



Boise Rescue Mission Ministries

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City Light Home for Women and Children
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First Time Homeless Numbers Jump Rescue Mission Plans Expansion

BOISE, Idaho— The Boise Rescue Mission Ministries served more “First time homeless” people in the first three months of this year than ever before, according to a survey of Mission Guests. The Missions **City Light Home for Women and Children has provided shelter to between 10 and 30 more people daily than they have beds for, throughout the past 6 months.** With these facts in mind, the Mission Board has decided to **proceed with converting a warehouse space on Jefferson Street into a 65 bed emergency shelter for women and women with children.**

Mission Director Bill Roscoe attributes the increased numbers primarily to the number of **newly unemployed people** and the **lingering down turn** in the local economy. **“Women with children have been the fastest growing population of homeless people over the past decade. With the economic situation as it is, we have seen that number rise even faster. In order to be sure we can meet this growing need, and to better accommodate the women and kids we’re serving, we have to proceed with this project.”** Roscoe said.

While the building plans are not quite completed and exact costs are yet unknown, the Mission is planning to hold it’s annual Golf Tournament on June 12th as a fundraiser for the project. **“As always, we’ll be looking for donations of labor and materials, but we know that there will be expenses to bear for this project. Hopefully our Golf Tournament will raise some of that money needed”** Roscoe said.

The Golf Tournament will be played at **Shadow Valley** golf course with a shot-gun start at 8:00 A.M. Anyone interested in playing, or sponsoring a hole or tee can call the Mission for more information. Already, interest has been high according to Roscoe. **“We have several local celebrity golfers already confirmed and people are anxious to play with them. We are hoping to raise fifty thousand dollars for the dorm project from this event.”**

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