



# Corey's corner



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**Our mission is to exalt the Lord by serving and sharing Christ through meeting the needs of others.**



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## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

When it comes to helping and serving mankind it is easy to ask, "Am I really making a difference?" Read the following adaptation from the story by Loren Eiseley called *The Star Thrower*.

*One day a philosopher was walking along the beach when he noticed a figure that appeared to be dancing in the distance. As he got closer, he realized the figure was that of a little boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the little boy he asked, "What are you doing?"*

*The little boy replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."*

*"But son," the philosopher said, "don't you realize there are miles of beach and starfish all along it? You can't possibly make a difference!"*

*After listening politely, the little boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the philosopher, he said, "I made a difference for that one."*

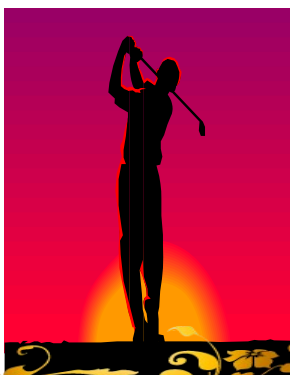
"The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted (Isaiah 61:1)." It can seem that the mission to reach out to those who need us can be insurmountable. Here at Open Arms, we are daily confronted with state and federal mandates, in order to fight for the safety and care for our children in Indiana. In looking at the big picture we can become overwhelmed. But God simply reminds us that He is in charge and He is the one who cares and takes care of HIS children. He doesn't just love children He carries them close to his heart (Isaiah 40:11). There may be millions of children who need our help but we can "make a difference" with the ones that God puts into our care at the present. One at a time we can we love and care for a child and one at a time make a difference. Jesus' entire ministry was based on this starfish philosophy. Yes, he came to save the entire world with one huge task of dying on the cross but on a daily basis he helped people one at a time as they crossed his path. We have started a new project to accomplish reaching one child at a time concept. It is called the Star Project. Read the information on this project and our ministries and pray how God can use you to make a difference with one child at a time.

*Marty* 



**Summer is just around the corner....are you ready for VBS? Let us help. Make us your mission. We have developed a fun, mission-minded curriculum that can be suited to your VBS needs. Contact us soon at [sheila@openarmschristian.com](mailto:sheila@openarmschristian.com) for more information and scheduling a date.**

## 4th Annual Spring "Swing Thing" Benefit Golf Scramble



**APRIL 28TH**

**Stonecrest Golf Course  
Bedford, Indiana**

On April 28th we will once again gather together to swing our clubs to help at-risk youth gain control of their lives as they experience a family life that is structured and Christ focused.

Whether you swing a club or not, there several ways you can support this event & our youth:

1) Be a sponsor. As a sponsor you will have a sign displayed on the course or a cart

- GOLD sponsorship: \$100.00
- SILVER sponsorship: \$75.00
- BRONZE sponsorship: \$25.00
- IN MEMORY sponsorship: \$50.00
- BEVERAGE CART sponsorship: \$150.00
- CORPORATE HOLE sponsorship: \$500.00
- CONTEST sponsorship: \$20.00

2) Donate products. Businesses and churches may also consider donating products with their logos (t-shirts, pens, mugs, etc.) on them or specialty items (free item coupons, tickets, etc.)

3) Golf! Bring a couple golfing buddies and take a swing.

- TEAM sponsorship: \$200.00 (represent your business, Church, group or family)

**Sign up by contacting our office  
OR go to our website:  
[www.openarmschristian.com](http://www.openarmschristian.com)**

### SAVE THE DATE!

Fall  
"FORE KIDS"  
Golf Scramble  
will be held  
on August 25th  
at

**Country Oaks Golf Course  
In Montgomery, Indiana**

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### COMING SOON!

#### FAMILY FAIR

With Annual Meeting  
At OACM campus

The date is still pending so  
watch for more details in the  
next newsletter

Concerts, games, cake walk,  
games, prizes cornhole, food  
and family fun!

## ★ STAR PROJECT ★ Supporting Teens At Risk

**OUR BELIEF:** Is that all youth have fundamental rights to a healthy home environment, a chance for a good education, and a wholesome family life. But not every child has that opportunity. In Greene Co. alone there were 143 cases of child abuse and neglect substantiated in 2009. OACM offers youth a safe home through is the Miriam Home.

**THE COST:** per youth to participate in this program is \$150.00 per day. The current stay per girl is 9 months. This allows coverage for housing, staffing, utilities, food, clothing, individual, family and group therapy, program implementation, general care, Case Manage-

ment, medical/dental care & gas. **OUR CURRENT PROBLEM** is in the past state contracts helped fund this program up to 85%. Due to state cuts, our contract in 2012 has been reduced by 42% of the Title IV-E eligibility. With state cuts also comes empty beds and there are YOUTH who need our care and our love to fill them. With the cut in state and federal funding toward the well being of these "at-risk" youth, other support needs to be sought to fund the Miriam Home program..

**OUR GOAL:** The STAR project's goal is to fill our 12-resident-capacity home, by seeking funding for *one girl at a time* .

### HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP!

If one church, Sunday school or individual gave \$375.00 a month for one year we could house one girl (without governmental funding) for one month. Nine churches, groups or individuals giving that amount we could house one girl's full stay at the Miriam Home. Imagine if we could fill our 12 capacity home with 12 girls without depending on state funding to do so.



## Miriam Home

**“NON-DISPOSIBLE CHILDREN”**

*By: Tiffany Ledbetter, YCS*

*God teaches us in the Bible several times about love. I think God’s love is one thing that is the hardest for people to grasp. People do not realize that God’s love is unconditional, which is one of the most important things that the residents here at OACM’s Miriam Home have not had but need.*

*No. They are not your typical teens. Most of our girls here have been abused, mistreated, and basically just thrown away by the very people that were supposed to have loved them.. That is one thing that I strive to do here as a Youth Care Specialist. I have to show these girls that they are loved even when they mess up and even when they aren’t so loveable. God has shown me over and over his precious love through my lifetime. It is now it is my turn to give it back to them.*

*God never stops loving us, caring for us, nor does he throw us away if we mess up. If we just keep on keeping on with the girls here they will hopefully feel God’s love and understand the unending compassion, love, and tenderness He has for them. Our girls here need to know and realize that they are not disposable and that they are loved by God and by us here at OACM. This is my personal mission while God has placed me here.*



*Thank you to the following churches and individuals who brought the Miriam Home residents Christmas presents:*

Old Union Christian Church	Danny Inman	Tiffany Leonard
Shoals Christian Church	Gordon Holt	Tosha DeMoss
Prairie Shaker Christian Church	The Unchained Gang	Open Arms Staff
Shelburn First Baptist	Robin and Rick Herocovich	_____
Debbie and Andy Canada	Heidi Anderson	<i>If you are supposed to be on this list and are not, we apologize.</i>
Jean Reed	William & Elizabeth Butt	

*“Thank you for giving to the Lord I am a life that was changed” ~ Ray Boltz*



*“It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,” Psalm 92:1*

### **THE MIRIAM HOME NEEDS A MUSIC TEACHER!**

**We at Open Arms feel strongly about helping each resident find their purpose and to help develop their talents.**

**We have a resident that is interested in music. We are looking for a volunteer to teach her the piano, guitar, or another instrument.**

**If you would like to volunteer or if you can contribute money toward the enrichment of this young lady please contact our office.**



### **“QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME”**

One of the most asked question of Open Arms staff is:

**“How many do you have?”**

ANSWER:

Miriam Home Residents: 5  
(1 pending)

Turning Point Education  
Students: 59

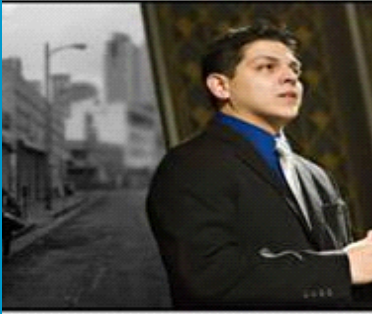
Foster Care Youth: 8

Foster Families: 7  
(1 pending)

*If you have any questions regarding Open Arms please call 812-659-2533 or email us at sheila@openarmschristian.com*



**“Be the Change”  
by Charla Byers, teacher**



~Roy Juarez ~

To visit, support, or connect with Roy’s ministry you can find him at [www.homelessbychoice.com](http://www.homelessbychoice.com) or [Facebook.com/royjuarezjr](https://www.facebook.com/royjuarezjr)

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> TPEC and Greene Academy students were honored to have Mr. Roy Juarez, Jr. speak. Roy told students about his life living homeless on the streets of San Antonio, Texas after both his Mother and Father deserted him and his four siblings. He was only 14 years old at that time. His 9 year old sister was cared for by their Grandma and his 2 year old brother was taken in by a family friend, but Roy was on his own. Mr. Juarez spent several years just surviving until he was 17 years old and a church family opened their home as a permanent residence for him and his baby brother. That family continues to be his family and support.

Today, at the age of 31, Roy is a college graduate from Hardin Simmons University and president and founder of America’s Business Leaders- a human development company.

Roy is currently spending his life “Homeless by Choice” touring the United States with a goal to inspire youth to dream, not give up on life, and understand the value of higher education!



*TPEC and Greene Academy students listening to Mr. Juarez speak in the Vern Reed Chapel at OACM.*



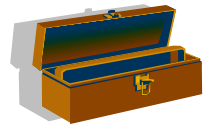
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