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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 New Mission Store Re-Opening Festival



On August 23rd, the Mission celebrated the re-opening of the new look Mission Store with a free community festival from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The family event featured the highly acclaimed salsa band Grupo Milenio. More than 500+ attendees participated in the celebration.

Group Milenio performed in the Mission courtyard off of Ewing Street at 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, and at 2:30 pm. In between their performances a disc jockey played a wide range of recorded music that was enjoyed by all.

Entry to the event was through the Mission store located on Carroll Street. Everyone attending the event received a coupon good for one free garment from the Mission Store. There were hourly prize drawings for gifts and store merchandise, and plenty of free popcorn and slushies. The children were entertained by free face painting, the Castle Bounce, balloons, free toys, and visits from their favorite friends, Elmo, Scooby Doo, Batman, and Dora the Explorer.

"The event was a tremendous success. A great time was had by all and lots of folks were exposed to the Mission

Store for the first-time. This is something I'd like to do for the community on an annual basis," indicated Mary Gay Abbott-Young, the Mission's CEO.

The Mission Store is Trenton's largest retail store with more than 10,500 square feet of space. It is a family department store that features new and used furniture; appliances; an ever changing selection of household item and bric-a-brac; and rack after rack of

clothing organized by gender, type and color.

The Mission wishes to thank Richard Bilotti, the publisher of The Times, for allowing us to utilize the paper's parking lot for the event and the staff of the Trenton YWCA, under the able leadership of Roberto Hernandez, for assisting us with the publicizing the event.

FOCUS ON

...Carolyn Daniels



Carolyn Daniels is extremely excited about serving on the Mission Board of Directors and the Mission is equally excited about having her. Carolyn is a highly respected healthcare executive with more than two decades of diverse management experience. After brief stints as a public school guidance counselor and case manager in a supervised shelter program for runaway adolescents, Carolyn found her calling in the health care field.

Over the years, Carolyn has held a series of progressively responsible not-for profit and for-profit health care positions. She began her career as a Supervisor and then Assistant Director of the Trenton Community Mental Health Center (CMHC). She then served as a Program Coordinator and moved up to Director of the Chemical Dependency Unit at the Helen Fuld Medical Center. She served as Director of Health Services for Mercy Health Plan. Carolyn served in various executive clinical roles, including National Director of Medical Management Operations. She also co-managed the AmeriChoice Behavioral Health Company as Chief Clinical Officer and was Executive Director for Behavioral Health at the first AmeriChoice health plan in Pennsylvania.

Recently Carolyn returned to AmeriChoice from OptumHealth's Public Sector Growth Solutions Segment, where she served as Vice President Strategic Accounts & Business Development. Prior to OptumHealth, she served as Vice President Strategic Accounts and Vice President Operations for United Behavior Health's Public Sector.

In her current position as Regional Vice President, Business Development Carolyn is one of two people currently assigned to oversee the company's efforts to secure public sector Medicaid and Medicare managed care plan business. She recently oversaw the effort to submit a bid proposal in response to an RFP in Texas and is now working with her team to submit a proposal to the state of Georgia. Carolyn indicates that the preparation of a proposal is a very involved process that entails talking to a wide range of stakeholders, physicians and practitioners to obtain a complete understanding of the manner in which services are currently delivered and how they need to be provided to best serve the needs of clients. Carolyn, who travels extensively east of the Mississippi, works out of the firm's Philadelphia office, but also maintains a home office at her home in Trenton.

Carolyn was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where her mother and siblings remain. She received her B.S. Degree from Central State University; a historic black college, located in Wilberforce, Ohio and subsequently secured her M.A. in Education from Kutztown University and a Doctor of Health Science from Nova Southeastern University. Upon graduating from Kutztown University she settled in Philadelphia. For more than a decade she commuted from her home in Philadelphia to her positions at Trenton CMHC and at Helene Fuld. In 1998, while living and working in Philadelphia, Carolyn decided it was time to buy a home. After looking at many homes in Philadelphia and in other areas she decided to relocate to Trenton's Hiltonia section where a number of her friends resided. Thus, for the past ten years she has done a reverse commute to Philadelphia.

When not involved in work you can often find Carolyn in the kitchen perusing her life-long hobby of cooking. While working in Philadelphia, Carolyn earned her A.A. Degree in Culinary Arts from the Restaurant School of Philadelphia. In addition to the rigorous course requirements, students were required to do an intensive in-the-field internship. Carolyn interned at the Holiday Inn in downtown Philadelphia on Saturdays for two and a half years. During this time she worked with and became close friends with Charles McIntire, PhD., certified nutritionist and chief whose responsibilities included Director of Operations at the Inn, who today is her partner in a catering business that specializes in private parties.

Over the years, while working in the City of Trenton, Carolyn served on a wide range of community-based organizations including the Mercer County Human Services Advisory Council and City of Trenton Homeless Task Force. Likewise while in Philadelphia she volunteered at the local YWCA and served on the Board of the YMCA of Germantown.

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FROM DRINKING STERNO TO GET HIGH TO BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR KIDS



Furnie Gaines, Director of Support Services at the Rescue Mission of Trenton, is a present-day hero. For his amazing story, go to www.rescuemissionoftrenton.org



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Furnie Gaines, Director of Support Services at the Mission, proudly displays a proclamation given to him by Antheil Elementary School in Ewing stating that he is the school's "Present-Day Hero" on posters at the Princeton Junction train station. The posters were up during August and September. Gaines overcame many obstacles 20 years ago with the help of the Mission. He has been a guest speaker at the school for five years providing inspiration for Antheil's annual Helping Hands Coat Drive for the Rescue Mission. For further information on his amazing story, to www.rescuemissionoftrenton.org.



Conwell Egan Catholic High School of Fairless Hills, PA 2008 basketball team lead by Head Coach Rick Sabol, volunteered their services to represent the Rescue Mission in this year's Kinney Walk which was held on June 8th. The Mission has already received a firm commitment from Coach Sabol that the team would be 'walking' again next year.

Carolyn Daniels *(Continued from page 2)*

When asked why she opted, given her very hectic work schedule to serve on the Mission Board of Directors, Carolyn's immediate response was "we all must give back. God blessed me and I'm obligated to return some of the grace." Further she indicated, that "she truly loves being on the board."

Carolyn is currently serving on the Mission Special Events Committee that helps to plan the Mission's Annual Adam Shanks Memorial Mission Miniature Golf Tournament. Eventually she hopes to assist the Mission in their efforts to reach-out to the community. She would love to see the Mission implement a project that would help build self-esteem among teenage parents, both mothers and fathers

Robert Lewis, Ph.D., the Board's President, indicates that "Carolyn combines a real concern for people and a diverse range of experiences and expertise in the health care field. We are extremely fortunate to have a person with her talents and proven track record on the board." Mary Gay Abbott-Young, the Mission's CEO, knew Carolyn well from her stint in Trenton and is extremely pleased that Carolyn has joined the Mission board. "It is comforting to know that whenever a problem arises relating to client support services health care, I can pick-up the phone and tap into Carolyn's vast reservoir of health care knowledge and practical experience. She's always willing to help and is deeply committed to making a difference in the City of Trenton."

Did You Know... Did You Know ...

Mission Welcomes New Staff

New additions to the Mission staff include: Johanna Guzman, Finance Clerk; Miracle Castro, Store Associate; Tyrone Powell, Driver; Parbattie Harris, Manager Financial; Cheryl Dennis-Grimes, RN, Manager Health Services; and Leyone Royster, Job Development Specialist.

The Mission Receives \$600 Donation from Students

Students of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School created a cookbook full of recipes they received from their families and friends. The cookbook generated over \$600 in proceeds which the "authors" donated to the Rescue Mission of Trenton for our work in rebuilding and reshaping the lives of those less fortunate.

Borden Perlman Again Donates Chubb Golf Winnings to the Mission

Over the past three years the Mission has received \$14,000 from The Borden Perlman Agency for their various finishes in the NJ Chubb Charity Golf Tournament. This year the Mission received another \$1,000 for the team first place finishing in the NJ Chubb Tournament. By virtue of the team's first-place finish they are guaranteed a \$5,000 prize in the Chubb's national tournament which has been earmarked for the Mission.



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