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Emergency Assistance Case Managers Serve Thousands

Forming the underpinning for our Emergency Assistance program, Case Managers Naomi Gilbert and Mary Flores provided invaluable services for 5,779 individual clients during 2009. With energy, experience, and empathy, they see as many as 40 to 50 clients a day.

Before becoming a full-time case manager at Mission Granbury, Naomi served as a volunteer at the Resource Center for almost six years. She also enjoyed several book clubs and was involved with the Friends of the Hood County Library and the Pecan Plantation Homeowners' Association. An organist for her church in Erath County, Naomi finds her job as a case manager most fulfilling in that there is no wrong need. "At Mission Granbury, we consider any request for assistance," she said. "When we cannot fully meet a specific request, we offer various other community resources." Thanks to Naomi, we are able to further our goal to provide tools and resources to help each client become stable or self-sufficient.

Mary Flores first heard about the work Mission Granbury was doing for families in need throughout the county. She knew that it was the



Left to right are Mission Granbury Case Managers, Naomi Gilbert and Mary Flores

place where she could work and make a difference in people's lives. As Mary is bilingual, her skills help Mission Granbury expand their services to an even larger demographic through her excellence in assisting Spanish-speaking clients.

"Mission Granbury's Emergency Assistance program provides direct aid to families and individuals in crisis," she said. "They depend on us for basic needs such as rent, utilities, food, clothing, gasoline, prescriptions, medical needs, job related expenses, and homelessness prevention services."

These two women exemplify the dedication of each staff member at Mission Granbury. In short, Naomi and Mary are indispensable to the agency and the community. •

Save and Serve!

Help Mission Granbury Save and Serve! Stay informed about Mission Granbury, join the internet revolution, and help save money to provide more services by signing up to have each issue of The Missive newsletter e-mailed to you. Please send your e-mail address to hmclathery@missiongranbury.org today, and Heather Mac will make it happen!

Making All the Difference

a note from Ginger Eways, Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Frequently, those who have been impacted by Mission Granbury share their thoughts with us. Often we hear that our efforts have made "all the difference" in a person or family's restoration and healing process. Hearing these words reinforces the reality of what we can accomplish with continued support from you. Here is one such story.

"I was in a horribly abusive relationship two years ago," said Melissa [named changed for confidentiality]. "You listened and let me know that what was happening to me was wrong. You arranged for me to see one of Mission Granbury's counselors—free of charge—which was good because at that time I didn't have a job, and I was too embarrassed to ask my family for help. I really didn't like myself then, but you helped me understand that it is not OK for anyone to hit me, that I am a worthwhile person. I just finished training as a dental hygienist, and I'm engaged to a really wonderful guy. I just had to let you know, and say thank you. Mission Granbury has made all the difference to me and my life." > continued on back >





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**Mission Granbury's
Four Core Programs**

The Ada Carey Center for Women & Children

Emergency shelter with comprehensive intervention program for battered woman and their children

Victims Assistance Resource Center

Advocacy and support for crime victims

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Advocacy services for abused and neglected children

Emergency Assistance Network (EAN)

Emergency financial assistance for expenses such as utilities, rent, or prescriptions

***Mission Fair Shares Stewardship for
Common Good***

Mission Granbury and many other wonderful social service agencies, churches, and volunteer groups in Hood County collaborate daily and share stewardship of resources for the common good of our community.

On February 27, 2010, Hood County citizens will have an opportunity to learn how we work together by attending our Mission Fair 2010. From 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Granbury Resort Conference Center attendees can learn more about these efforts and people that strive to build a safer and stronger community.

The honorable Mayor David Southern will chair Mission Granbury's Mission Fair 2010.

Booth space for agencies, churches, and organizations is still available. If interested in participating, please call Margie Messina at 817-579-6866 before the February 10 registration deadline. If you have any questions, we're



Mayor David Southern

here to answer them! Come and enjoy Mission Fair 2010! Learn more about how we can all work together to heal those who hurt. See you there! •

Executive Director's Letter (continued from front)

These stories happen because of you. Thanks to your generosity, last year over 300 victims of violent crimes received victims' support services and therapeutic counseling at Mission Granbury. Most of them were women and children who had struggled in abusive family situations or who suffered sexual abuse or rape. Your heartfelt donations helped pay the cost of counseling services provided by the licensed professional counselors who work with Mission Granbury. Mission Granbury's counselors help victims deal with the post-traumatic effects of violence and abuse so that they can return to the level of stability they enjoyed before the violence or abuse entered their lives. May we ask you to continue your support of these important services so that we can further positively affect these people's lives?

With your help:

- A young woman can go to sleep at night without recurring nightmares.
- A child can stop wetting the bed and pay attention at school.
- A teenager can stop self-mutilation and begin the healing process.

Every donation gives a victim the chance to recover and to live a stable and productive life. In terms of the difference you are making in these broken lives, your gift is priceless. If you give what you can, together we will expand our abilities to help victims reconnect the pieces of lives shattered by violence. Your gift of any amount will make a difference at Mission Granbury because, as Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much you give but how much love you put into the giving."

Wishing you peace and all good,

Ginger