



SEPTEMBER 2010



# The Light

The Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission exists to pursue the passion of Jesus Christ to lift up the hungry, homeless, abused, and addicted.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO HEAR AUTHOR RON HALL Got Heart for the Homeless Benefit

Tuesday, Sept. 28 • Municipal Auditorium • Downtown Shreveport

**Have you ever read a book that changed the way you saw the world? This is one.**

*Same Kind of Different as Me*, by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, is a true story with life-changing power.

*"Same Kind of Different as Me involves a dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in Red River Parish, an upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel, and a gutsy woman with a stubborn dream. Gritty with pain, betrayal, and brutality, it also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love."*

Our desire is to create a moment God can step into, a profound moment God can use to make Shreveport-Bossier an even better place to live.

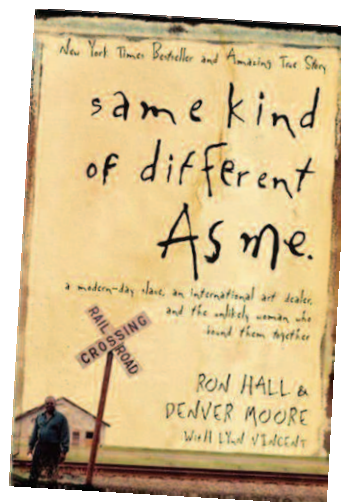
**A response card is included for your convenience. Due to limited dinner seating, please make reservations by September 8.**



### Will you join us?

Bill & Beth Alexander,  
Honorary Chairs  
Brian & Jenny Flournoy,  
Event Chairs

Jackie W. and Nancy Adcock  
Karen M. Barnes  
Layne and Lisa Clark  
Bill and Barbara Erie  
Dr. Bruce and Valerie Ewing  
Aljay and Shari Foreman  
Dr. Dayne and Kathy Hassell  
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Allen and Lynna Jones  
Glenda Lenox  
Beth Leonhard  
Rev. Henry and Claudia Martin  
Mark Miley  
Don and Jolie Razinsky  
Robert and Becky Smitherman



Author Ron Hall will autograph copies of his books, *Same Kind of Different as Me* and *What Difference Do it Make?* after the event. Books will be available to purchase.

**Rev. Henry Martin**  
Executive Director

**Claudia Martin, R.N.**  
Women & Family Services  
and Medical/Dental Director

**Rev. Jim Brackman**  
Director of Men's Programs

**Jennifer Garcie**  
Executive Assistant

**D.J. Hejtmanek**  
Director of Development  
& Community Relations

**Jan Core**  
Drives Coordinator

**Anna Adams**  
Volunteer/Housing Coordinator

**Ken Walling**  
Marketing Coordinator

**Avril Cook**  
Administrative Assistant

**Cathy Baker**  
Executive Assistant

**Kerry Hemphill**  
Men's Social Services

**Jen Stringfellow**  
Women & Family Social Services

**Wes Greer**  
Food Service Director

**Rev. Bill Stewart**  
Operations Director

**Dana Perkins**  
Program Systems Manager

**Freddie Cascio**  
Medical/Dental Clinic Manager

**William Combs**  
Warehouse Manager

**Billy Williams**  
Recycling Coordinator

**Rev. Ronnie Hampton**  
Chaplain/Community Liaison

*The rules of acceptance and participation in any program of the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission are the same for all without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, age, gender, or handicap.*

## Clients Speak:

**“What does the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission mean to you?”**

*I was at the Mission about nine months. I immediately joined the Discipleship program. I have healed spiritually and emotionally. This has been a place of healing and rest.*  
— Nadia

*This place has helped me to stay sober. Bro. Jim Brackman has helped me learn more about the Bible. All the staff here are very friendly. I wouldn't know what to do without this place. Thank you Rev. Martin for all you have done for me. God bless everyone.*  
— Kevin

*I'm very thankful for the Mission. Food, clothing, and ministry are provided to all in need each day. I'm blessed by God's goodness and love.*  
— Trina

*First of all, it keeps me from having to live on the streets. I had gotten away from God. With God back in my life, things look brighter.*  
— Darren

*The Mission really helped my husband and I through a dire situation. The staff, especially Mr. Kerry Hemphill, was extremely helpful. We would be on the streets if not for a place like this.*  
— Dana

*When I didn't know which way to turn, I called the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission and they had a bed. Ever since, they have made me part of the family and provided a roof over my head and food to nourish my body. Now I work for the Mission, but it's not about a paycheck. It's about helping others who can't help themselves and it's about telling someone about Jesus.*  
— Robert

*The Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission is a blessing. My walk with the Lord has become closer.*  
— Guadalupe

# Thank You Volunteers!



Rev. Henry & Claudia Martin

Dear Friends,

The Mission now has 1,500 active volunteers. July 2010 was Volunteer Appreciation Month at the Mission and we hosted Thank You Tuesday lunches for any volunteers who could attend.

Anna Adams, our Volunteer Coordinator, has tallied how much our volunteers hours are worth to us, and the amount is staggering. The annual value of our volunteers is a whopping \$1.7 million!

We literally could not touch the lives we are without your help. Over 1,200 homeless men, women, and families with children passed through the Rescue Mission this past year, some

staying only a few days, and others joining our Discipleship Training Program for nine months.

Our volunteers help in every area of ministry, from the medical/dental clinic, chapel services, children's church, serving meals, the Thrift Store, the front office/help desk, and areas of professional specialties like attorneys, CPAs, etc.

Your involvement means so much to us, and especially to the men and women who need a hand up. Thank you for caring enough to give your time and talents to the homeless in our area.

May God richly bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry".

Rev. Henry Martin, Executive Director

## Golf Classic Raises \$35,000 for Homeless



*Sponsors supported a worthy cause while enjoying a day of golf at East Ridge Country Club. Pictured here are (left to right) Mike Young, John T. Hubbard, Henry Payne, and Mark Miley.*

**THANK YOU** to all our sponsors who helped the Mission raise \$35,000 at our annual golf tournament.

The Hands of Christ Golf Classic 2010 was June 21 at East Ridge Country Club. Twenty-three team/sponsors helped make this event a huge success. Please show your thanks by supporting our golf sponsors:

**Title Sponsor**  
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Many thanks to Heath Crager who headed up our Golf Committee. The committee did a great job: Ann Tew, Anna Adams, Bill Erie, Don Razinsky, Eddie Lyons, Jan Core, Karen Burns, Ken Walling, Mike Byrd, Murphy Anderson, Robert Smitherman, Roger Worrell, and Stacey Johnson. Also, thanks to Frontline Catering for delicious fajitas.

# Volunteer Corner



(Clockwise from bottom left) Glen Retirement System representatives Laura Boyd and Johnette Barnes presented a \$1,000 check to Rev. Martin and Children's Coordinator Teresa Brackman for our children's program. (Middle left) Tam Burford, (front), Teresa Thames (back) and Barbara Lloyd (right) washed, cut and styled residents' hair. (Top left) LSUS Rotoract students presented the Mission \$10,000 from their annual Black Tie or Not Ball. (Top right) Volunteer tutor Maurine Locke and Mission employee Neatrice Buehler enjoyed the Black Tie or Not Ball. Neatrice, who retired in June, was voted by staff and clients as the employee who most displayed "the true heart of a servant." She wore the diamond necklace Ms. Locke was awarded for a month as a "Community Gem." (Middle left) Ladies from Benton United Methodist Church served a delicious high tea to the women residents at the Mission. (Above) Deb Covington and Journey of Sisters Ministry were recognized by Claudia Martin for outstanding service to the Mission and its clients.

# Wheels 4 Meals & Chili Cook-Off Set for October 16

The Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission 2010 Wheels 4 Meals Vehicle & Motorcycle Show is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Shreveport. This year the show will be combined with an LA-CASI Louisiana Chili Cook-Off and a Cookie Caper, a homemade cookie sale.

Net proceeds will benefit the homeless at the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission. Event chairmen are Bill Cooksey and Jerry Hunt.

Automobiles and motorcycles can be entered for awards in 11 different categories. Registration for each vehicle is \$20 prior to the event and \$25 that day. Vehicle registration begins at 11 a.m. The first 100 entrants will receive an event t-shirt, dash plaque, and goodie bag.

Chili Cook-Off team registration (3 people) is \$20. Awards



will go to the top three for show, and top 10 for chili. Chili turn-in will be at 1 p.m.

The Cookie Caper will sell homemade cookies donated by community volunteers. Event customers will have the option of buying several sizes of con-

tainers and filling them with the cookies.

Chili tasting cups, soft drinks, and hot dogs will be available for purchase. There also are two playgrounds for children on the premises.

Deadline to register a chili cook-off team is Oct. 12. For all entry information, contact D.J. Hejtmanek, Director of Development, at 318.227.2868, ext. 103, or email [dj@sbrescuemission.com](mailto:dj@sbrescuemission.com).



## Mission Water Baptisms & Baby Dedication

Two women and two men followed the Lord in water baptism on July 23, 2010, and one baby was dedicated to the Lord.

Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission

## THRIFT STORE

6800 Mansfield Road in Shreveport

Donate your furniture, clothing, household items, appliances, books, linens, toys, king & queen mattresses to support the Mission!

Thrift Store — 318.629.3300

Donation pick-ups — 318.621.9613

## Want to Volunteer?

Volunteer Orientations are scheduled one Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Please make plans to attend and take a tour of the Mission and learn about volunteer opportunities. Upcoming orientations are Sept. 11, Oct. 2, and Nov. 6.

Call Anna Adams, Volunteer Coordinator, for more info at 318-227-2868, ext. 104, or email her at [aadams@sbrescuemission.com](mailto:aadams@sbrescuemission.com).



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## Donation Needs

**Got Milk Fund**—We purchase about five gallons of milk per day for clients, especially the children. Designate “Got Milk Fund” on your donation check and help supply the nutritional needs of homeless children.

**Pharmacy Gift Cards**—For \$5, you can purchase Wal-Mart and other pharmacy gift cards to help with prescriptions. Many homeless individuals receive free medical or dental care while staying at the Rescue Mission, but need help to fill prescriptions for much needed medications.