

THE MESSENGER

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A Message from the CEO

Anne Morrow Lindberg is credited with saying "To give without reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own." Things have been difficult during the economic downturn we are all experiencing. Knowing that we have limited funds, we evaluate every dollar spent. When it was learned that we were going to have to cut breakfast the response from the community reflected the above quote. Once again we began to see donations from regular donors and new donors. They didn't ask for recognition or reward and most wouldn't want it. Most

of us are not looking for recognition just doing what needs to be done. It is not so much that it is what we are taught, but it is what we see and learn in life.

I grew up in a small south central Texas town where my father was an auto mechanic and his hobby and his riches were the vegetable gardens he planted on our property, my grandparent's property and my aunt's property on the next block. My parents didn't earn a lot of money, but paid the mortgage and the bills and we never lacked for food, shelter and love. We didn't have a lot of extras but they insisted on a good education and hard work. Dad's daily ritual was to rise before the crack of dawn and set out for the gardens and bring in fresh vegetables for Mom to have for whatever meals she was going to prepare that day. Then we woke to his heavy boots shuffling in the kitchen as he called us to get ready for school and breakfast. Then he was off to work and I could never figure out why he

left so early.

When Alzheimer's made it necessary to place him in the care of others it was the hardest thing we did as a family. As the Aide came to wheel him to his room she looked at him and said, "I know him. When I was little, he's the man that would leave a box of vegetables and a loaf of bread on our front porch. If it hadn't been for him, there were days we wouldn't have had anything to eat. We'll take good care of him." That's why he left so early for work. He not only filled our pantry, but filled up the trunk of his car and was sharing his riches with the poor and the hungry in the community. He never said a word about it. I didn't know about his actions until that day.

Thank you for your giving. There are many grateful souls out there that may not know who you are, but they ask the Lord to bless you everyday.



Rosa E. Pizzi

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Tuesdays With Metro

Have you ever wanted to visit Metro Ministries to see how your donations are put to good use? Would you like more information on our programs? Have you still not seen the inside of our newly constructed Loaves & Fishes cafeteria? Come join us to hear how Metro Ministries is making Corpus Christi a better place to live. We will be giving tours of our facilities on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 12:00 PM. If you are interested in attending a tour, please contact Karlene at 361-887-0151.

Rainbow House - Their First Home

Metro Ministries has had many "firsts" recently from our first month serving over 16,000 meals to our first eye clinic, but this past August we had another one - our first newborn resident. Over the summer, five babies have called Rainbow House their first home.

If Rainbow House had not been

here, these babies would have had no place to call home and may have been taken into custody by Child Protective Services. Metro Ministries is working with these new mothers and babies to ensure they are healthy and safe. We are also helping these women become independent so they can be strong role models for their children and break

the cycle of homelessness.

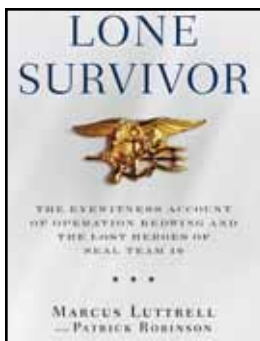
The blessing of having these newborns has presented new challenges. If you are interested in helping Metro Ministries provide for these new mothers and children, please contact us at info@ccmetro.org or 361-887-0151. Thank you for supporting our mission.



2010 Poor Man's Supper

With less than three months until the 19th annual Poor Man's Supper, Metro Ministries is getting very excited. Corpus Christi Electric Company is presenting this wonderful event, and Mike & Julie McNeil are the honorary chairpersons.

Our distinguished speaker this year is Marcus Luttrell, best-selling author of *Lone Survivor*. This remarkable book tells the incredible story of Operation Redwing, a Navy SEALs



mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The team's battle with a large Taliban force is both tragic and heroic. Don't miss a chance to hear this *New York Times* best-selling story told by the only member of the team to return home alive.

The 2010 Poor Man's Supper will be held at The Omni Corpus Christi Hotel - Bayfront Tower on November 18th at 7:00 PM. Individual tickets and table sponsorships are now available through our website, www.ccmetro.org, over the phone at 361-887-0151, or by mail to PO Box 4899, Corpus Christi, TX 78469. Act now and join us for a memorable evening.

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More Metro Ministries Events

In addition to Poor Man's Supper, Metro Ministries is getting ready for a couple of other exciting events. The third annual Souper Bowls and the *About Hunger & Resilience* art exhibit have Metro Ministries pairing up with The Art Center of Corpus Christi again.

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The always fun Souper Bowls event returns this December 2nd. This popular blend of art, food, music, and generosity is back and bigger than ever. The Clay Studio Group at The Art Center is working very hard to create beauti-

ful and unique soup bowls, and we are working to expand the group of participating restaurants.

For more details about the event as it draws near, please visit www.ccmetro.org or www.artcentercc.org. You can also find Metro Ministries on Facebook.



About Hunger & Resilience Exhibit

Michael Nye's powerful and gripping multimedia art show will be at The Art Center of Corpus Christi from November 16th to December 30st. Mr. Nye provides incredible portraits of people suffering from hunger and recordings of their heart-breaking stories. Don't miss your chance to see this amazing event. Donations from this event will benefit Metro Ministries, The Food Bank of Corpus Christi, and The Art Center of Corpus Christi.