



Overflow Showers. Compassion. Grace. Hope. Jesus.

HELLO FRIENDS!

This is Overflow 9:12's first Christmas season. As such, we're personally overflowing with the love and grace that God showered on humanity by sending Jesus to show us the way to freedom and everlasting peace.

With that in mind, we find ourselves serving our shower guests this month with an extra measure of compassion, respect, encouragement and hope. We're meeting them where they are. Right now that means in need of warm items such as gloves, hats, blankets in addition to the usual supply of items we always provide. And it also means we're making time for more conversation and support in the season when many feel most alone.

This month we're highlighting for you the location where it all began. In late March 2023 our very first Overflow 9:12 shower service was held here and continues twice each month. Read on...

INDIO STORIES

Our partner, Spirit Filled Church, is aptly named. Located near Highway 111 and Calhoun Street, it's a prime location to serve those living on the streets. We found this partner simply by distributing grace-to-go hygiene kits in the area. After visiting and praying



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MAKE A **TRIBUTE DONATION** IN SOMEONE'S NAME AS A HOLIDAY GIFT FROM YOU TO A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE



Your gift of \$35 provides 1 hot shower and 5 hygiene kits



"I used to be an atheist. In the darkness, I then flirted with demonic practices. Thank you for seeing me today. Just loving on me. I feel love."

-Reannan, who accepted Christ that day and wears the gospel wristband as an affirmation to share with others.



SINCE OUR BEGINNING IN MARCH, WE'VE PROVIDED A TOTAL OF:



2,226 CLOTHING ITEMS

619 GRACE-TO-GO HYGIENE KITS

562 SHOWERS

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with one unhoused gentleman who happened to be wearing an Isaiah 6:8 shirt, he asked, "Do you know those people over at that church (pointing to Spirit Filled)?" We said no, we don't. The man said we should walk over and introduce ourselves. So we did.

Results: The Lord delivered a Spirit Filled location abounding in encouragement and prayer. Five churches working together (Spirit Filled, Victory in Christ, Templo Hermosa, Red Door and Southwest) providing meals, clothing, haircuts, showers, grace hygiene kits, foot soaks, bouncy house, and hope. Lots of hope.

We operate under Jesus's example - changed lives don't happen without changed hearts. In other words, people won't care what we know until they know we care. Jesus

Christ is in the heart-changing business, and we've learned that hearts often are more open after a refreshing shower and clean clothes. Meeting a physical need helps lead to filling a heart need.

Just in the last few months, 20+ sons and daughters have accepted/affirmed Christ and wear the gospel wristbands we offer. The five vivid colors on those wristbands represent the key verses of Jesus's Good News. Praise-worthy life changes indeed! Thanks to your prayers and support. **You are a part of this Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me."**

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- Guest registering & hospitality
- Supply loading & equipment set-up
- Experienced truck-trailer driving

VOLUNTEER
TO SERVE
WITH
US



CHECK OUT OUR DOLLAR DAYS WISH LIST

FOR HYGIENE KITS
AND BULK ITEMS ON
OUR WEBSITE



CHECK OUT OUR
**AMAZON
WISH LIST**
FOR CLOTHING
& SUPPLIES
ON OUR WEBSITE



COLDER TEMPS BRING NEW NEEDS

As temperatures drop at night here in the desert, hot showers become more important for our unhoused guests. You may wish to shower warmth, health, dignity, compassion & hope on those most in need through a donation or a warm item from our online wish lists.



**"You guys are awesome.
I feel like a new man!"**

- Ryan (also accepted Christ and wears the gospel wristband).

*names have been changed for the privacy of our guests