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The Rescue Mission Exceeds Goals at Fundraiser, Puts Security In Place

Fort Wayne, IN- On October 17, 2013, approximately 200 individuals attended The Rescue Mission's Annual Celebration Banquet at The Landmark Centre in Fort Wayne. This year's event celebrated The Rescue Mission's 110 year history of serving the hungry and homeless in the Fort Wayne area.

The event gave an opportunity for supporters to hear testimonies from Mission residents and learn more about the Mission's work. This year, The Mission welcomed special guest, Aurora, Colorado theater shooting survivor, Pierce O'Farrill, as keynote speaker.

Proceeds from the event were set to go toward provision of comprehensive security systems at the Mission to help ensure the safety of our residents, staff, volunteers and community.

The Rescue Mission is pleased to announce that through the help of the event's generous premier sponsors (Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co., Do it Best Corp., and Dr. Gary Painter Dentistry), other sponsors, the many who attended the event, and individuals who were unable to attend but chose to make a contribution, the funds raised during the event well exceed the event's goal, with proceeds at \$77,000.

"Our plan is to use the funds for our updated security system, additional staff for Life House and the ongoing development of providing the safest place possible for our residents and guests," says Rev. Donovan Coley, CEO and Senior Pastor at The Rescue Mission. "We are very grateful for the challenge gift provided by Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, the generosity of our sponsors, as well as the support of our Board, staff, donors, and volunteers that made this year's event an outstanding success."

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Key Ministries:

The Rescue Mission is comprised of four subsidiary programs in Fort Wayne:

Life House (72 beds): Immediate Housing Program provides basic needs and spiritual support to men facing a homeless crisis. Community Meals Program provides three nutritious meals daily to its residents and to the public. Meals are served at 7 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. daily.

Restoration House (40 beds): Short- and Long-Term residential programs meeting spiritual, emotional, physical and educational needs of men facing a homeless crisis.

Charis House (78 beds): Short- and Long-Term residential programs meeting spiritual, emotional, physical and educational needs of women and children facing a homeless crisis.

Treasure House: The Rescue Mission's thrift store (formerly known as Bargains Galore). Proceeds from the store help to fund The Rescue Mission's programs.

About The Rescue Mission

After 110 years of evolution and adaptation, The Rescue Mission remains steadfast in its mission to "provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future." In partnership with the caring businesses, agencies, churches and individuals in the Fort Wayne area, The Rescue Mission remains committed to serving the community and those in greatest need. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.therescuemission.net.