

# Making a Difference



## PLEADING THE CAUSE OF THE POOR

With personal concern for each individual, a deep-rooted faith in values, the meaning of life, and a hope which moves beyond the present condition, we walk with our guests until their crises are resolved. Together we work with the Social Services Department, the judicial system, health care system, employers, landlords, and schools to ensure an adequate response to their multiple needs.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Many of the visitors to the House of Mercy have had limited educational opportunities with many having less than a fourth grade education. We offer basic educational experiences in reading and math, and provide budget and planning assistance for utilities and rent.

## SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT

Our Summer Youth Project is a camp open every weekday for six summer weeks with many children attending. We read, write, study math, and go on field trips. We provide two healthy meals and have a lot of fun together. This helps to keep our children off the streets.

## FARBRIDGE HOUSE MINISTRY

Located at 74 Farbridge Street is the Farbridge House, a relapse prevention residence and support group for persons seriously committed to recovery, with a focus on spirituality.



*“Whatever you do for the least  
of my people, you do for me.”*

Matthew 25:40



# in Need



# Helping People to Help Themselves

For many who have come to the House of Mercy, we are often the LAST RESORT, A FINAL TRY for those who have fallen through the cracks of our society and who have exhausted other possibilities of assistance.

Please help the House of Mercy maintain its programs of compassionate care for the forgotten poor of Rochester.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Contributions of any amount are most welcome. All donations are tax deductible as per IRS regulations.

**IN KIND DONATIONS:** Throughout the year, we always have a need for food, clothing, hygiene products, bedding, towels, washcloths, furniture, and small or large appliances.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Everyone has skills or abilities that can benefit the House of Mercy, such as drivers (regular license), tutoring, making simple repairs, fundraising, soliciting food donations and others.

**YOUR PRAYERS** for our goals and efforts are essential. God has blessed us and we believe it is due, in many ways to the prayers of many.

## YES, I WANT TO HELP:

- Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to contribute non-monetary goods as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me more information on the House of Mercy.
- I can volunteer some time. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information call 585-266-2580, or write to:  
House of Mercy, 725 Hudson Avenue, Rochester, New York 14621

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The House of Mercy offers emergency assistance for survival and continues its outreach over an extended period of time through advocacy, counseling, education, and faith building. Self-sufficiency and self esteem are ultimate goals for each individual. In a loving and caring manner, House of Mercy serves basic needs and helps to develop spiritual growth and human potential. We welcome the less fortunate as "guests and friends" in response to the call of God to love our neighbors.

*"I was hungry and you gave me food.*

*I was thirsty and you gave me drink.*

*I was naked and you clothed me.*

*I was ill and you comforted me.*

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me,  
in prison, you came to visit me."*

Matthew 25: 35-40



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