

WRM NEWS

June Numbers

- 2,772 Meals served
- 429 Boxes of food distributed
- 19 Showers provided
- 653 Nights of shelter provided for men
- 150 Nights of shelter provided for ladies

Healthy Changes

In the coming months, we will be making changes to the food we offer at the Rescue Mission. After an encounter with a resident who struggles with diabetes who had just consumed two pieces of cake and was "saving a Reeses candy bar for later," we determined we need to make a change. We will keep you updated as changes come.

Coming Up

- July 19** Community Lunch
- July 20** Ladies Auxiliary Picnic
- August 5** Big announcement

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New Logo New Look

We have a new look! As a mission, we are members of Citygate Network. Citygate Network connects us with other missions across the country which is helpful in terms of advocating with the government as well as connecting resources. This past year, Citygate changed its name from AGRM (Association of Gospel Rescue Missions) to Citygate. With their name change, they changed their logos and color schemes. We felt this would be a good time for us to update our logo and align our color schemes to match those of Citygate. Not only did we change our logo we were able to get a mural painted on the Mens Facility.





Jerry's Doing Better

As many of you know, Jerry had two strokes on June the 25th. These strokes affected Jerry's ability to talk and swallow. Jerry spent a little over a week at Winchester Medical Center. He was then moved to Winchester Rehab. Both facilities did an amazing job caring for our friend Jerry. He is set to be back here at the mission on Wednesday July 17th. Jerry is still unable to talk or swallow. Since he is unable to swallow, he must be fed through a feeding tube three times a day. One of the things that make the Winchester Rescue Mission such an amazing place, is seeing how the residents and volunteers come together to ensure that Jerry is cared for. There is no doubt that Jerry is a big part of the mission. Thanks for the continued support and prayers for Jerry. We look forward to seeing him back at the mission and back behind the desk soon! Thanks for being patient with us as we fill the holes left in Jerry's absence.

Liz Turner, a local community member had the vision to paint a mural on the Men's Facility. Liz teamed up with local artist, Sarah Gallahan, and comment members to paint the mural. The mural was inspired by Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Our new mural has made the Misson stand out and has given opportunities to have incredible conversations in regards to homelessness in our community.

Notes from Brandan

May and June were busy, but amazing months! I had the opportunity of going to Los Angeles and seeing first hand the devastation facing many on Skid Row. Thanks to our membership with Citygate, I was able meet with Reverend Andy Bales, the CEO of the Union Rescue Mission on Skid Row. It was amazing to see the hard work they are putting in to serve those living there devastated by Homelessness. As a staff at the mission, we had the chance to go to Palm Springs for the annual Citygate Conference. At the conference, we were able to learn better ways for us to serve our guests and residents. While there, we toured the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. This Mission gave us great ideas as well as resources to help move folks from needing rescue to helping rescue others. In the coming weeks, you will see changes at the Mission as we will be implementing Mission Tracker. This is a software system that will allow us to track our residents closer to ensure that they are getting connected to the help and resources they need. With this implementation, we will also be using Volunteer Tracker; we hope this allows us to stay in better communication with our volunteers. Lastly, I need you to know about an upcoming fundraiser we are doing here at the mission. But, I can't tell you what it is yet! Stay tuned to our newsletter next month. Thanks for all you do to support the Winchester Rescue Mission. We could not do what we do if it were not for your support!

