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### **DETROIT HOMELESS MEN ADOPT LOCAL FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS**

Homeless men from the Mariners Inn shelter and treatment center in downtown Detroit are once again launching an effort to help needy families this holiday season. The men's efforts are part of Mariners Inn Holiday Campaign, which kicked off on Monday, November 9, 2009.

"These men may be homeless but they are not hopeless," says David Sampson, COO for Mariners. Our men have, once again, taken on the Herculean challenge of helping those in need during these difficult economic times. We couldn't be more proud of them and their efforts to make a families holiday season a memorable one. Please join us on this journey to bring joy to the less fortunate and smiles on the faces of their children for the Christmas Holiday.

The homeless men will provide Christmas to four families with money they collect from friends or earn from their own jobs. Through the Adopt-A-Family program, the men plan to raise \$700 for each family to provide clothing, toys, household items, and food. The families will be invited to a brunch at Mariners Inn where the gifts will be presented. This is the fourth year that the men of Mariners Inn have provided Christmas to local families in need.

The men are seeking individuals and corporations interested in helping them help others. If you would like information about the wish list of the families that have been adopted, please contact Doreen Webb at 313-962-9446 (ext. 230) or at [dwebb@marinersinn.org](mailto:dwebb@marinersinn.org). Please consider helping the men achieve their goal. While the men provide Christmas to others in need, they also heal themselves and in doing so gain a sense of self-worth.

In addition, the Mariners Inn staff seeks to raise \$20,000 to provide everything from food and clothing to prescription drugs for clients. The staff is also looking for donations of men's winter coats, hats, gloves, thermal underwear, personal hygiene products and shower shoes. All donations are tax deductible and may be dropped off during normal business hours.

Mariners Inn is a non-profit, 24-hour, residential substance abuse facility for homeless men. The agency provides free shelter and substance abuse recovery services to men from across the state. Men show up sober at the time of registration and are tested regularly for alcohol and drug use. Our zero tolerance policy helps support the determination these men have made to finally break their addictions. At Mariners, men get the help they need to return to society clean, sober and eager to support their families and community. At Mariners we are Saving Families . . . One Father At A Time.

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