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The Rescue Mission of Trenton is the agency in the City of Trenton that serves the truly needy men and women who have no place to turn for shelter, food, and clothing. The Mission provides a safe, clean, warm refuge for the homeless, the hungry, the transient, the addicted. The Mission provides services and counseling to encourage individuals to reach their greatest potential. The Mission creates an environment where one can live with dignity, build self-esteem, experience love, responsibility and hope.

Services include:

Vince's Place: Licensed by the State of NJ, Department of Human Services, as a Residential Addictions Treatment Facility (75 beds).

Outpatient Program: Substance abuse care for men and women providing counseling sessions, group counseling sessions, and addiction education. Referral for medical, behavioral health care, and other services as appropriate.

Robinson Program: Licensed by the State of NJ, Department of Community Affairs, Class C Rooming & Boarding House (50 beds).

Weekend Soup Kitchen

Emergency clothing and furniture

Emergency Shelter: Shelter for single men and women. Licensed by the State of NJ, Department of Community Affairs.

TEACH Program: Individuals are provided training in GED preparation, basic literacy, reading/writing skills, job seeking skills and computer and word processing skills.

Industrial Salvage: Donated materials are collected by route trucks and processed and sold through the Carroll Street Store and warehouse. The Mission depends on Industrial Salvage for 40% of its operating budget.

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The Times Selects the Mission as the Recipient of Times Holiday Appeal

The Rescue Mission of Trenton was selected as *The Times* 2010 Holiday Appeal recipient.

In a kick-off front-page story in *The Times* on November 21, 2010, Brian Malone the paper's editor/publisher said, "In these difficult economic times, there are many indications that giving to local charities has fallen off. We must never forget our neighbors in need. For this reason, I am pleased to announce that this year's campaign will raise funds for our longtime neighbor across Perry Street, the Rescue Mission of Trenton."

At the outset of the campaign, it was announced that Hutchinson Industries Inc., a long-time stalwart corporate supporter of the Mission, was pledging to match the first \$25,000 raised by the community. This was the largest contribution ever made to the Holiday Appeal. The international company makes mobility and safety components for wheeled vehicles. They employ 400 workers at seven facilities in Trenton. Its then president, Pascal Seradarian, has been an active member of the Mission Board for many years.

"We recognize that these are very difficult times for many in our region, but hope that our challenge grant will spur *Times* readers to be as generous as they can," said Seradarian. By December 12th the community had responded to the Hutchinson Industries challenge and the campaign topped \$50,000 in support of the Mission's broad range of programs for the homeless, the hungry, the transient and the addicted.

During the course of the campaign some twenty-five stories highlighted the Mission's history, programs, services, underlying philosophy, new initiatives and successes - individuals who through their hard-work and dedication triumphed over their circumstances - people like Furnie Gaines, Wayne Frascella, Rodney Hargis, Tyrone Riley and Alvin Ruiz. "I have no doubt whatsoever that enormous success of the campaign was in large part due to the inspiring personal stories that appeared in *The Times*.

At this time, I want to thank the various clients who agreed to tell their personal story. It was through these stories that the community learned about the real work of the Mission and got to know something about the clients that we are dedicated to serving. For some it took real courage to tell their story. I want to express my sincere thanks for what they did for the Mission 'family,'" said Mary Gay Abbott-Young, the Mission's CEO.



From left, Pascal Seradarian, president of Hutchinson Industries, Mary Gay Abbott-Young, CEO of the Rescue Mission of Trenton, and Brian Malone, publisher and editor of *The Times*

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Comments by Contributors to *The Times* Appeal

"The Mission is a wonderful organization that truly does great things" **John & Michelle Killeen of Robbinsville**

"Our family is honored to continue our support of the Rescue Mission and the many contributions the Mission makes to our community" **The Siekerka Family**

"You chose a worthy cause for your Holiday Appeal this year. Our students and staff will open their hearts and wallets to help." **Helping Hands Club of Antheil Elementary School of Ewing**

"The Mission has done a great deal for me. I could never pay back what I got from the Mission. Never!" **Wayne Frascella of Trenton**

"Though I did not come through the mission, I came through a place similar to it. Point blank. It saved my life." **Anthony Conover of Yardville**

"It's the people of the mission that make all the difference." **Patrick Courtney of Pemberton**

"Not only did the Mission save my life, the mission is responsible for rebuilding my life." **Richard B. of Trenton**

"The Mission gave me back my husband." **Carol Homan of Pemberton**

"The Mission made me a better man and better father – and made me believe everybody can change." **Brian Gentry Sr. of Trenton**

"I consider the mission a major blessing in my life. Vince's Place allowed me to finally see and accept the fact that I had a major problem with drugs and alcohol and myself. It was a place where I started to rebuild myself and start with a strong foundation." **Benjamin DeJesus**

"While at the Rescue Mission I was able to obtain skills that I know will help me deal with living life. Today I can honestly say that I am a recovering addict living and enjoying life 'just one day at a time.' I truly thank the Rescue Mission and Mary Gay for helping me get a better perspective on life." **Alexander Ortiz of Trenton**

It was through this program [Vince's Place] that I was set up to not only attend vocational training at Mercer County VoTech, but to also have, for the first time, my own apartment. My life has changed, so much for the better!" **Vernon Green of Trenton**

"After completing and staying at the mission, I've been able to establish myself as an understanding citizen with responsibilities." **Tyrone Riley of Trenton**

"I came to the Rescue Mission in June 2008. I am 2½ years clean from alcohol. This place literally saved my life. I tried suicide and lost everything I had. Now I am in great shape and thank them for my life." **Kennard Dicker of Trenton**

"Thanks for the work you do daily! You helped my sister Ann, many times." **Donald Weinbaum of Burlington**

"As a former resident and current staff member, I can say that the mission gave me the support, friendship and the time to pick myself up, heal and get my life back on track." **Philip Heffernan of Trenton**

"Spending six months in the addiction and work therapy program at Vince's Place was an incredible experience. It brought faith and hope back in my life. For anyone out there on the streets that's down and can't seem to live their life because of alcohol, drugs or any type of addiction, the Rescue Mission is there to help you. All you have to do is want it because there are a lot of people at the mission that want to help. The Rescue Mission is a place where miracles take place and I'm beginning to feel like one of them." **Michael Jones of Trenton**

"My late husband always considered Furnie Gaines as a good friend and fellow Trenton Rotarian. Please accept this in his memory." **"Pete" Bixby of Lawrence**

"About six years ago my life was such a horrible mess that I didn't want to live anymore and I had given up any chance of hope. I truly believe that God sent Mary Gay and the Vince's Place program into my life to restore what I believed was dead. What was torn down is now built back up, and what didn't feel loves is now felt with love immeasurable. Today the tears I cry are tears of joy and happiness." **Jim Stokes of Trenton**

Comments by Contributors to *The Times Appeal*...continued

"I just want to say how important the mission has been to me. I was homeless, helpless, penniless and tired of using drugs. There was no where I could go. But there came Mary Gay and the mission. I spend two years and my life has taken a 360 from then. I am no longer any of the above. God bless Mary Gay and the Mission." **William Spears of Trenton**

"When I lived in the Trenton area, I was able to observe firsthand the marvelous work of the Mission through its many programs. The bottom line is that this organization makes a difference in the lives of people throughout the year, every year. Addiction, homelessness, hunger and lack of a job are just some of the problems that the outstanding Rescue Mission staff focuses on as they improve the lives of the most needy in the area." **Ken & Dee Tillman of Locust Grove, Va.**

"The Times Appeal continues to be a wonderful and successful fundraiser year after year. We are pleased to be a part of this important endeavor, and are happy to make a donation to support the important work of the Rescue Mission of Trenton." **George A. Pruitt, President of Thomas Edison State College**

"May this small donation help the Rescue Mission continue its wonderful work for the community." **Larry & Marie DiCarlo of Hamilton**

"This donation is in memory of my late husband, Furnie Gaines." **Thomasine Gaines**

"Thanks for the work you do daily! You helped my sister." **Philomena Melody of Hamilton**

"Thank you for all the wonderful help you give to those in need." **Sam & Aiden of Titusville**

"This year I lost my youngest brother to alcoholism. If he had lived much longer, he would likely have been in need of services from the Rescue Mission. I send this gift as a memorial contribution to my brother, David, and in recognition of Mary Gay's commitment and the work of the Rescue Mission." **Joe Walsh of Ewing**

"The Rescue Mission of Trenton does incredible work in the community. I was especially inspired to donate after reading Mr. Frascella's story. Attached is a check in memory of my brother." **Sandra Oropel of Hamilton**

"Enclosed is a small donation to the Appeal. It is all I can afford. If everyone would give what they could the Mission would have lots of money to help the homeless. Everyone who can help should help." **Jerome**

"May those served be blessed with the spirit of this most holy season." **Pasquale Colavita of Lawrence**

"Every day, during 'lunch bunch' in the counseling office, the children of Antheil read the letters accompanying the donation to the Rescue Mission of Trenton printed in *The Times*. The wonderful comments written by friends of the Mission inspire our students to contribute more. Staff members have also contributed to the three 'installments' we've contributed so far. We are so happy that many kind folks recognize what a worthy cause and deserving cause the Rescue Mission truly is." **The students of Antheil Elementary School of Ewing with a note from Donna Steinmetz**

"I have been very moved by the continuing series of stories about the work of the Rescue Mission. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to support the Mission." **Ellen Saxon of Lawrence**

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"I would be remiss if I also did not express my appreciation to the almost 300+ *Times* readers who made contributions and those who took the time to write wonderful sentiments about the work of the Mission," said Mary Gay Abbott-Young, CEO.

The campaign concluded with \$92,247 raised, a 100% increase over the amount raised in 2009. The Mission wants to thank Brian Malone for choosing the Mission as the appeal's recipient and Laurie Pellichero, *Times* staff writer, for the many stories she wrote and her outstanding ability to coordinate the program. Her meticulous conveying of comments accompanying donations was greatly appreciated and contributed immeasurably to the campaign's success.

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A hole from the Adam Shanks Memorial Miniature Golf Masters Tournament mimics the Trenton bridge.

Five years ago, the tournament was renamed in honor of the late Adam Shanks, who served for more than 30 years on the Rescue Mission board of directors, including terms as president and treasurer. Adam was an avid golfer. His wife, Ruth Shanks, attended last year's tournament, which was a huge success with more than 125 guests.

The upcoming event will again feature two courses designed by the Mission's staff and residents, a silent auction, a wide assortment of trophies and a "summertime" barbecue with all the trimmings. And, of course, lots of good-natured golf ribbing.

"What makes the event so special is that it is a product of the combined talent, commitment and support of the Mission staff, volunteers and supporters," said Mary Gay Abbott-Young, the Mission's CEO.

To participate in the event or donate an item to the silent auction, or to be a corporate sponsor, call the Rescue Mission of Trenton at (609) 695-1436 ext. 102 or go to www.rescuemissionoftrenton.org for more information.

Mini-golf benefits Rescue Mission

The Rescue Mission of Trenton, the recipient of this year's Times Holiday Appeal, is celebrating its 95th anniversary. Since its founding in 1915, the Mission has provided a warm, safe, clean refuge for those who have fallen on hard times.

The Rescue Mission's annual fundraising event is not a fancy gala or golf tournament held at a country club, but rather a unique indoor miniature golf tournament staged in the corridors and nooks and crannies of the Mission complex.

The 7th Annual Adam Shanks Memorial Mission Miniature Golf Masters Tournament will be held Friday, March 18, 2011, at the Rescue Mission. Tee time will be 11:30 a.m. The barbecue/awards ceremony will follow at 1:30 p.m.

At this year's golf event there will be a first-ever hole-in-one contest with a \$10,000 prize for anyone who qualifies and sinks a 50 foot putt.

THE MISSION CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR SUPPORT

If you did not respond to our Annual Appeal or contribute to *The Times* Holiday Appeal, please consider contributing at this time. We cannot serve those most in need in our community without your continued support.

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- ✓ The Church & Dwight Company, Inc. Employee Giving Fund has made an end-of-the-year \$50,000 award to the Mission. The Fund is derived from employee contributions matched by company dollars.
- ✓ The following groups made the holiday at the Mission special: The Princeton Garden Statesmen once again sang holiday carols at the Mission. St. Marks United Methodist Church, Pier One of Oxford Valley Mall, and the Princeton Corridor Rotary donated toys for the children of our residents. The Macadonia Church of God and Christ knitted scarves for clients who come to the emergency shelter, Dana Lopes of Rider University held a Christmas Decoration Sale at Rider and Blue Mountain Sports of the Princeton Shopping Center conducted a holiday coat drive.
- ✓ The following entities collected items for hygiene kits that were assembled and provided to all of the residents and clients of the Mission: The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Klatzkin & Company LLP, Bloomberg LP, and the State Street Foundation. The following universities and companies took up holiday collections on behalf of the Mission: Widener School of Law, Rider University, and Wilmington Trust.
- ✓ The following Emergency Shelter Associates (ESA) and Residential Program Associates (RPA) really came through during the recent snow storms: James Baxter, Richard Brown, Marie Culmer, Robert Hamilton, Henry Hilton, Latasha Ingram, Michael Keenan, and Brian Gentry. Plus Philip Heffernan, Maintenance Associate. The ESAs and RPAs are employed on an hourly basis by the Mission. Many of these folks walk to work, but someone managed to get to the Mission. A number of them worked double shifts and enabled us to stay open. We really appreciate their efforts!