



RESCUE MISSION OF EL PASO

September 2017

For many kids, heading back to school means picking out school supplies and navigating a new class schedule. However, some kids have more serious things to worry about, such as where they are going to sleep that night. Here is what the Rescue Mission is doing to help:



For the ten school age children currently staying at the Rescue Mission, we provide a stable place for them to live. Instead of jumping from place to place, kids have the stability they need while parents apply for housing, look

for jobs, or search out an affordable apartment. The children at the Mission do not have to worry where they are sleeping that night, because they have a bed to come home to.

According to the 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report, the number of homeless children under 18 was 120, 819. That equates to 22% of the homeless population.¹

Families have access to three meals a day, including breakfast before they head to school. We also work with the parents of children staying at the Mission to help them build a more stable family environment. For example, one of our Relapse Prevention graduates went through the recovery program while staying in our family wing with her elementary-age boy. Not only did we provide stable housing for this family, but this mom is also able to be a better parent to her son through the skills she learned in the RP program.

We can only continue to assist the families and kids at the Mission with your help! One way you can help the kids prepare for the school year is by donating school supplies such as notebooks, pencils, pens, durable backpacks, highlighters, binders, college and wide ruled paper, and composition books. Additionally, we are developing a tutoring program for both kids and adults, and need tutors with experience teaching all subjects grades K-12, as well as ESL and GED prep classes.



Thank you so much for all that you do for the Rescue Mission. The task of caring for so many people who are homeless may seem overwhelming, but we have learned that God always provides the means of caring for his children. And God uses people like you to supply those resources. Thank you and God bless you for sharing your blessings with God's children who are homeless.



Birthday Club

Every month, WellCare staff brings a cake and ice cream to celebrate all of our residents who have birthdays that month. All residents are welcome to join in on the fun and honor those with a birthday that month. July was our first official party and our residents enjoyed celebrating and are looking forward to future Birthday Club parties.



Christmas in July

The Gospel Service at Ft. Bliss blessed the residents with a Christmas in July event. They handed out backpacks filled with essentials such as socks, water bottles, notebooks and granola bars. The Gospel Service members also spent time getting to know our residents and praying for them.



Red Carpet Premiere



Same Kind of Different as Me October 18th

Individual Ticket: \$20*

Contact Teresa Filyes for sponsorship opportunities or questions at t.filyes@rmelp.org or 915-532-2575

*The proceeds from ticket sales go directly to support the work of the Rescue Mission.



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1. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: "The 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress," Nov. 2016. <<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2016-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>>