

# Grace Notes



*Saving Grace Ministries of Rochester, Inc.*

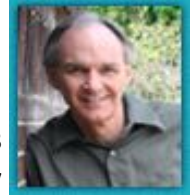
*Fall, 2011*

*"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." - John 8:36*

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## *From the desk of the Executive Director, Rev. Jim Crowley*



The name is a perfect fit for the function. "Grace House" is exactly what it is billed as, a house where grace is readily found in large quantities. Grace is often referred to as unmerited favor and blessing. It is God's free gift to unworthy and undeserving mankind. Apart from grace there would be no hope for any of us since *"all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."* None are exempt. The men and women we serve at "Grace House" Rochester are not unlike you and me. They too, need the unmerited favor and blessing of the Lord. Some would suggest that the mistakes they have made in life should disqualify them from receiving any of our help. There are numerous groups and organizations that would refuse to invest in the people we serve. For

them, favor is something that must be earned. This is not an unusual approach in the world in which we live. That is what sets "Grace House" apart from the others. At "Grace House," each and every individual that comes from incarceration is extended love, care and respect. Since we ourselves have been partakers of His wonderful grace, we have no choice but to share it with everyone else. Jesus said *"freely you have received, freely give."* At my worst moment, when my life was abounding with sin, saving grace came to me and changed my life forever. If grace must be earned then it is no longer a gift. But thanks be to God that Jesus died on the cross so that His grace could flow to all who have sinned. Even to those who some might consider to be unworthy candidates. "Grace House" is indeed, a house of grace. Grace alone would account for the numerous salvations and changed lives that have occurred in this ministry over the past three years. As we look to the future, we will continue to see more fruit produced as long as we remain "Grace House." The name says it all.

## *Unity Health comes to "Grace House" Rochester and Provides a "Mobile" Health Care Clinic for Our Residents Complete Physicals, TB Testing, Dental, Vision and Hearing exams*



Unity Health, through quality leadership, has recognized the need in our community to help the less fortunate and have provided the means to meet the needs of our community. Because of this partnership with Unity Health the men and women who would not seek out medical care are being cared for, many of whom have illnesses that require ongoing treatment or who have undiagnosed medical problems due to lack of access, primary care Physician or the ability to pay. The "traveling exam room" comes twice a month to a "Grace House" site and administers, full physicals medical testing, diabetic service, and provides prescriptions. The professionalism that is displayed through the staff that Unity Health sends, is extraordinary and nothing less that one would expect at any hospital or doctor's office. We are so grateful and thankful for this service and the excellence that this organization brings to "Grace House."

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*SGMR, Inc. Fundraising News*



On September 24th, Saving Grace Ministries of Rochester, Inc. had its first-ever **“Run for Fun” Motorcycle Ride / Pig Roast** to support the ministry. Riders met at the K-Mart Plaza on Ridge Road East and Carter Street for the ride, which ended at Bethel Christian Church.

After the ride, we enjoyed a pig roast and listened to music provided by “Blue Light,” a Christian blues band, and mingled with the residents of “Grace House” Rochester. The residents who were able to attend were grateful for the opportunity to interact with the community in a safe, accepting environment.

Thank you to all of the people who attended and who participated to make this event a huge success. We are looking forward to having another ride next year.

*We welcome new members of our staff*



**Marie Hickey** recently joined the staff as a Facility Caretaker for the “Grace House” women’s facility. She has been volunteering for a few months and has been a real asset to the ministry. Marie is always ready to help, never says no to any work task and is an all around positive person. She has had years of experience working the 12 step program in AA, and does volunteer work in the prisons. Marie enjoys home repair, painting, plumbing and she can cook a great organic meal. We are blessed to have her with us and so are the women of “Grace House.”



**Will Jones** has joined us in a new position as a Facility Caretaker, responsible for overseeing client activities and addressing client needs during non-business hours. Will is a graduate of the “Teen Challenge” program and has a big heart to serve the ministry. We are truly blessed to have him on our staff.

**What can I do to help?**

- \* **PRAY:** Please keep the ministry, staff, residents, and graduates in your prayers.
- \* **VOLUNTEER:** several times a year, we have work days and special projects that require volunteers, including landscaping, painting, building, and neighborhood clean up; we also have smaller ongoing projects.
- \* **DONATE:** Socks, Socks and more Socks! Also new or gently used clothing, underwear, t-shirts, outerwear, suits, underwear, t-shirts, twin-size beds and linens, blankets, personal hygiene products. Call the office 585-473-9070 to ask about specific needs.
- \* **SPONSOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT:** organize a fundraiser at your church or place of business to raise funds for a special program or event, or collect cleaning supplies, clothes, or other items
- \* **BECOME A REGULAR SUPPORTER:** consider a one-time donation or regular monthly financial support.



*We cannot do the work we do without church and community support!*

***Saving Grace Ministries of Rochester, Inc. would like to thank everyone who has prayed, donated, and volunteered this last year.*** Through your support we have seen some amazing results in the lives of our clients. Over 121 men and women have been served so far this year. The women’s house opened in May 2011, Life skills classes were expanded, with classes on money management, parenting, conflict resolution and family reunification. Graduates are enrolled in college, employed, are crime free and home with their families and 50% have connected to God, actively involved in a local church.



## **Merry Christmas from all of us to you**

### **Memories of Christmases past**



For many of our clients the holiday season is among the most difficult times of the year, and serves as a stark reminder of their choices, which resulted in broken families, estranged loved ones, and a sense of loss and loneliness.

Recognizing this need, SGMR, Inc. hosts an annual resident Christmas party, where each resident receives a new, wrapped gift.

**Please consider how you can support this much-anticipated event.**

#### **Christmas Gifts:**

We are in need of the following items to make Christmas a special time of year for our clients:

- \* gift cards in small denominations for Wal-mart, McDonalds, Tim Horton’s, or Dunkin Donuts or other local clothing or shoe stores
- \* new, unwrapped gifts for 32 men and 6 women: sweat shirts (various sizes), socks,, t-shirts, underwear, new winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, personal hygiene kits
- \* new, unwrapped gifts for children, up to age 18, for residents to give to their children on Christmas Eve. Our staff will wrap and distribute the gifts to the residents according to their children’s ages and genders; for many of our clients, this will be the first Christmas that they’ll have an opportunity to provide gifts for their children.
- \* “gifts” to support “Grace House” operations for the coming year: soap, toilet paper, deodorant, personal hygiene products, linens

***Please call the office at 473-9070 to make arrangements for pick up or drop-off of gifts or donations***

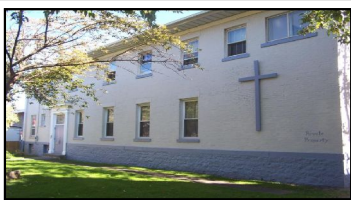
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*It is your prayers, love and dedication that makes all the difference*



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