



# Press Release

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## **MECHANIC, CHURCH AND BIG BIKE ORGANIZER HONORED Ceremony Acknowledges Volunteers for Efforts to Help Serve the Poor**

(Redding, CA) Ace Automotive, Redding Christian Fellowship and Connie Grinols were all honored as a “Rescuer of the Year” by the Good News Rescue Mission in a recent ceremony highlighting the tremendous accomplishments of the Mission’s army of volunteers.

“Volunteers make an overwhelming contribution to the work that goes on here,” complimented Ken White, the Mission’s Director of Community & Donor Relations. “Without volunteers, quite simply, there wouldn’t be a Mission.”

In an effort to recognize the diversity of its volunteer base, this year the Mission created three “Rescuer of the Year” categories: Business, Church and Individual. Taking home the prize in the Church category was Redding Christian Fellowship (RCF), a Redding based non-denominational church located in east Redding. Besides having one of the largest contingents of Mission volunteers overall, RCF volunteers spent their Easter break in 2009 giving a face lift to the Mission’s women’s and children’s shelter known as the House of Hope. Ace Automotive was honored as the business “Rescuer of the Year” for its volunteer work in keeping the Mission’s vehicle fleet in tip-top shape. And, Big Bike Weekend Organizer, Connie Grinols was tagged for the individual award for her direction of the holiday food drive known as “Stuff the Truck”. The ceremony paid tribute to several hundred volunteers with certificates of appreciation, and each Mission department honored its own special rescuer with a plaque.

“It was hard to narrow it down, because,” said White, “so many people give so much.”

For more information please contact Ken White at 530-242-5920.

### **ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS RESCUE MISSION**

The Good News Rescue Mission was founded in Redding in 1964 by a group of concerned Christians in our community. For thousands of men, women and children, the Mission has provided food, shelter, clothing, and spiritual hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1995, the Mission has expanded services to include the New Life Drug and Alcohol Recovery programs for men and women, transitional housing for graduates of that program, work search, free dental services, our Second Chance Ranch near Shingletown, California, the In-Step Mental Health program as well as the Learning and Literacy Center.

By the Grace of God and through your generosity the Mission provided the following in 2009:

- 76,347 Safe Nights of Shelter
- 202,330 Prepared Meals
- 35,013 Unprepared Meals (*Emergency Groceries*)
- 73,192 Clothing, Furniture & other Household Items
- 8,581 Hours of Educational Instruction

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