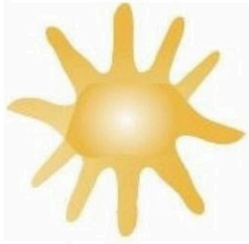


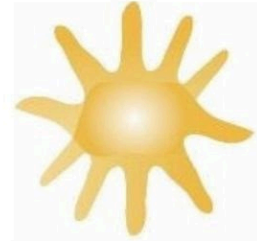
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A Place Where All are Welcome

Summer 2024

Greetings from the Site Director:

It amazes me how time flies by so fast. We are heading into the half mark of the year. It has been busy over the last several months at the Center. The number of showers, homeless clothes give away and meals have increased. We have 8 to 12 showers a day, the same or more with clothes, & meals are averaging 35 to 40 per day.

At Easter time, we gave our Elderly Food Baskets out. They received ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, eggs, margarine, cake mix & frosting. They were so happy to receive the food basket. We will do another one for 4th of July. It will have hot dogs, hamburger patties with buns, chips, baked beans, cookies, & Jello.

May brought the Postal Food Drive, where we received 7,064 pounds of food items. It made for a busy afternoon for the volunteers. They had to load food at the Post Offices (2) and take to the center unload it, weigh and sort cans from other items. They then stacked tubs of food. We had great volunteers and we really appreciate them making time to help us on Mother's Day weekend. We sorted and checked dates on the dry items. We have to do the canned items this month.

We are shorthanded on volunteers right now. Francisco, one of our regular everyday volunteers, had heart surgery and will be out for 4 to 6 weeks. One of our Ser-Job workers, James finished the program and the program will not have any new participants until in July. So we are down one worker and they cut Connie's hours to 11 hours a week. If anyone would like volunteer and see what the Center is all about this would be a great time to help. Call me at 913-233-2511 M-F 7am to 12pm.

The one thing I can always depend on, is the help from the people in the congregations with their donations. We could not do this ministry without YOU and your donations, & volunteering. God has blessed the Center with people that are committed to serving the less fortunate and the homeless people in our area. WE THANK YOU for the years of support and prayers for the Center of Hope.

Everyone have a marvelous summer and stay safe.

Blessings and Thanks,
Marsha Nave

