

... to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter... Isaiah 58:7

# On Our Hearts...

January 2009



## Lives Touched by Hearts in 2008 Offers Hope, Comfort to Many

Totals YTD	Hours	Clients	Homeless	Male	Female	Children
January	176.00	1446	315	1161	241	44
February	156.00	760	215	630	114	16
March	146.00	1165	263	948	184	33
April	144.75	1416	302	1126	236	54
May	161.00	1410	292	1126	256	28
June	164.50	1429	277	1134	255	40
July	151.75	1717	380	1321	347	49
August	141.50	1646	420	1311	291	44
September	140.00	1563	416	1243	299	21
October	169.05	1385	352	1167	201	17
November	108.00	923	243	757	145	21
December	102.00	1074	312	865	187	22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1760.55</b>	<b>15934</b>	<b>3787</b>	<b>12789</b>	<b>2756</b>	<b>389</b>



### DAILY MENU

Hot Meal  
Sandwich  
Dessert  
Beverage

*Together  
we can do  
Great Things!*



### From the Director's Desk ...

*"He saves the needy from the sword in their mouth; he saves them from the clutches of the powerful. So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts its mouth" (Job 5:15-16).*

I have lived and worked among the poor and homeless for over 20 years — many of them with Hearts for the Homeless®. Many of you have been my companions from the very beginning of this journey including toiling in the garbage dumps of Mexico City.

I am forever grateful to my Uncle Dave and Aunt Jackie Kennedy for their love and support, and for sharing the love of God with me, and, of course, to all the people, churches, and companies who have supported our work over the years.

To say that 2008 was a tough year for many individuals and organizations would be an understatement. There are countless businesses and charitable groups who have been forced to close their doors due to lack of funds.

Hearts for the Homeless® did not escape the economic turndown that plagues so many Americans. We, too, had our struggles. It was tough; but we pushed on, and God touched people like you to give faithfully and unselfishly. As a result, we made a strong finish of the year. Thank you for your continued support.

I had many personal, health and family struggles that were very stressful and certainly physically and emotionally draining. That's why I'm so glad to see the new year begin on a thankful note. My rheumatologist is a genius, and I am grateful to God for his kindness, wisdom, and understanding.

My personal life has seen a turn for the better, also. Thanks to all who have prayed for, encouraged, and stood by me. God is so loving and kind. With His help and guidance, we can continue our mission to the poor and homeless of this area.

Your generous hearts and faithful support is truly inspiring, and this scripture is so appropriate when it comes to our benefactors: *"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 1:2-3)*

Please keep us in your prayers. I am forever grateful, and look forward to another successful and productive year at Hearts for the Homeless®.

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- **Pray** daily for our ministry. God is good—all the time.
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- **Check** dates on donated foods. Hearts cannot accept any items with expired dates.
- **Call** 877-3536 before scheduling a food drive. We maintain a list of critically needed items.
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- **Use** our drop-off locations to donate gently-used clothing (see listed locations later in this issue).
- **Donate** to Hearts through **Paypal** at [www.heartsforthehomeless.org](http://www.heartsforthehomeless.org)

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