

Joy Junction



A Call to Action



Sagebrush Community Church members volunteer their time at Joy Junction

Humble Beginnings

Following humble beginnings some 23 years ago, Joy Junction is now New Mexico's largest homeless shelter. We provide emergency food, clothing, programs and lodging to approximately 300 women, children and families on a daily basis.

130,000 Hot Meals

In 2008 alone, Joy Junction served about 130,000 hot meals, and provided over 110,000 nights of lodging, which is an increase of almost 100% in five short years. Joy Junction has a mandate to provide a hand up (not just a hand out) to those who are in need.

At first level, Joy Junction meets the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter for each

resident. Spiritually, it is Joy Junction's mandate to provide hope and show love to each and every guest, and to provide teaching and other opportunities to develop a personal relationship with God.

Life Recovery

Residents are invited to participate in a six month life recovery program that offers help to recover from addictions and to obtain a strong spiritual foundation. Program participants are trained in various life skills and prepared to reintegrate into mainstream society and find employment.

Many graduates are assisted in finding entry level jobs, and provided with transitional housing to allow them to work for a time

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before having to produce the security deposits and stable employment history required for rental agreements. In this way, Joy Junction provides a hand up and helps to break the cycle of homelessness for many residents.

Break the Cycle

Joy Junction is 100% donor funded and operates on a 52 acre parcel of land in Albuquerque’s South Valley. It has served as our base of operations for 23 years.

An unforgiving economy has increased the challenging nature of providing services to needy women, children and families. More and more people are coming to our doors for help.

Our facilities are at capacity with some buildings in need of significant repair. Joy Junction directors, executives and staff have been overwhelmed with a burden to expand and renovate facilities and to provide new programs and assistance to those in need.

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It is heart rending to turn away those in need when we are at full capacity. We feel an obligation to provide more beds, a move that will allow us to provide basic care and offer a hand up to those who are still on the streets. The need has been so great that we recently attempted to secure the use of

a vacant city facility for overnight purposes when we are at capacity. Our request was turned down due to issues with the facility. There does not appear to be a viable short term solution.

Vocational Training

In addition, we know we can better serve those who want to make changes in their life by adding a second phase to our

life recovery program.

With expanded facilities, equipment and staff, we can provide more advanced skills and vocational training.

It is undeniable that the current Joy Junction facilities are stressed and even overused with the present demand on services, let alone any

suggestion of new programs.

Our 10,000 sq. ft. multi purpose building or “Multi” could perhaps be more aptly named the “All Purpose Building,” as it receives exhaustive use and hard wear at Joy Junction. Currently, the Multi serves as the dining and food preparation facility for approximately 10,000 hot meals per month, and houses the largest bathroom and shower area available to our residents.

Capacity Plus

A lack of adequate facilities has the Multi being set up with cots on a daily basis for



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residents who are not able to be placed in a dorm, barracks or elsewhere. The Multi also houses the front office, program office, staff offices and other general purpose areas. All Bible studies, chapel services, spiritual activities and other teachings are presently housed in the Multi.

Chapel and 100 Beds

Joy Junction needs to renovate or build a new chapel facility for spiritual training, church services, educational purposes, and to lessen traffic and use in the Multi. Also, it is imperative that a minimum of 100 beds be found in the form of dorms, barracks or other means, to provide safety and dignity for our guests, and to ease the demand on the Multi.

At present, the Multi needs significant renovation and upgrade. A women's center is also part of our vision. With a new chapel, dorms and Multi renovations, the Multi could be used for other activities and serve as an overflow area with cots when necessary.

The existing chapel (also pictured on the front cover) at Joy Junction suffered major flood damage over 22 years ago, and while some components are salvageable, the facility needs to be rebuilt in a larger

form. What is left of the chapel roof has been propped up using supports. The upper section is missing the rear wall. This once mighty house of worship is now unused and surrounded by a construction fence.

Compassion

We strongly believe that you and others like you who share our compassion for the poor and needy, can help us to fulfill our mandate and vision to expand and rebuild.

You can be a part of our chapel project, adding new dorms and barracks, creating a women's center and even supporting expanded vocational training for those in need of a hand up.



Joy Junction is supported entirely by the generosity of community minded individuals, churches and businesses. We do not receive any government funding. Support comes

through donations of vehicles, goods and services, cash donations, and revenues from our thrift store and parking lots.

Listed on the back are a variety of ways you can help. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of women, children and families in the Albuquerque area who count on us for help each day. Please give generously to help us provide a hand up!

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How You Can Help

There are a variety of ways you can help Joy Junction plant hope into the lives of those in need of a fresh start.

Tax deductible donations can be sent to: PO Box 27693, Albuquerque, NM 87125, or made online at www.joyjunction.org

Planned giving options are available for those who would like to ensure that their estate provides for the poor. Donations of vehicles and new or used goods may be made at 4500 2nd Street SW, 7 days a week from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Joy Junction must undertake a major project: refurbish or rebuild our chapel; add dorm facilities with 100 beds; add a vocational training



facility; add a women's center and perform renovations to our Multi Purpose building.

A project of this magnitude using modest materials will run approximately 2.7 million dollars. While a donation of that scale may be out of the reach of many, we ask that you would consider digging deep to help us get this project off the ground.

For example, if 2,700 families, churches, groups or businesses each gave \$1,000, new facilities could soon be built. Some will give much more and some less, but together we can help end the cycle of homelessness.

You or your organization may also sponsor a segment of the construction. Donations of building materials and professional services will also help Joy Junction meet the needs of the homeless and complete this project.

Yes, I want to help!

How to send your gift

- By check made payable to **Joy Junction**
- By credit card (please fill out information below)


Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

- Donate online at **www.joyjunction.org**
- By calling **505-217-9586**

I've enclosed a gift of:

\$50 \$100 \$500

\$1,000 Other _____

- Construction/Repairs 
 Program Support

Name

Card #

Address

CSC (card security code)

Exp. Date

Signature (for credit cards)

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