



SEPTEMBER PHILANTHROPY

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER QUALITY

ENCOURAGEMENT

BIBLE VERSE

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.

MONTHLY FOCUS

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

EVENT DATE

MAKING & PACKING

LUNCHES

FRI., SEP. 14

VOLUNTEER

PARENTS

NEEDED TO HELP

MARY'S KITCHEN

MISSION STATEMENT: Mary's Kitchen, acknowledging the Christian principles of compassion and respect for human dignity, feeds, clothes and provides services that support and enhance the quality of life for the hungry and homeless.

HISTORY: In 1984, 82-year-old Mary McAnena helped a homeless woman in Hart Park in Orange and found her calling. From then on, she dedicated herself to helping those less fortunate. Mary's dream became a reality later that year when she started Mary's Kitchen--in her own home. Mary's small four-burner stove was kept busy as volunteers helped with cooking meals for those in dire need. They transported food to Hart Park in order to serve the homeless men, women, and children who gathered there. Ten years later (in 1994), the kitchen moved to a larger facility in Orange in order to be able to serve more meals. In December 2003, Mary passed away at the age of 100, after serving the homeless in Orange County for 18 years. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who continue to give as well as receive at Mary's Kitchen.



MARY MCANENA, FOUNDER OF MARY'S KITCHEN

IMPACT: On a daily basis, the kitchen serves meals to an average of 200 hungry people. Access to showers and laundry facilities are also made available, in addition to monthly events that offer haircuts, medical check-ups, clothing giveaways, children's activities and a prayer tent. Mary knew that beyond food, the homeless hunger for respect, dignity, and connection. With grace, humor and warmth she consistently gave them all of that, and Mary's Kitchen continues that tradition to this day.

HOW RHLS IS HELPING: During the week of September 10-14, students will be helping Mary's Kitchen feed and encourage the homeless by making lunches, decorating lunch bags, and writing notes to put in each bag. Not only will we be providing a healthy meal for someone who needs it, but we also get to provide encouragement by delivering the lunches in hand-decorated bags that also contain a hand-written message of God's love.