



HOUSE OF MERCY

making God's love visible to those in need

**86¢ OF EACH DOLLAR
GOES TO PROGRAMS**

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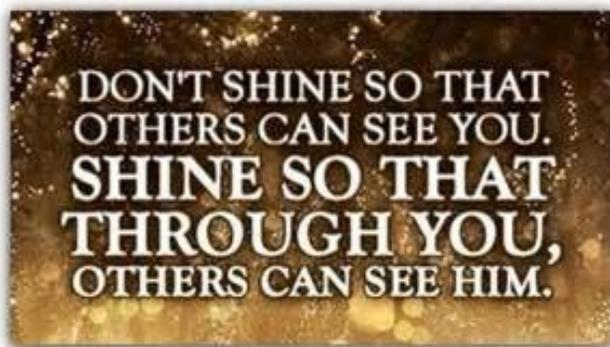
“God bless House of Mercy,” says part time client

Jack, a client of the House of Mercy, spoke with us about his experiences over the years at HOM. He is a single father of two girls, ages 13 and 16. One of the things for which he is grateful is that he can reach out to us for food and clothing when his pay is not enough to make ends meet. This has happened only a few months total over the past five years.

“Most current, I was working for a farmer, helping him to cut hay. Their work is seasonal, and they had to do a lay off when that job was finished. Usually I can get work quickly from a staffing company. I have worked at small local manufacturing plants, and doing landscaping. Basically, I do whatever work I can get, and maybe work two jobs every day, so that me and my girls (ages 13 and 17) won't lose our apartment.”

“Last February, I did not have enough (money) to pay all my rent. I just was not earning enough at that time. HOM paid the balance to my apartment so we didn't get evicted. I will always be grateful, and humble, for this. It is scary to count up money every day, to get enough money, and to make sure I can afford the rent, electric, gas for my car, and food. I worry about what would happen if I was sick for even a few days. How would my daughters and I be able to make it?”

“Taking classes at HOM has helped me. By taking the Money Management classes at HOM, I learned to save some money for emergencies when I have a little bit more money than I need. Also, I get or buy clothes for the girls for school, even a fancy dress



Jack says that he can see Christ by the kindness of those who serve him here at House of Mercy.

Thank you, donors and volunteers, for making this possible.

for Prom! It's good there is good clothes here that the kids like. It costs too much at the stores for me to buy.”

“People at HOM don't judge me. I know I don't need to explain, or make excuses. They really show me God's love, the love of Jesus, in the way they help.”

“And the Food Pantry is good. If I had to buy food in a grocery store like what I get here, it would cost about \$200 a month. This way, I can save my money for rent and utilities, and get food for my children and me. They give us healthy food, and food I can cook with. God bless them!”

Energetic Priest Tells Us How to Bring God's Grace Into Our Homes

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the extraordinary chef and priest who has been featured on all major TV networks, PBS, EWTN, and the Food Network, is giving his entertaining "Grace Before Meals" cooking demo and talk on September 20 at 10:00 am.

Fr. Leo is offering the event as a fundraiser in support of House of Mercy (HOM) programs, in particular the Food Pantry and Education programs. He will speak about the importance of serving family meals and the Grace that pervades homes that engage in this simple and profound act. Please join us Tuesday, September 20 beginning at 10:00am at the Piedmont Country Club, 14675 Piedmont Vista Dr, Haymarket, VA 20169. The cost to attend is \$40 each ticket and includes light snacks and drinks. Tickets may be purchased at HOM, or online at SignUpGenius.com. Call 703-659-1636 or email help@houseofmercyva.org for more information. Tickets are available as advanced purchase ONLY.



Urgent need for Volunteers; Lots of Opportunities and Times

Please consider donating some time with us at House of Mercy. The most urgent need is for assisting in the Donation Center (sorting, labeling, hanging).

We're excited about new basic math and money management classes for clients, and we need teachers (English and Spanish speakers). Please email help@houseofmercyva.org

Families are welcome to pack Beans and/or Rice on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 6:30 pm.



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