

Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach

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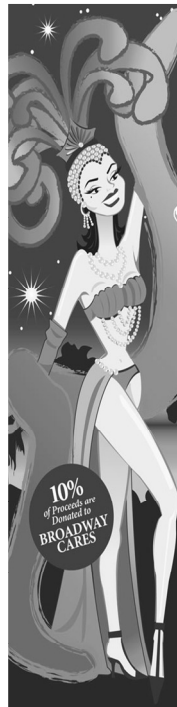
Easter Bonnet Show

- **Shows involved** Phantom, Jubilee, Jersey Boys, Chippendales, Menopause, possibly Lion King
- **Businesses involved:** Office/Max Impress, Tiger Lily Florist, St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, Shade Tree, Body Spa, Keller Williams, Fun Hog Ranch and others
- **Celebrity Judges:** Chris Saldana, Alicia Jacobs, and others.

2nd Annual Easter Bonnet Show April 5th

We are proud to announce the 2nd Annual Las Vegas Easter Bonnet Competition and Show to benefit the Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach. This will involve the Production Shows on and off the Las Vegas Strip to each present an Easter Bonnet hat to be judged. Each show is to raise money and win awards for the most money raised and to win awards for the best Easter Bonnet hats.

The Las Vegas Easter Bonnet Competition is modeled after the New York City/Broadway Production that has raised millions of dollars to fight AIDS for twenty three years. Our Las Vegas show



will donate 10% (after expenses) to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. Note that the Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach benefits from the BCEFA as we receive grants from them for various programs.

The event will be held on Sunday April 5th at 2:00 PM in the Chippendale Theatre at the RIO Hotel & Casino. Tickets \$25 and \$75 VIP seating Lounge (with 2 drinks, celebrity visits, light appetizer) day of event SRO \$10 (if available) Many wonderful things will take place and we invite all of you to participate in supporting the event. Call 564 4224 for further information.



**Office Max/Impress
2008 Bonnet**

Saint Therese in Space & International Space Station

Saint Therese wrote that she wanted to be a missionary on every continent simultaneously and reach the most remote islands—now her dream has extended to space flight.

The Carmelite community of New Caney, Texas, enjoys the friendship of Colonel Ron Garan, who was on the May 31– June 14 Discovery shuttle mission.

Before heading into space, Garan

had called the women religious to request their prayer for the voyage, and he told them he could take some small item into space on behalf of the community. The sisters reported that the words of St. Therese came o mind: “I have the vocation of an apostle. I would like to travel over the whole earth to preach your name and to plant your glorious cross on infidel soil. But oh, my beloved, one mission would not be enough for me, I

would want to preach the Gospel on all five continents simultaneously and even to the remote isles. I would be a missionary, not for a few years but from the beginning of creation until the consummation of the ages.” The Carmelites gave the astronaut a relic of St. Therese for his flight. Now they report, she has traveled 5,735,643 miles around the earth for 14 days at 17,057 miles an hour. Meanwhile, the Sisters commended the world to her intercession.

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CHW—St. Rose Dominican Hospital Grant

Easter Bonnet Show Envelope

Win one of these Great Prizes:

- Two Tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines Flies
- Three Days Two Nights at RIO all Suites Hotel and Casino. Dinner for two at Rio Restaurant and two tickets to Chippendales Show
- Two Tickets to shows involved with Easter Bonnet Show – varies with shows involvement.
- Two tickets to Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach annual Circle of Roses (September 25th 2009)

CHW's Community Grants Program is designed to help communities to provide support for underserved populations. With this program CHW realizes its mission and enhances the advocacy, social justice and healthier communities efforts of its hospitals and religious and community sponsors. CHW seeks to partner with other nonprofit organizations that are working to improve the health status and quality

of life of the communities they serve and whose efforts embody CHW's Core Values.

CHW's Community Grants Program is funded by contributions from its member hospitals. Typically, grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and projects funded must involve collaboration with others. Since 1990 when this program began, CHW has made grant awards to 1,200 projects totaling over \$17 million.

In January of 2009 CHW community Grant's program through St. Rose Dominican Hospitals granted the Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach \$25,000.00 for the purchase of food in Bulk to be broken down for the clients and their families. Thank you all at the St. Rose Campuses (de Lima-Siena-San Martin) as well as CHW!

Check was presented during a Luncheon at de Lima Campus January 16th.

Thanksgiving & Christmas very successful

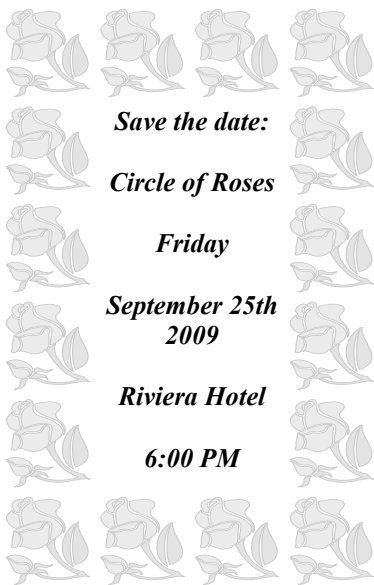
A client writes:

"I am alive and well because of what you guys do for me. When I was first diagnosed with HIV, I was ready to die—I knew there was nothing for me or to help me. Then I met you guys first at Central in Las Vegas and then in Henderson at the main office. Thank you for what you do and know that I am alive,

well and planning to live because of what you guys do in this community. Let your benefactors know that I m grateful to them and I love you guys. Happy New Year!"

Well that about sums up what we attempt do for our clients just multiply it by 3,000! The current economy has taken its toll on our monetary contributions but our food collections and pantry

needs are steady and that is working through everyone's efforts. Some of our HIV positive benefactors, who have lost their jobs, are now using us as clients, to help them back up to staying well and healthy. When someone tells you they are alive because of what you do is very powerful. Thank you benefactors for making all this happen!



Easter Bonnet Show Donation Envelope

The enclosed envelope allows you to participate in the Easter Bonnet Show and Competition. By simply using this envelope you can help our HIV people living in Southern Nevada who receive services from the Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach.

On average 30% of the funds raised from the Easter Bonnet Show come from these direct contributions. So please give what you can, further helping the Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach help individuals whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS.

Envelopes must be received by Friday April 10th. You will be notified if you are a winner—prizes are listed on the side column of this newsletter and on the envelope as well. Drawings will take place on Easter April 12th Thank you for your donations and kindness to the Center.

Venerable Louis and Zelie Martin, parents of St. Therese of Lisieux were beatified on October 19, 2008

The Venerable Louis and Zelie Martin, the parents of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, were beatified on Mission Sunday, October 19, 2008 in the basilica dedicated to their daughter at Lisieux in France. The first parents of a saint to be beatified, they are the first spouses in the history of the Church to be proposed for sainthood as a couple and the second to be beatified together.

Zelie and Louis are an inspiration to the families of today. Each owned a small business and worked hard while raising a large family. In the 19th century this two-career couple faced the challenges we face in the 21st: finding good child care; achieving professional excellence; operating a profitable business; caring for aging parents; educating a special needs child; forming their children in the faith; finding time to pray and to be active in their parish. Devout Catholics, they saw Christ in the poor and worked for a just society. In 1877 Zelie died of breast cancer, leaving Louis a single parent with five minor daughters to bring up.

Later Louis was diagnosed with cerebral arteriosclerosis and spent three years in a psychiatric hospital.

Like us, Louis and Zelie could not control their circumstances. Life came at them unexpectedly, just as it comes at us. They could not prevent their tragedies: during the Franco-Prussian war, when they had to house nine German soldiers; the infant deaths of four of their nine children, one from abuse by a wet-nurse; their painful diseases; Zelie's premature death. Nor could they escape their responsibilities as business owners, caregivers, spouses and parents. Their genius lay in how they accepted what happened to them: they accepted their own powerlessness, that God might be all-powerful in their lives.

They taught the same radical openness to their youngest daughter Therese, now a doctor of the Church. Zelie and Louis were not declared "blessed" because of Therese. She became a saint because of them. They created an environment that invited her to holiness, and she

responded freely to the invitation they offered her. They offer the same invitation to us.

We know many "married saints," but most canonized saints have not been married. In recognizing Louis and Zelie as a blessed couple, the Church points to the mystery of the vocation of marriage, the way of life in which most people are called to reach, the common goal of all Christians: sainthood. Engaged unreservedly in the responsibilities of daily life, Zelie and Louis became saints in the fabric of their marriage. They epitomize the words of Pope John Paul II: "Heroism must become daily, and the daily must become heroic." They are the heroes of the



Prayer for the beatification of Louis and Zelie Martin:

God Our Father, we praise you for Louis and Zelie Martin, a truly faithful husband and wife, who lived their Christian life in an exemplary way through their duties in life and practice of Gospel teaching. In bringing up a large family, in spite of trials, bereavements and suffering, they showed immense trust in You and obedience to your will.

Lord deign to manifest Your will in their regard and grant me the favors I implore while praying that the father and mother of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus be presented as models of family life today. Amen.



Thank You Stanford Students for spending Fall Break with the Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach

Students from the Newman Center at Stanford University, California spent the early part of thanksgiving week at the Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach. They helped arrange 400 food boxes for distribution and sanded the walls at the Central Location as well as painted the walls and trim three different shades of lavender. The central location looks great and festive. We hope they will plan on spending their Fall Break again in 2009 with us! Thank You!

Laughlin Support Group Honors Father Joseph, O.P. for Ten years of Outreach Support

The Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach reached its 10th year Anniversary in 2008 and in 2009 the Center celebrates the 10 year in serving the Laughlin area at Saint John the Baptist Mission Church. On the second Tuesday of each Month the Saint Therese

Center HIV Outreach holds a support meeting at the Church. The only Tuesday it has officially cancelled was a day we all know as 9/11. In December the entire staff of the Center celebrated with the local support group and the Local group ac-

knowledged Father Joseph with a beautiful inscribed glass award - as coming each 2nd Tuesday of the month over the 10 years. The average monthly meeting currently has about 20 participants who receive food boxes and \$30.00 Wal*Mart Cards.



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Saint Therese Center, named after Saint Therese of Lisieux, is a Catholic ministry that welcomes and serves people of all faiths and extends the Lord's healing to all persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Emphasizing wellness, Saint Therese Center reaches out to those touched by HIV/AIDS to provide spiritual, physical and emotional support, educational and social services in a spirit of love and compassion.



**"Experience the Little Flowers in Life"
Serving the HIV community**

**We're on the web
www.sainttheresecenter.org**

Hold a Food Drive for us!

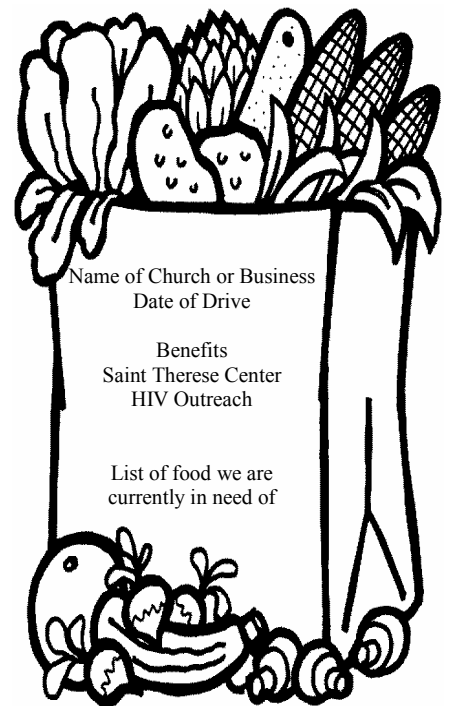
The Saint Therese Center HIV Outreach works with local Churches and Businesses in helping them hold food drives, that help fill all three of our outreach pantries. Several Churches and businesses hold regular food drives during the course of the year.

We are available to print a sheet with information as to what we need as well as your dates (see right diagram), then make the collection bags available to you a week before your "collection". Churches or Businesses, concerned with where to place the food can also request the Saint Therese Center Truck to be present on the property to collect the bags.

With our expansion and having three active pantries we obviously need to step up more food drives as well. We appreciate all our local churches, schools and businesses who help us and ask that you consider an additional drive for the Saint Therese Center this year!

If you have never done a drive in your Parish please consider it. Contact Father Joseph or Brother Frederick for information at 564 4224

A great way for your Outreach committee to be involved! Hold a drive for us!



Name of Church or Business
Date of Drive

Benefits
Saint Therese Center
HIV Outreach

List of food we are
currently in need of



This logo is printed on paper with Church's Name and dates of upcoming Food Drive - also what the Saint Therese Center Pantry needs - Then it is stapled to a Brown Bag .