Volunteering through ZOOM

Gabby Teixeira has a special relationship with families in our centers. She is passionate about education and has been helping women and children during this crisis. Gabby purchased summer books and even yoga mats for them. She uses yoga to teach the importance of movement for physical and mental health. Gabby has not let the lack of onsite volunteering stop her from helping. She is now providing online classes and is a blessing to so many.



Dennis is a New Person!

I became a street hustler at a young age which led me to criminal activities. This led to juvenile detention, jail, and prison. I hurt everyone that I loved. I destroyed my life and became homeless. I had family that would let me sleep on their porch, but not in the house. One Sunday, I went to the Mission for a meal and as I was leaving, a guy that I knew called me. He gave me some advice and five dollars before I left. Later, I thought about what he said and it stayed with me. I told myself I was going to the Mission to get help and the salvation I needed. When I first arrived, I has no idea of how I could change my ways. But thank God, the Mission really helped me get to where I am today. My number one goal is to stay connected to God, complete the program, and to stay connected to the Mission. I want to help people get their lives back on track; help people get off the sidewalks; out of abandoned buildings; from sleeping in cars; and help them get a new life in Christ and a new future. I'm very thankful for everyone that supports this place and has helped me so much. I'm a new person!

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