



# Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, Inc. Annual Report Fiscal Year 2009

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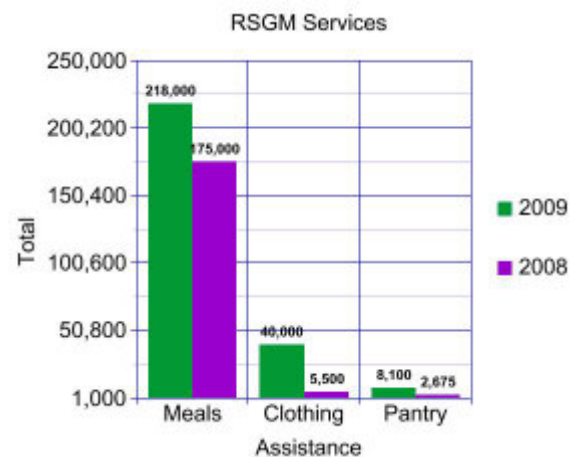
As we reflect on the year 2009, we are grateful to the thousands of supporters who helped us reach out to record numbers of the poor and hurting across Northern Nevada.

The demand for services reached all-time highs at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, as hundreds of men and women (some with young children) came to us for help with meals, shelter, recovery programs, clothing and other assistance.

The numbers are staggering.

Throughout the year 2009, the Mission:

- Served about **218,000 meals** (up from 175,000 in 2008).
- Supplied **direct food assistance to nearly 8,100 hurting people** (an increase from 2,675 in 2008).
- Distributed **5,865 bags of food to outside agencies** to help others in the community (up from 1,548 in 2008).
- Gave away **40,000 articles of clothing to the homeless** (an increase from 5,500 in 2008).
- Provided **42,936 nights of lodging and emergency shelter** for men, women and children (up from 42,097 in 2008).
- Helped **7,835 men, women and children receive free clothing** (an increase from 796 in 2008).
- Continued to provide the area's most comprehensive free residential substance abuse recovery in Northern Nevada, with nearly 100 beds for men and women.



During the 2009 holiday season alone, the Mission:

- Fed more than 20,000 from Thanksgiving to Christmas.
- Distributed nearly 2,000 jackets and hundreds

of articles of warm clothing to poor and homeless men, women and children.

- Helped 300 families receive full turkey meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas as part of the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission's "Random Acts of Kindness" events.
- Provided 3,600 nights of shelter for homeless men and women during that time.

Many people do not realize that we provide one of



Northern Nevada's largest free substance abuse recovery programs, with up to 100 beds for adult men and women. Our Christian Addiction Recovery and Education program is a free 13-month residential program designed to address the numerous facets that accompany addiction.

The Mission provides shelter, meals, clothing and hygiene products for clients while exposing them to a Christ-centered recovery program that emphasizes values, work ethics, responsibility and accountability. Clients undergo rigorous courses that explore various elements of addiction recovery combined with Christian practices.

We work with numerous outside agencies to bring a holistic approach that also addresses educational, medical, psychological and vocational needs and prepares clients for returning to society as productive, sober members.

It's a grueling program, but well worth the effort for those who complete it and receive their diploma during our popular graduation ceremonies. Last year, 41 clients successfully completed the recovery program, an increased from 33 in 2008.

Almost half of the clients are court-ordered through Washoe County's Adult Drug Court, an alternative sentencing program created to reduce incarceration while forcing intensive rehabilitation efforts for clients whose crimes have been determined by drug or alcohol addiction.

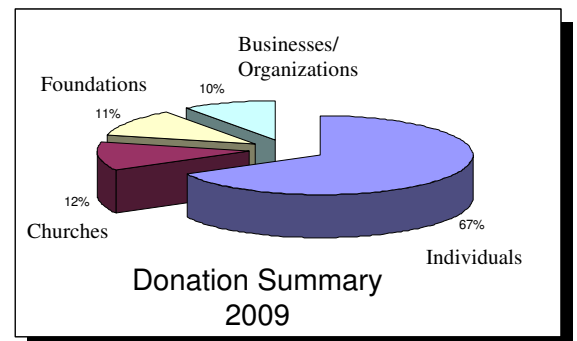
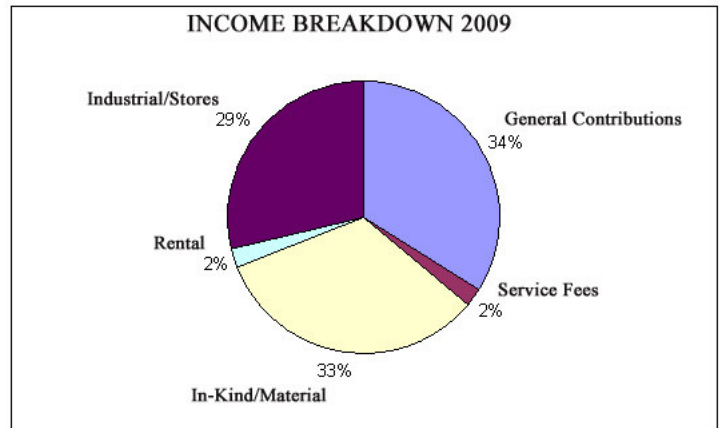
According to the Court, through 2009 **the Mission was the most effective program** with 57 clients – 45% of those ordered into



the program – successfully completing the program and all court requirements. It is estimated that the cost to taxpayers would have been about \$4.5 million had each of those clients been sentenced to one year in prison.

Of course, we can't do all of this without the trust of our donors.

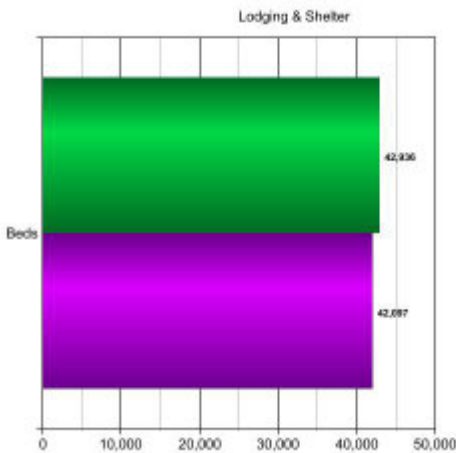
It remains the policy of the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission to pursue financial integrity and propriety in all of our transactions and accounting of finances, including implementing the best utilization of donations to help the poor



and homeless across Northern Nevada.

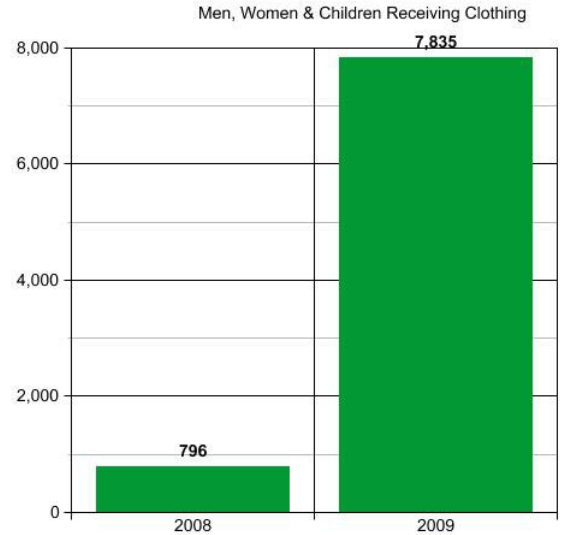
We hold to the Apostle Paul’s directive in 2 Cor. 8:21: **“For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord, but also in the eyes of men.”**

To ensure this accountability, each fiscal year the Mission contracts with an independent, certified public accounting firm to conduct financial audits or financial reviews of Mission finances and accounting practices. The audits and reviews are conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States as established by the Auditing Standards Board of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



These standards require that CPAs doing such financial audits obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement; include consideration of internal control over financial reporting; examine evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in financial statements; assess the accounting principles used and evaluate the overall financial statement presentation.

For the Fiscal Year 2008, the Mission contracted with Bullis and Company CPAs, Ltd. of Carson City, NV to conduct a financial review of Mission operations (*Fiscal Year 2009 is in the beginning stages of a full audit*).



The firm reported:

*“Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.”*



The report also reviewed Mission functional expenses and found that:

- **78%** of Mission expenses were used for direct program services
- **16%** of Mission expenses were used for general and administrative purposes
- **6%** of Mission expenses were used for fund-raising efforts

The chart (top, Page 2) displays income breakdown for the Gospel Mission's fiscal year 2009.

We believe diversity is the key to survival, especially in challenging economic times, and we have implemented or expanded a variety of programs – from thrift store operations to business partnerships to our housing services division – that bring in additional income to help the Mission better serve our clientele.

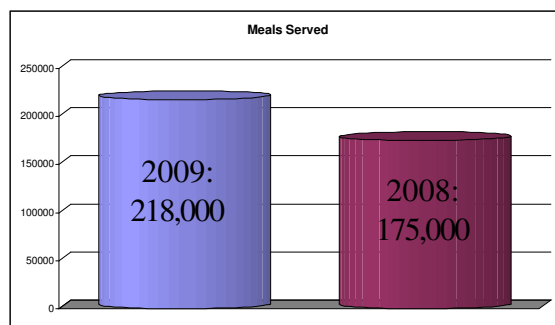
The chart (middle, Page 2) shows the source of our donations. We do not receive any tax dollars or funding of any kind from the federal, state or local governments. We rely wholly on individuals and local groups for support.

We hope this pledge to financial integrity ensures that your donor dollars truly help the less fortunate in our community.

At the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, we value your trust and are committed to preserving that trust in and through all that we do. We welcome your comments, opinions and questions and we are available to assist you in any way.

Hundreds of men and women look to us each day for help, and 2010 already is shaping up to be busier than the last. Your generous support helps us reach out to them during this difficult time.

We have our challenges ahead as costs continue to rise while more and more seek services. But we believe that God is the answer and He will provide our needs as long as we continue to bring the Gospel to the hurting as we have done since 1963.



In fact, more than **200,000 different men, women and children have come through our doors** since that time – doors that remain open because of the faithful and generous support of our community.

Thank you and God bless you for caring!

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