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Overflow Showers. Compassion. Grace. Hope. Jesus.

**OCTOBER  
2023**

For **\$15** a month  
you can sponsor  
**one shower.**  
For **\$20** a month  
you can sponsor  
**five hygiene kits**

## HELLO FRIENDS!

We're back with a fresh update since our very first newsletter three months ago. Since then our measurable outcomes have tripled in nearly every case. That's right! Three times growth in the last three months in the areas that are easily measured.

But it's our intangible outcomes that matter most to us. Each time we serve, one-on-one conversations become lengthier and deeper. Relationships are developing. Trust is growing. Seeds of faith are being planted. Because of you, our team of volunteers and donors and praying partners, lives are being touched perhaps in ways they've seldom experienced.

We're now on a regular rotation, serving the unhoused with mobile showers six times each month in three different Coachella Valley locations. In future newsletters you'll learn about happenings at each of our service sites. For now, read on for a glimpse of what you are making possible in one prominent locale.

**DONATE**  
TO SUPPORT  
OUR UNHOUSED  
SHOWER  
GUESTS

ON OUR  
WEBSITE



## PALM SPRINGS STORIES

On the second and fourth Fridays of each month, we take our shower service to one of the oldest Catholic churches in Palm Springs, Our Lady of Guadalupe. At this site that so generously opens its doors and grounds to those in need, we're joined by several

**THE SHOWER MAKES ME FEEL GREAT.**

**YOU GUYS  
ARE DOING SO  
MUCH FOR THE  
HOMELESS!**



Since Our Beginning in March, We've Provided a Total Of:



**432**  
GRACE-TO-GO  
HYGIENE KITS

**1,547**  
CLOTHING  
ITEMS

**391**  
SHOWERS

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collaborating organizations, forming a small village of care for our unhoused guests. Well in the Desert serves hot meals, Desert Physicians Medical Group Health and Cal State University San Bernardino Nursing Street Medicine Program provide a variety of health screenings, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission is on hand with outreach services, and often Larry Myles of Le'Gene Hair & Body Studio is there with his barbering skills.

At each outing, 20 to 25 guests are served with refreshing showers, clean clothing, extra amenities, and takeaway items such as grace-to-go hygiene kits, fresh towels, bibles and gospel wristbands. From "Hello, welcome in" to "Thanks for letting us serve you; look forward to seeing you next time" every guest is showered with hospitality, respect and compassion. And what a privilege it is when guests ask us to pray for their needs. We aim for everyone to feel the grace that Jesus modeled for us.

We're delighted that guests Max and Seth have recently secured jobs, one in a restaurant and one in a hospital. Several have found indoor shelter during the dangerously hot summer months. Guests Ron and Mateo, and probably others, are interested in earning community service hours as volunteers for us. Guest Anson has now

obtained assistance in getting his official ID which opens opportunities for food stamps and return to his home state. And we have an author among our guests, writing an autobiography and a children's book.

We love it when former shower guests, such as Ross last week, come by just to say a friendly hello and thank-you even when they don't happen to need a shower that day. And when guests linger comfortably in our shaded seating area enjoying our company, we're the ones who are made to feel special.

We were especially moved when Tilly, one of our regular guests, shared that later that same day she would be visiting her daughter who is in foster care. Knowing what a special day it was for her and how important it was to make a good appearance, Tilly got the works. After a hot lunch, refreshing shower, clean clothes, a beautiful hair trim, a hygiene kit to go, and our prayers, she was on her way with a lighter step and noticeably more confidence than when she arrived.

***We can hardly wait for each return outing when we're with our shower friends again!***

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDS:**

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

**VOLUNTEER**  
TO SERVE  
WITH  
US



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



CHECK OUT OUR  
**DOLLAR DAYS**  
**WISH LIST**  
FOR HYGIENE KITS  
AND BULK ITEMS ON  
OUR WEBSITE



***I WANNA THANK EVERYBODY.  
YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR ME.  
GOD BLESS YOU!***



\*names have been changed for the privacy of our guests