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2008 Truly a Blessed Year



Two-week-old Giuliana Kathleen

We are so very grateful to God for the many blessings He has showered us with in 2008. We are continually recounting stories of miraculous events, especially at the Rose Garden Home Mission, where we often witness unexplainable multiplication of food, diapers and supplies. We have also become accustomed to Our Lord sending us things that people need at just the right time. For example, one Mom of newborn twins came to us looking for a double stroller, among other things. Double strollers are rarely

donated item; up to that point we had never been given one. We took her telephone number and told her we would look around. Ten minutes later, a woman came in to the Mission asking if we needed a double stroller that her children had grown out of! Isn't God amazing?!

There's also the Mom who had been sleeping on the floor with her young son; her handicapped sister who lived with them was also sleeping on the floor. When their boiler broke in the middle of winter, they came to us seeking assistance. Because of some generous donations, we were able to provide them with 2 beds, space heaters, sheets, pillows and blankets to keep warm. And one of the sisters gave the Mom her winter coat, for she didn't have one.

People are always interested in how many families we serve for all of the different services we provide at the Mission, so we thought it would be fun to share last years totals with you.

- Total Families Served - 48,770
- Pregnancy Tests – 283
- Diapers Provided – 3,925
(number does not include total requests)
- Welcome Baskets – 185
- Thanksgiving Turkeys, Chickens and Fixin's – 515
- Christmas Give-Away
 - Children Who Received Toys – 480 from 265 families
 - Christmas Ham and other Food - 500

The Year in Pictures

Pictures speak a thousand words, or so the saying goes. We had a lot of fun compiling these pictures for you.



Sr. Jacinta with one-week-old Esteban



Bishop Roger Foys stands with the sisters at St. Benedict's Neighborhood Grill-Out



Sisters are pictured with St. William Youth Group and some of our friends at the annual March for Life 2009 in Washington, DC