



## When a Baby Cries

By Joy Sylvester-Johnson

He's little, but he has the lungs of a Caruso or maybe the next Pavarotti!

My newest grandson is named Peter John Cadfael Cocoran Shields (*he's a very little boy but he has a very big name that he will grow into like a puppy grows into oversized feet.*)

PJ (*Grandma's nickname for him*) was spending the night and about every two hours he let it be known that his stomach was empty or his diaper was damp. Bailey the Good Dog, who has aged some since the last baby was born into this family was nervous each time the little fellow let loose with a cry. She would circle the apartment with tail wagging looking from infant to grandma, but PJ's mother and father were quick to pick him up and answer his needs—(*at both ends*).

As the grandmother involved, all I had to do was listen while mom and dad and dog responded as moms and dads and dogs do when a newborn infant cries in the middle of the night.

*It was then I realized that each cry was an opportunity for prayer.*

Only months earlier, when he was still in utero, we had been told that baby PJ might have some serious health issues. The fact that he was born and those cautions had proved unwarranted was cause for great rejoicing. This family was still in the throes of sorrow that his grandfather did not live to see his namesake born and so we were determined to not let PJ's health concerns rob us of the celebration

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## One of My Best Investments

By Dean Wadsworth

Nearly 20 years ago, Susan and I were privileged to have a tour of The Rescue Mission. We were so moved by the experience that our family began serving as volunteers. Over the years we have served meals, participated in the Drumstick Dash, the Bless My Sole Ministry, made donations of clothing, and contributed financially. We believe God is working through the Rescue Mission to reach people in need physically, socially, psychologically and spiritually.

As a member of the Rescue Mission Foundation Board, I have seen that the Mission is an excellent steward of God's resources. Having an investment background, I tend to see



things through those kinds of glasses. One thing we try to strive for is getting the best investment of the dollars God has entrusted us. We feel the Rescue Mission is one of our best investments.

As a volunteer, having observed how they minister to men, women, children, the homeless, the hungry, the sick, the addicted, and the abused, has encouraged our family to contribute our time and money to God's work at the Rescue Mission. They have proved over and over to be the best investment of the money God has entrusted us.



**It's time to Register!**  
5K Race & Family Walk  
Thanksgiving Morning  
[drumstickdash.net](http://drumstickdash.net)



Dean Wadsworth,  
Rescue Mission Foundation Board Member

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### August 4

Thursday, 5:30: MENistry  
Men volunteering for special projects at the Mission

### August 6 - 2nd Helpings

Sat. 2 - 4 p.m.  
Artist Reception  
Carrie McNutt, painter  
Kelly Sisson, potter  
2nd Helpings

### August 13

Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 noon  
Back to School Blast  
Roanoke Civic Center

### August 17

National Thrift Store Day  
Models on the Market  
11:30 - 12:30

### Aug. 18 Free Clinic Lobby

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
Bless My Sole

### Sept. 8

EVE Network Meeting

### Sept. 10 - 2nd Helpings

Sat. 2 - 4 p.m.  
Artist Reception  
Kenneth Sockton  
Elane Watson

### Sept. 15, Free Clinic

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
Bless My Sole

### Sept. 21

12 Noon - Auxiliary Luncheon

### October 5

Wednesday, 10 a.m.  
Mental Health  
Lecture Series

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# Making Mission Possible

- **Allstate Employees** helped peel potatoes, organize closets, and sort food in the pantry!
- **First Baptist of Galax** helped with a Thrift Store Bric-a-Brac Blitz
- **Thrasher United Methodist Church** kids baked 8 cakes and delivered them to the Rescue Mission!
- **Bank of America** donated a \$10,000 grant and their employees came to serve a meal and worked during a power outage to boot!
- 40 kids from **Country Bear Day School** toured the Mission and donated toys & books

- 42 kids from **Church of the Holy Spirit** came as one of their VBS activities to shuck corn, pluck grapes and pull weeds!
- **Noelle Lane** raised a donation for the Mission with a film about her father, who was homeless
- **New Life Christian ministries** had a toilet paper/toothbrush drive!
- **Polly Branch** donated her sculpture "Rainbow Children" to the Rescue Mission and supervised its installation near the main entrance.

Noelle Lane presents a check from her film proceeds



Polly Branch



57 Miss VA Outstanding Pre-Teen & Teen contestants hosted the 2nd Annual Beauty & the Feast lunch.



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## Volunteer with us!

**Breakfast Club volunteers:** Weekdays 5:30 - 8 a.m.

**Bed Head volunteers:** Sanitize and make 118 men's shelter beds on Saturdays from 8 -11 a.m. – great youth or adult group option.

**Clean sweep volunteers:** Groups for Saturday morning house-keeping in the Women and Children's Shelter 8 -11 a.m.

**Bric-a-Brac Thrift Store Volunteers:** Help sort trinkets, gimcracks, knickknacks, baubles, and gewgaws on a regular basis for 2+ hours/week. (In other words, sort house wares "stuff".)

**Telephone Trainer:** Volunteer to learn our phone system/switch-board and train volunteers & staff how to use it, along with phone etiquette

**Reception Volunteer:** Answer phones, help guests with questions. (weekdays 1-5 p.m.)

**Painting Party Volunteers:** paint the ceiling of our 2nd Helpings patio (large group for 4 hours)

## Donor Opportunities:

**Family Shelter:** Stainless steel tables on casters for the Laundry Rooms

**Kitchen:** Heat Lamp for fried foods, Message Board, New Stainless steel walls, Twist and Turns trash cans for Dining Room

**To Volunteer or Donate contact Leslie Littlefield**  
540.777.7651 or [Leslie@rescuemission.net](mailto:Leslie@rescuemission.net)

**2<sup>nd</sup> helpings**  
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**Pastry Chef, Georgia Crump**  
former owner of "Nuts and Sweet Things on the Market" is now keeping the case at 2nd helpings filled with delectable, delicious, decadent desserts.



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### The Residential Recovery Program

Our 12-18 month residential, faith-centered 12-step program is open to women and men with chemical addictions who are committed to the idea of recovery.

## Cries... *continued from page one*

surrounding his birth. We had been and continue to be intentionally looking for every opportunity to celebrate life.

Peter John (PJ) was born healthy and pink and with a full head of blonde hair. His birth, like that of every baby, was another reminder that God is good and faithful and still very invested in creation.

So each time he cried last night, I prayed a prayer for the newest member of our family. I prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for his special gift of health. I prayed that he would grow in grace and love and that he would become a living testimony (*like his grandpa*) of the good news in a world where thousands of children still cry each night, but no one comes to their rescue. I prayed a prayer of gratitude that he was born into a family that welcomed him and was committed to bringing him up surrounded by love on all sides (*The Corocran and Shields parts of his name come from the Texas side of the family who are equally as excited and grateful as we Virginians are.*)

On the night PJ cried, it was not lost on me that there were 48 children staying in the Mission's family shelter. So when he cried, I prayed that they would each have a good nights rest and a great time the next day at camp. I prayed that their mothers and fathers would

find employment and a permanent place to live. I prayed that while in residence at the shelter, they would learn things that would make them even better parents. I prayed that one day — every baby's cry would be heard -- and answered.

I am convinced that every time a child spends the night in the Mission's shelter it is an opportunity for all of us to "invest in her" — "to love him" — "to grow each one of them in grace."

On August 13th at the Roanoke Civic Center, the Rescue Mission will partner with many other organizations at the **Back to School Blast** to provide new book bags (*we need 3,000 of them!*), grade appropriate school supplies, back to school haircuts and new school shoes for children who live in our community whose families are struggling economically.

Education is one of the ways we can shorten the lines at the Mission's shelter doors. I believe the **Back to School Blast** is just one more way we can all answer a child's cry



**BACK  
SCHOOL  
BLAST**

**Roanoke Civic Center  
August 13**

**9 a.m. - 12 noon**

providing low-income families  
with school supplies and more!

Roanoke Rescue Mission, Parkway Wesleyan Church, Presbyterian Community Center, Carilion Clinic, Manna Ministries, The Salvation Army, Samaritan's Feet, K- 92 Coca-Cola, Roanoke City Schools

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## Do you have a heart for Christ...and Kids?

With anywhere from 40 to 60 children in our shelter every night, it has been a challenge to provide child care during chapel. We need your help.

### ***Be a Kids Klub Volunteer***

Toddler Care during Family Chapel  
Monday - Friday 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Children's Chapel Leaders  
Monday - Friday 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Children's Ministry Assistants  
Monday - Friday 6 - 8:30 p.m.



## Wish List

### **Welcome Home Baskets!**

Cleaning supplies & paper goods in a laundry basket for families leaving shelter and moving into permanent homes

### **Book Bags - Need 3,000**

Deoderant, Large Bar Soap, Tissues

Reading Glasses and Copy Paper

Large Bottles of Shampoo

Socks

Jelly

### **Mission Fact:**

The Rescue mission set a record on July 20, 2011 of 392 shelter guests spending the night, of which 57 were children.

## Meals and More...

**These numbers represent lives changed through God's blessings and your generosity!**

	<b>JUNE 2011</b>	<b>YTD 2011</b>
Meals served	30,084	165,158
Shelter nights	10,508	61,727
Clothing items provided	1,888	10,739
Professions of faith	109	660
Volunteer hours	10,726	56,063
Class hours of instruction	1,668	12,159
Clinic patient visits	1,125	7,322
Value of healthcare provided	\$207,693	\$1,245,077
Case management visits	421	2,503
Legal clinic visits	6	29