



## MISSION OF HOPE

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Rev. Barbara Furman

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### Executive Director

Tina Furman Herring

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Mission—Julie Lefebure  
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### Worship Services

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm  
Sundays @ 10:00 am  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

### Operational Hours \*

Monday  
CLOSED  
Tuesday—Saturday  
9:00 am—4:00 pm

\*The Mission is CLOSED  
the first Thursday of each  
month for a staff retreat.



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Dear Friends,

As 2011 comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank you, our faithful friends, for your ongoing physical, spiritual & financial support of this ministry. There is simply no way we could do what we do without YOU! **Thank you for the time you give, the gifts you share, and the prayers you petition on behalf of Mission of Hope.** We are privileged to see God at work every single day, bringing hope & healing to His people!

If you haven't checked out the **Mission Blog** on our website, we encourage you to do so. Julie offers a "snapshot" behind the doors of Mission of Hope every week as she details God's faithfulness, transformed lives & opportunities to get involved. Our website at **www.missionofhopecr.org** also provides links to our newsletters & special events, our ministry hours & immediate needs, a list of non-perishable food items needed & more!

This has been a year of transition, & we appreciate our partners' generosity & support more than ever. Pastor Barb retired & moved to Florida where she is enjoying time on the beach & an active lifestyle. We miss her, but God has been so gracious in equipping us & providing for this ministry! We've developed a Statement of Faith & Statement of Funding Policy, the latter reflecting our decision to go off a large federal & matching state grant for the Shelter last year. Because of this budget gap, we've embarked on our first-ever "**Bridge the Gap**" **Capital Campaign**. We continue talks with present & potential contributors in this endeavor. Our funding overwhelmingly comes from individual & institutional (churches, businesses & other organizations) donations, so your financial gifts—no matter the size—help tremendously. **Would you consider filling out the enclosed monthly contribution form? We value each & every commitment!**

Your support helps provide resources to the growing number needing help in our own community. Last month, our food pantry reached over **1,650** men, women & children—an all-time record. So far this year, we've provided over **27,000** individual homemade meals. We're seeing an increase in the formerly "middle class," & more people visibly embarrassed to turn to us. **But we THANK GOD people have a place like Mission of Hope to turn to!** Our fourteen employees & countless volunteers work passionately so we can continue to offer food, 24/7 shelter, worship services, Bible studies, addiction & prayer support, men's emergency clothing & other services. Currently, we're preparing for our **Annual Christmas Giveaway**, where we'll distribute **225** Christmas baskets, as well as new coats & new toys to area families in need. It will be quite the celebration!

Praying God's abundant blessings on you & yours in the coming year!

*Jina*

*A Christ-centered ministry offering physical, emotional & spiritual help to former offenders and others in need as we meet basic needs, change hearts, disciple people & teach the church*

*"... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40*