



Ashley

The Leap Towards Faith

Ashley had faced a time of struggle. Her life was consumed by addiction and physical exhaustion, to the point where she overdosed.

She realized she had to change, not only for herself, but for her son. She tried many times to get clean, but all attempts were temporary. As she searched for a place to heal, she found Crossroads Mission. However, recovery was not the only thing she found. She found personal forgiveness and her way to God.

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Serving Through the Seasons



Myra E. Garlit
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Greetings to all our partners! We are excited to share some wonderful news. Crossroads Mission has been awarded a \$2,000,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco to support the development of the Center of Hope for Men. This is an incredible blessing and a major step forward for a project we have been fundraising for more than four years.

The Center of Hope is a \$5 million project that will provide housing and services for up to 120 men, where they will have opportunities to earn their GED, begin college, search for employment, and develop the tools they need to build a better future. Although this generous \$2 million grant brings us much closer to our goal, we are approximately \$700,000 short of completing the project. We are incredibly grateful to the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco for this generous investment, and to OneAZ Credit Union for sponsoring the project.

While we are raising funds for the Center of Hope, we must also continue receiving donations to operate the programs and services currently provided at Crossroads Mission. So many of you have already supported us, and we are asking you to continue standing with us as we work to complete this important project while also meeting the daily needs of the men, women, and families we serve.

We are honored to share Ashley's recovery story. Ashley openly shares how God has been working in her life during her time at Crossroads Mission and how recovery is possible through determination.

Even in the extreme summer heat, our ministry continues. This year, 21 men and women have been baptized, including 11 individuals this past month who made that incredible statement of faith. We are blessed to witness what God is doing in their lives!

Don't forget to read on Page 4 how your generous support helps our Outreach team change the lives of men, women, and families in our community.

We also celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Independence Day. Read how events like these make an impact in the lives of many at Crossroads Mission.

We have so many incredible donors and supporters. Please know that every gift matters, and every act of generosity makes a difference. A special thank you to Albertsons for their generous \$10,000 donation. What a blessing! In June, we also held a special flag-raising ceremony, made possible through the generosity of local and nation-wide organizations. Thank you!

This summer, we are especially grateful to the individuals, clubs, agencies, churches, and organizations that donated water during these extreme temperatures. The Bible reminds us that even something as simple as giving a drink of water is meaningful in God's eyes, and those acts of kindness do not go unnoticed.

We truly cannot do the work we do without the generous donors, churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals who support Crossroads Mission. Thank you for believing in our mission, supporting the people we serve, and helping us continue this work.

God bless you!

Myra E. Garlit

Upcoming Events: Get Involved!

NOVEMBER is Mission Month

Please help us reach the goals of \$100,000 in monetary donations, and 100,000 pounds of food donations in November! Go to crossroadsmission.org for daily giving suggestions.



November 24, 25, & 26
11 AM to 1 PM
944 S. Arizona Avenue
Volunteers and dessert
donations needed!



December 23, 24, & 25
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Changing Lives for Christ!

In this newsletter issue, Crossroads Mission celebrates the individuals in our shelters and recovery programs that have made the life-changing decision to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This year, over 21 men and women have chosen to walk alongside Christ in their new journeys as born-again Christians.

In the river, under the Ocean-to-Ocean bridge before each baptism, Fabian Valenzuela begins with opening prayers and shares a message of hope; encouraging

participants to open their hearts and embrace this new chapter in their lives. Afterwards, he leads each man and woman to the river and baptizes all who are willing.

As these individuals submit their lives to Jesus, we congratulate them as they begin this new journeys as born-again Christians!

Your donations, volunteer services, and most of all your prayers help Crossroads Mission continue to provide solace and hope to those at the crossroads of their lives. Through Christ all change is possible!



12 baptized men and women with Fabian Valenzuela at the river

Rock n' Roll for a Good Cause with the 2026 Jubilee!

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH, 2026 - 5 PM
PIVOT POINT CONFERENCE CENTER
310 N MADISON AVENUE, YUMA

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TO BENEFIT THE CENTER OF HOPE PROJECT.

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM.



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Outreach and "Just for You"

Crossroads Mission is a place where those in need can come to transform their lives. However, not everyone is able to come through our doors. That is why Crossroads Mission brings help directly to the community.

Led by Outreach Coordinator, Sergio Valle, the Outreach team visits the streets and homeless encampments throughout Yuma to provide food, water, and supplies. The team also provides transportation to medical appointments, pharmacy pickups, and Crossroads Mission programs and services.

Outreach also organizes the "Just for You" event, where the third Wednesday of each month meals, water, snacks, and supplies for the season are distributed at the Ocean-to-Ocean bridge to provide individuals experiencing homelessness and others in need with meals and essential supplies.

Guests may also receive vouchers to shop at the 2nd

Chance Thrift Store for clothes, household appliances, or professional attire required for a job and job interviews.

Many of the items distributed during Just for You are made possible by generous donations from our community. You can even bring a group to help distribute donations alongside Outreach to witness the change you make in the lives of others!

Every donation makes a difference. Because of your generosity, Crossroads Mission can continue bringing hope, essential resources, and opportunities for transformation throughout the community.



Bring your groups and donations to help!



During the summer, Outreach distributes hydration supplies



Couple attending the Just for You event

Celebrating Our Country!

For 250 years, the United States has faced sacrifices, hardships, and heartbreak. Throughout our history, men and women have given their lives for this country, while everyday citizens have done their part to strengthen their communities.

This 4th of July, Crossroads Mission celebrates 250 years of courage, perseverance, sacrifice and service.

July is one of Yuma's hottest months. With temperatures regularly climbing above 100 degrees! That made staying cool and hydrated an important part of this year's celebration.

For a day as special as Independence Day, Crossroads Mission celebrates freedom with a 4th of July water day. Staff, shelter guests, and program participants made their way to the family shelter parking lot, where the event began with prayer, thanking the Lord for our country and asking for his continued guidance and blessing.

As opening prayer concluded,

guests got to enjoy a variety of activities for the heat. Young children played in the inflatable pools under some shade while adults and older children got to enjoy water balloon fights and musical chairs together. Later, Rural Metro joined the festivities, spraying water from the fire hose for guests to cool off and enjoy. Children were running around, and people playfully used one another as shields to get away from the water. Laughter filled the air throughout the celebration.

After cooling off, guests lined up to enjoy some delicious hot dogs prepared by Crossroads Mission's

amazing kitchen staff. As men, women, and families sat down to eat, it signaled an end to the day's events and festivities.

While the 4th of July is a time for fun and fellowship, it is also an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history and look with hope towards its future.

Your support allows us to continue to bring men, women, and families these events. Thank you for your donations, volunteer work, and prayers for Crossroads Mission. We hope to continue the spreading of the American spirit of compassion, hard work, and perseverance to those in need.



Rural Metro spraying 4th of July guests with water



Guests lining up to enjoy some hot dogs

Ashley: The Leap To

Before finding sobriety, Ashley's life was one of internal struggle. She faced addiction and constant physical exhaustion. Ashley had felt she reached her lowest point when she began to experiment with harder drugs such as Fentanyl and other pills. She had attempted to

battle her addiction by getting clean multiple times, but these changes would only last for a moment before relapsing.

Eventually, her addiction took such a serious toll on her body that she overdosed. Although she did not require hospitalization, Ashley remembers struggling to wake up from her sleep afterwards.

Ashley was also a mother to a two-year-old boy at the time, and she began to realize that her choices were affecting her more than just herself. She knew she needed to get help.

Her family — especially her sister and a close friend, saw the toll addiction was taking on Ashley and encouraged her to seek help at a

local detox. After considering several options, she decided on Crossroads Mission.

At first, it was a struggle. Ashley found it hard to be in a new environment fighting withdrawals, especially with the added dread of being away from her son.

“He was just always with me, and we were ripped apart for a while. It was just devastating. It was hard.”

Ashley completed the ten days of the detox program, hoping that she would finish that part of her life and move on. However, through the advice of others and Crossroads Mission staff, Ashley decided to continue her recovery and transition into the New Life program. Here, she could continue building a life in recovery.

Ashley describes her first day as a chaotic Sunday afternoon, where families were running around with their loved ones in the program. She was moved seeing families reconnect and program participants rebuilding their lives. Her own family still had a lot of healing and reconnection to do. Ashley's relationship with her mother was strained due to her addiction; bumping heads and overall just not getting along. Her son was also very young when she entered the program, leaving him standoffish and cautious of her.

No matter the circumstances, Ashley continued moving forward. She learned that forgiveness, healing, and personal growth go hand in hand. She



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would rebuild her relationships, no matter what it would take.

"I worked hard to rebuild those relationships, because it meant a lot to me. I knew that's all I needed. To focus on just bettering myself."

Ashley had attended church throughout her life, but said her faith took a deeper meaning during her time at Crossroads Mission.

During the 12 Steps of Recovery in the New Life program, Ashley came to see God as a source of strength throughout the program.

"I knew He was faithful and He was going to provide for all of my needs."

Ashley also journaled about her experience, prayers, and personal reflections in New Life as part of her healing journey.

As Ashley progressed through the program, she and other program participants began

attending Vertical Church, a local church in the city of Yuma. After completing New Life, Ashley continued to attend faithfully.

"I'm so grateful. It would give me opportunities to lead and grow in leadership."

Today, Ashley's life is completely transformed. She works at Vertical Church as their Operations Administrator, leads Bible studies, disciples women and helps others by sharing the gospel. Her relationship with her mother is also completely restored. Both are now close and can laugh together about the challenges they faced. Ashley's bond with her son has become stronger as well, never going anywhere without the other.

Ashley encourages those struggling in their addiction and/or homelessness to be brave and bold of heart to continue the fight against their struggles, and that Crossroads Mission is a place to help heal and transform their lives

for the better. God loves all His children and provides in their time of need.

"Your life is so valuable. You have a purpose here. Jesus loves you. He wants a Relationship with you. And if you don't feel like there is a way out, there is."



Ashley working at Vertical Church

Watch her Full Testimony



Ashley and her son

Celebrating Mothers & Fathers



Crossroads Mission is a place where hope can flourish for those struggling with homelessness, poverty, and addiction. Many come to us feeling abandoned by God and their communities. Holidays such as Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult for those facing homelessness or working through addiction recovery. Crossroads Mission believes in the restoration of family. Here, Mother's Day and Father's Day are opportunities to celebrate, come together, and in many cases restore connections.

On both days, the men's chapel was transformed into a dining hall, creating a welcoming space for fellowship, celebration and new beginnings for the men and women in attendance.

A beautiful Mother's Day gathering was held on a warm Sunday morning. From 11 am to 1 pm the dining hall was filled with colorful decorations, flowers, and the delicious aroma of a meal. Each woman received a gift of perfume and other beauty products generously provided by the Yuma Crossing Rotary Club volunteers.

Father's Day was equally memorable. The hall was decorated with ties, streamers, and the delicious smell of ribs filled the room. Men relaxed, took pictures at the photo booth, and received a bag filled with cologne, watches, and other men's grooming products.

We thank the Yuma Crossing Rotary Club for their continued support for Crossroads Mission, alongside our donors and volunteers. Your generosity truly makes events like this possible.

With your continued support, we look forward to creating more opportunities to celebrate, encourage, and uplift the men and women we serve!



Celebrating men and women in our community



Thank you to Yuma Crossing Rotary Club for helping us make these celebrations special!



Celebrating together is encouraged!

A Thank You to Albertsons!



CEO Myra Garlit, Albertsons Store Manager Christian Rodriguez, Treatment Director Cesar Acosta, and Finance Director Susan Jorgensen pose with donation check

June was full of wonderful surprises! Crossroads Mission extends a heartfelt thank-you to Albertsons on 24th street for their generous \$10,000 donation presented during the store's ribbon-cutting ceremony. We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity to have been selected as one of the local organizations receiving this generous support.

Albertsons has been a longtime supporter of Crossroads Mission. They have been a key donor in fresh produce, baked goods, and dairy products towards the Mission, providing those we serve with fresh food. Thank you to Albertsons and their commitment to serving our community!

Grateful For Our New Flagpole!



Crossroads Mission guests, program participants, and staff stand for the flag

We thank the *WoodmenLife Group* for donating our new flagpole, *Yuma Signmasters, LLC* for providing the installation, and *BLT Companies* who donated the concrete. We also thank the *Territorial Young Marines* for presenting the colors and participating in our flag-raising ceremony in June.

After our original flagpole was destroyed in a storm last fall, replacing it became an important need. Thankfully, community members heard our needs. Today our flag is flying high and proud, and we couldn't have done it without donors like you!

Fighting the Heat Through Water Drives!



Rio Colorado Republican Women of Yuma & Crossroads' CEO Myra Garlit

What a summer! Crossroads Mission is deeply thankful for all the community efforts this season. Crossroads rose to the challenge of helping men, women, and children receive cool, refreshing water and a place to escape the heat through our cooling stations.

Your in-person donations, community water drives, and online contributions helped Crossroads Mission fight off the heat and provide a place of refuge for those in need. Here are only a few of the water donations given by donors like you! Thank you, and we hope to continue aiding those facing homelessness and addiction in Yuma.



Children of First Christian Church donating 80 cases of water!

Faith and Community Move Us Forward

We are excited to share some wonderful news with you! The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco has awarded Crossroads Mission a \$2,000,000 grant to support the development of the Center of Hope for Men. This is an incredible blessing and a major milestone in a project we have been fundraising for over four years. The Center of Hope is a \$5 million project, which will accommodate up to 120 men. Here, they can learn life-changing skills and acquire tools to help construct a stable and safe future for themselves and their families.

Although this generous grant brings us closer to our goal, we are \$700,000 short of completion. We thank the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco for this opportunity, and to OneAZ Credit Union for sponsoring this project.

We want to let our community know that even as we continue to fundraise for this project, we must also continue receiving donations to operate the services currently provided at Crossroads Mission. The need

in our community does not stop, and neither does our work. So many of you already support us through your generous donations, and we are asking you to continue standing with us as we work to complete this important project while also meeting the daily needs of the men, women, and families we serve.

With faith and community support, this project and daily needs can be made with your help. Thank you for standing by Crossroads Mission!



Artist's rendering of Center of Hope for men

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DEPARTMENT	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Kitchen				
MEALS	15,714	15,459	15,210	15,387
Family Shelter				
BED NIGHTS	2,465	2,638	2,603	2,561
INDIVIDUALS	108	111	110	127
CHILDREN	30	27	30	39
Men's Shelter				
BED NIGHTS	3,299	3,654	3,694	3,784
INDIVIDUALS	140	194	212	221
Drug & Alcohol Stabilization Unit				
ADMITTED	43	43	39	47
COMPLETED	24	35	26	24
New Life Recovery Program				
ENTERED	20	26	13	54
GRADUATES	8	6	6	3
New Way Homeless & Transition Program				
PARTICIPATING	62	65	64	68
Career & Academic Center				
STUDENTS	114	113	106	111
HOURS STUDIED	644.5	553.65	846.25	831.5
Giving				
CLOTHES	1,561	1,572	1,617	1,677
FURNITURE	37	55	41	16

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Our deepest sympathies are with those who have lost loved ones. A memorial gift to Crossroads Mission is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member.
Every effort is made to ensure that all names are correct.
We apologize for any errors that may have occurred.

Volunteers Needed! Come join Crossroads Mission!

Crossroads Mission is looking for caring community members to come volunteer at our 2nd Chance Thrift Store and our main campus. Come with a your family, friends, church group or on your own. All are welcome! Join us in making a difference in the lives of those in need. Apply today at Crossroadsmission.org!

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Crossroads Mission is committed to glorifying God by helping those at their crossroads of life.

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When you donate to Crossroads Mission you are helping transform the lives of people experiencing homelessness, poverty, hunger, and addiction. You can make a difference by giving:

• **CASH** Cash donations help keep the lights on and the free programs free. Give securely at crossroadsmission.org, or use this QR code. Donate in person at any of our locations.



• **ASSETS & IN-KIND** From cars and RVs to furniture and clothing. It all helps! We may be able to pick up your donations. Call 928-726-0491.

• **SHELTER NEEDS** Items such as towels, new socks, new underwear, coats for the winter, laundry soap and toiletries are always needed.

• **FOOD DONATIONS AND DRIVES** We are able to keep our food costs down because we do our best to utilize all of the food we get donated. Over 450 meals are served each day.

Crossroads Mission is a 501(c)3, Private Nonprofit Organization serving the homeless, needy and poor of Yuma County without regard to race, color, national origin, religious background, age, sex or handicap. (Alternative format and reasonable accommodations available upon request.) We depend on the contributions of concerned individuals and organizations. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We are an accredited member of the Citygate Network and are accredited by the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability. We partner with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (Arizona Complete Health, Indian Health, Banner Health, United Healthcare), WACOG, Yuma Community Food Bank, and FEMA. We do not solicit door to door. Please report any impostors to us immediately. News for Our Partners is a quarterly publication for the friends and supporters of Crossroads Mission. We welcome comments about the content of the newsletter. If there are issues or concerns you would like for us to know about, please contact Angela Salas at awise@crossroadsmission.org, (928) 328-8614.

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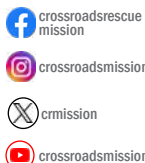
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